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11	Senator Dawson-White moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	On page 37, between lines 12 and 13,		
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16	insert:		
17	Section 29. Effective January 1, 2000, subsections (1)		
18	and (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section		
19	633.061, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to		
20	read:		
21	633.061 License or permit required of organizations		
22	and individuals servicing, recharging, repairing, testing,		
23	marking, inspecting, installing, or hydrotesting fire		
24	extinguishers and preengineered systems.--		
25	(1) It is unlawful for any organization or individual		
26	to engage in the business of servicing, repairing, recharging,		
27	testing, marking, inspecting, installing, or hydrotesting any		
28	fire extinguisher or preengineered system in this state except		
29	in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. Each		
30	organization or individual that engages in such activity must		
31	possess a valid and subsisting license issued by the State		

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1 Fire Marshal. All fire extinguishers and preengineered
 2 systems required by statute or by rule must be serviced by an
 3 organization or individual licensed under the provisions of
 4 this chapter. The licensee is legally qualified to act for
 5 the business organization in all matters connected with its
 6 business, and the licensee must supervise all activities
 7 undertaken by such business organization. Each licensee shall
 8 maintain a specific business location. A further requirement,
 9 in the case of multiple locations where such servicing or
 10 recharging is taking place, is that each licensee who
 11 maintains more than one place of business where actual work is
 12 carried on must possess an additional license, as set forth in
 13 this section, for each location, except that a licensed
 14 individual may not qualify for more than five locations. A
 15 licensee is limited to a specific type of work performed
 16 depending upon the class of license held. Licenses and license
 17 fees are required for the following:

18 (a) Class A.....~~\$250~~~~\$150~~
 19 To service, recharge, repair, install, or inspect all types of
 20 fire extinguishers and to conduct hydrostatic tests on all
 21 types of fire extinguishers.

22 (b) Class B.....~~\$150~~~~\$100~~
 23 To service, recharge, repair, install, or inspect all types of
 24 fire extinguishers, including recharging carbon dioxide units
 25 and conducting hydrostatic tests on all types of fire
 26 extinguishers, except carbon dioxide units.

27 (c) Class C.....~~\$150~~~~\$100~~
 28 To service, recharge, repair, install, or inspect all types of
 29 fire extinguishers, except recharging carbon dioxide units,
 30 and to conduct hydrostatic tests on all types of fire
 31 extinguishers, except carbon dioxide units.

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1 (d) Class D.....~~\$200~~\$125
2 To service, repair, recharge, hydrotest, install, or inspect
3 all types of preengineered fire extinguishing systems.

4 (e) Licenses issued as duplicates or to reflect a
5 change of address.....\$10
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7 Any fire equipment dealer licensed pursuant to this subsection
8 who does not want to engage in the business of servicing,
9 inspecting, recharging, repairing, hydrotesting, or installing
10 halon equipment must file an affidavit on a form provided by
11 the division so stating. Licenses will be issued by the
12 division to reflect the work authorized thereunder. It is
13 unlawful, unlicensed activity for any person or firm to
14 falsely hold himself or herself or a business organization out
15 to perform any service, inspection, recharge, repair,
16 hydrotest, or installation except as specifically described in
17 the license.

18 (2) Each individual actually performing the work of
19 servicing, recharging, repairing, hydrotesting, installing,
20 testing, or inspecting fire extinguishers or preengineered
21 systems must possess a valid and subsisting permit issued by
22 the State Fire Marshal. Permittees are limited as to specific
23 type of work performed dependent upon the class of permit held
24 which shall be a class allowing work no more extensive than
25 the class of license held by the licensee under whom the
26 permittee is working. Permits and fees therefor are required
27 for the following:

28 (a) Class 1.....~~\$90~~\$50
29 Servicing, recharging, repairing, installing, or inspecting
30 all types of fire extinguishers and conducting hydrostatic
31 tests on all types of fire extinguishers.

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1 (b) Class 2.....\$90~~\$50~~
 2 Servicing, recharging, repairing, installing, or inspecting
 3 all types of fire extinguishers, including carbon dioxide
 4 units, and conducting hydrostatic tests on all types of fire
 5 extinguishers, except carbon dioxide units.

6 (c) Class 3.....\$90~~\$50~~
 7 Servicing, recharging, repairing, installing, or inspecting
 8 all types of fire extinguishers, except recharging carbon
 9 dioxide units, and conducting hydrostatic tests on all types
 10 of fire extinguishers, except carbon dioxide units.

11 (d) Class 4.....\$120~~\$65~~
 12 Servicing, repairing, hydrotesting, recharging, installing, or
 13 inspecting all types of preengineered fire extinguishing
 14 systems.

15 (e) Permits issued as duplicates or to reflect a
 16 change of address.....\$10

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 18 Any fire equipment permittee licensed pursuant to this
 19 subsection who does not want to engage in servicing,
 20 inspecting, recharging, repairing, hydrotesting, or installing
 21 halon equipment must file an affidavit on a form provided by
 22 the division so stating. Permits will be issued by the
 23 division to reflect the work authorized thereunder. It is
 24 unlawful, unlicensed activity for any person or firm to
 25 falsely hold himself or herself out to perform any service,
 26 inspection, recharge, repair, hydrotest, or installation
 27 except as specifically described in the permit.

28 (3)(a) Such licenses and permits shall be issued by
 29 the State Fire Marshal for 2 years ~~each license year~~ beginning
 30 January 1, 2000, and each 2-year period thereafter and
 31 expiring ~~the following~~ December 31 of the second year. All

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1 licenses or permits issued will expire on December 31 of each
2 odd-numbered year.The failure to renew a license or permit by
3 December 31 of the second year will cause the license or
4 permit to become inoperative. The holder of an inoperative
5 license or permit shall not engage in any activities for which
6 a license or permit is required by this section. A license or
7 permit which is inoperative because of the failure to renew it
8 shall be restored upon payment of the applicable fee plus a
9 penalty equal to the applicable fee, if the application for
10 renewal is filed no later than the following March 31. If the
11 application for restoration is not made before the March 31st
12 deadline, the fee for restoration shall be equal to the
13 original application fee and the penalty provided for herein,
14 and, in addition, the State Fire Marshal shall require
15 reexamination of the applicant. The fee for a license or
16 permit issued for 1 year or less shall be prorated at 50
17 percent of the applicable fee for a biennial license or
18 permit.Each licensee or permittee shall successfully complete
19 a course or courses of continuing education for fire equipment
20 technicians of at least 32 hours within 4 5 years of initial
21 issuance of a license or permit and within each 4-year ~~every~~
22 ~~5-year~~ period thereafter or no such license or permit shall be
23 renewed. The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules describing
24 the continuing education requirements.

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26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)
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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 1, line 2, delete that line

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1 and insert:

2 An act relating to building codes and safety;
3 amending s. 633.061, F.S.; providing for
4 biennial licensure of persons servicing,
5 recharging, repairing, testing, marking,
6 inspecting, or installing fire extinguishers
7 and systems; providing license and permit fees;
8 providing for prorated license fee; providing
9 for continuing education;

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