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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to workers' compensation 3 employer exemptions; amending s. 489.115, F.S.; 4 authorizing a construction-license applicant to 5 receive a temporary license from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation upon 6 7 submission of an exemption application issued by the Division of Workers' Compensation under 8 9 the provisions of s. 440.05, F.S.; providing an effective date. 10 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 15 489.115, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to 16 read: 489.115 Certification and registration; endorsement; 17 reciprocity; renewals; continuing education .--18 19 (5)(a) As a prerequisite to the initial issuance or 20 the renewal of a certificate or registration, the applicant 21 shall submit an affidavit on a form provided by the board 22 attesting to the fact that the applicant has obtained workers' 23 compensation insurance as required by chapter 440, public liability insurance, and property damage insurance for the 24 25 safety and welfare of the public, in amounts determined by 26 rule of the board. The board shall by rule establish a 27 procedure to verify the accuracy of such affidavits based upon 28 a random sample method. If a license applicant has applied for 29 but not received an exemption under chapter 440, he or she may 30 submit to the board a copy of the application for an exemption

in lieu of an exemption and, if otherwise eligible for a

certification or registration license under this section, receive a temporary license. The temporary license will expire 90 days after the date it is issued. If the applicant, within that 90 days, files with the board a copy of an actual exemption issued under chapter 440, the board shall issue to the applicant a certification or registration license pursuant to this section and all applicable administrative rules. Each applicant for a certification or registration license is eligible for only one temporary license per calendar year. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* SENATE SUMMARY Allows a construction-license applicant to receive a temporary license from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation upon submission of an exemption application issued by the Division of Workers' Compensation.