Senator Rodriguez moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 1553 - 1558 and insert:

Section 21. Subsection (8) is added to section 476.144, Florida Statutes, to read:

476.144 Licensure.—

(8) A person who has had his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon completion of all terms of sentence for a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony sexual offense is
eligible for licensure so long as he or she meets all other
requirements established under this section.

Section 22. Subsection (2) of section 477.019, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure;
supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing
education.—

(2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by
examination to practice cosmetology if the applicant:

(a) Is at least 16 years of age or has received a high
school diploma;

(b) Pays the required application fee, which is not
refundable, and the required examination fee, which is
refundable if the applicant is determined to not be eligible for
licensure for any reason other than failure to successfully
complete the licensure examination; and

(c) 1. Is authorized to practice cosmetology in another
state or country, has been so authorized for at least 1 year,
and does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided
for in subsection (5); or

2. Has received a minimum of 1,200 hours of training as
established by the board, which shall include, but shall not be
limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly
related to the practice of cosmetology at one of the following:

a. A school of cosmetology licensed pursuant to chapter
1005.

b. A cosmetology program within the public school system.

c. The Cosmetology Division of the Florida School for the
Deaf and the Blind, provided the division meets the standards of
this chapter.

d. A government-operated cosmetology program in this state.

The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the required examination after the completion of a minimum of 1,000 actual school hours. If the person then passes the examination, he or she shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the person fails the examination, he or she shall not be qualified to take the examination again until the completion of the full requirements provided by this section. A person who has had his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon completion of all terms of sentence for a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony sexual offense is eligible for licensure so long as he or she meets all other requirements established under this section.

Section 23. Subsection (6) of section 489.115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.115 Certification and registration; endorsement; reciprocity; renewals; continuing education.—

(6) An applicant for initial issuance of a certificate or registration shall submit to a statewide criminal history records check through the Department of Law Enforcement. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall submit the requests for the criminal history records check to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall return the results to the department to determine if the applicant meets certification or registration requirements. If the applicant has been convicted...
of a felony, the board may deny licensure to the applicant based upon the severity of the crime, the relationship of the crime to contracting, or the potential for public harm. The board shall also, in denying or approving licensure, consider the length of time since the commission of the crime and the rehabilitation of the applicant. The board may not deny licensure to an applicant based solely upon a felony conviction or the applicant’s failure to provide proof of restoration of civil rights or voting rights. A person who has had his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon completion of all terms of sentence for a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony sexual offense is eligible for licensure so long as he or she meets all other requirements established under this section.

Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 489.513, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.513 Registration; application; requirements.—
(1) Any person engaged in the business of contracting in the state shall be registered in the proper classification unless he or she is certified. Any person desiring to be a registered contractor shall apply to the department for registration and must:
   (a) Be at least 18 years old;
   (b) Be of good moral character; and
   (c) Meet eligibility requirements according to the following criteria:
      1. As used in this subsection, the term “good moral character” means a personal history of honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others and for state and federal law.
2. The board may determine that an individual applying for registration is ineligible due to failure to satisfy the requirement of good moral character only if:
   a. There is a substantial connection between the lack of good moral character of the individual and the professional responsibilities of a registered contractor; and
   b. The finding by the board of lack of good moral character is supported by clear and convincing evidence.

3. When an individual is found to be unqualified because of lack of good moral character, the board must furnish such individual a statement containing the findings of the board, a complete record of evidence upon which the determination was based, and a notice of the rights of the individual to a rehearing and an appeal.

4. A person who has had his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon completion of all terms of sentence for a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony sexual offense is eligible for licensure as an electrical contractor so long as he or she meets all other requirements established under this section.

Section 25. If any provision of this act or an act passed by the Legislature relating to the implementation of s. 4, Article VI of the State Constitution is held to be invalid, the invalidity does not affect the provisions of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end this act is severable.

Section 26. Present subsection (6) of section 489.553, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (10), a new
subsection (6) and subsections (7), (8), and (9) are added to that section, and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of that section is amended, to read:

    489.553 Administration of part; registration qualifications; examination.—

    (4) To be eligible for registration by the department as a septic tank contractor, the applicant must:

        (a) Be of good moral character. In considering good moral character, the department may consider any matter that has a substantial connection between the good moral character of the applicant and the professional responsibilities of a registered contractor, including, but not limited to: the applicant being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of contracting or the ability to practice contracting; and previous disciplinary action involving septic tank contracting, where all judicial reviews have been completed. A person who has had his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon completion of all terms of sentence for a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony sexual offense is eligible for licensure so long as he or she meets all other requirements established under this section.

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And the title is amended as follows:

    Delete line 132

and insert:

    contractor offenses; amending ss. 476.144, 477.019,
489.115, and 489.513, F.S.; specifying eligibility for licensure for barbering, cosmetology, and contracting for persons who have had voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution; providing for severability; amending s. 489.553, F.S.; specifying eligibility for licensure for contracting for persons who have had voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution;