### Bill No. <u>CS for SB 2268</u>

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11	Senator Gutman moved the following amendment:
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
14	On page 6, between lines 18 and 19,
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16	insert:
17	Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
18	468.609, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to
19	read:
20	468.609 Administration of this part; standards for
21	certification; additional categories of certification
22	(2) A person shall be entitled to take the examination
23	for certification as an inspector or plans examiner pursuant
24	to this part if the person:
25	(c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of
26	the following criteria:
27	1. Demonstrates 5 years' combined experience in the
28	field of construction or <u>a</u> related field, <u>building</u> inspection,
29	or plans review corresponding to the certification category
30	sought;
31	2. Demonstrates a combination of postsecondary
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education in the field of construction or a related field and experience which totals 4 years, with at least 1 year of such total being experience in construction, building inspection, or plans review; or

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3. Demonstrates a combination of technical education in the field of construction or a related field and experience which totals 4 years, with at least 1 year of such total being experience in construction, building inspection, or plans review; or

4.<del>3.</del> Currently holds a standard certificate as issued by the board and satisfactorily completes an inspector or plans examiner training program of not less than 200 hours in the certification category sought. The board shall establish by rule criteria for the development and implementation of the training programs.

Section 8. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (1) of section 468.621, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

468.621 Disciplinary proceedings.--

- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (2) may be taken:
- (h) Issuing a building permit to a contractor, or any person representing himself or herself as a contractor, without obtaining the contractor's certificate or registration number, where such a certificate or registration is required.

Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 20.165, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.165 Department of Business and Professional Regulation. -- There is created a Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

(4)(a) The following boards are established within the 31 Division of Professions:

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under	part	I of	chapter	481.				

- 2. Florida Board of Auctioneers, created under part VI of chapter 468.
  - 3. Barbers' Board, created under chapter 476.
- 4. Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, created under part XII <del>XIII</del> of chapter 468.
- 5. Construction Industry Licensing Board, created under part I of chapter 489.
  - 6. Board of Cosmetology, created under chapter 477.
- 7. Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, created under part II of chapter 489.
- 8. Board of Employee Leasing Companies, created under part XI of chapter 468.
  - 9. Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, created under chapter 470.
  - 10. Board of Landscape Architecture, created under part II of chapter 481.
  - 11. Board of Pilot Commissioners, created under chapter 310.
  - $12.\;\;$  Board of Professional Engineers, created under chapter 471.
  - 13. Board of Professional Geologists, created under chapter 492.
  - 14. Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, created under chapter 472.
  - 15. Board of Veterinary Medicine, created under chapter 474.
- Section 10. Section 471.045, Florida Statutes, 1998
  Supplement, is amended to read:
- 31 471.045 Professional engineers performing building

code inspector duties. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is currently licensed under this chapter to 3 practice as a professional engineer may provide building inspection services described in s. 468.603(6) and (7) to a 5 local government or state agency upon its request, without 6 being certified by the Florida Board of Building Code 7 Administrators and Inspectors Board under part XII XIII of chapter 468. When performing these building inspection 8 9 services, the professional engineer is subject to the 10 disciplinary guidelines of this chapter and s. 11  $468.621(1)(c)-(h)\frac{(c)-(g)}{c}$ . Any complaint processing, 12 investigation, and discipline that arise out of a professional 13 engineer's performing building inspection services shall be conducted by the Board of Professional Engineers rather than 14 15 the Florida Board of Building Code Administrators and 16 Inspectors Board. A professional engineer may not perform 17 plans review as an employee of a local government upon any job that the professional engineer or the professional engineer's 18 company designed. 19

Section 11. Section 481.222, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

481.222 Architects performing building code inspector duties. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is currently licensed to practice as an architect under this part may provide building inspection services described in s. 468.603(6) and (7) to a local government or state agency upon its request, without being certified by the Florida Board of Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board under part XII XIII of chapter 468. With respect to the performance of such building inspection services, the architect is subject 31 | to the disciplinary guidelines of this part and s.

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468.621(1)(c)-(h)(c)-(g). Any complaint processing, investigation, and discipline that arise out of an architect's performance of building inspection services shall be conducted by the Board of Architecture and Interior Design rather than the Florida Board of Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board. An architect may not perform plans review as an employee of a local government upon any job that the architect or the architect's company designed.

Section 12. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 489.109, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.109 Fees.--

- (1) The board, by rule, shall establish reasonable fees to be paid for applications, certification and renewal, registration and renewal, and recordmaking and recordkeeping. The fees shall be established as follows:
- (e) The board, by rule, shall impose a renewal fee for an inactive status certificate or registration, not to exceed the renewal fee for an active status certificate or registration. Neither the inactive certification fee nor the inactive registration fee may exceed \$50. The board, by rule, may provide for a different fee for inactive status where such status is sought by a building code administrator, plans examiner, or inspector certified pursuant to part XII XIII of chapter 468 who is employed by a local government and is not allowed by the terms of such employment to maintain a certificate on active status issued pursuant to this part.

Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 489.519, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

489.519 Inactive status.--

30 (3) The board shall impose, by rule, continuing
31 education requirements for inactive certificateholders, when

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29 30 inactive status is sought by certificateholders who are also building code administrators, plans examiners, or inspectors certified pursuant to part XII XIII of chapter 468.

Section 14. Section 469.001, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

469.001 Definitions. -- As used in this chapter:

- "Abatement" means the removal, encapsulation, enclosure, or disposal of asbestos.
- "AHERA" means the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986, 15 U.S.C. s. 2601, and any rules adopted thereunder.
- (3) "Asbestos" means the asbestiform varieties of chrysotile, crocidolite, amosite, anthophyllite, tremolite, and actinolite.
- "Asbestos abatement worker" means a person who works as an employee under the direction of a licensed asbestos contractor, and includes any person directly engaged in abatement activities.
- "Asbestos consultant" means a person who offers (5) to, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or does, individually or by employing others, conduct surveys for asbestos-containing materials, develop operation and maintenance plans, monitor and evaluate asbestos abatement, prepare asbestos abatement specifications, or perform related tasks.
- "Asbestos-containing material" means any material which contains more than 1 percent asbestos as determined by polarized light microscopy.
- "Asbestos contractor" means the person who is qualified and responsible for the contracted project and who offers to, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or does, 31 | individually or by employing others, remove, encapsulate, or

enclose asbestos-containing materials or dispose of asbestos-containing waste in the course of activities including, but not limited to, construction, renovation, maintenance, or demolition.

- (8) "Asbestos surveyor" means a person who works under the direction of a licensed asbestos consultant and engages in the survey and assessment of asbestos-containing materials.

  This term is synonymous with "inspector" under AHERA.
- $\underline{\mbox{(9) "ASHARA" means the Asbestos School Hazard}}$  Reauthorization Act.
- $\underline{(10)(9)}$  "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- $\underline{(11)}$  "Encapsulation" means the application of any coating to asbestos-containing material to prevent fiber release.
- $\underline{(12)(11)}$  "Enclosure" means the construction of an airtight barrier around asbestos-containing material to prevent fiber release.
- (13)(12) "Friable" means the condition of any asbestos-containing materials which, when dry, may be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure.
- (14) "Management planner" means a person who works under the direction of a licensed asbestos consultant and engages in the development of asbestos abatement schedules or operation and maintenance plans.
- $\underline{(15)}\overline{(14)}$  "NESHAP" means the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, 40 C.F.R. part 61, subpart M.
- $\underline{\text{(16)}}$  "NIOSH" means the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.
  - (17)(16) "Onsite roofing supervisor" means a person

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29 30 who works under the direction of a roofing contractor certified pursuant to part I of chapter 489 and provides supervision of removal of asbestos-containing roofing materials at the project site at all times when such activities are being performed.

(18)<del>(17)</del> "Onsite supervisor" means a person who works under the direction of a licensed asbestos contractor and provides supervision of abatement activities at the abatement project site at all times when such activities are being performed. This term is synonymous with "onsite representative" in the NESHAP asbestos standard rules.

(19)<del>(18)</del> "Operation and maintenance plan" means a set of work practices and procedures undertaken to clean up previously released asbestos fibers, prevent future release of fibers by minimizing disturbance or damage to asbestos-containing materials, or monitor the condition of the asbestos-containing materials.

(20)<del>(19)</del> "OSHA" means the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

(21)<del>(20)</del> "Project designer" means a person who works under the direction of a licensed asbestos consultant and engages in the design of project specifications for asbestos abatement projects.

(22)<del>(21)</del> "Project monitor" means a person who monitors asbestos abatement projects for compliance with project specifications, applicable safety and health regulations, and other contract requirements under the direction of a licensed asbestos consultant.

(23)<del>(22)</del> "Survey" means the process of inspecting a facility for the presence of asbestos-containing materials to 31 determine the location and condition of asbestos-containing

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29 30 materials prior to transfer of property, renovation, demolition, or maintenance projects which may disturb asbestos-containing materials.

(24)<del>(23)</del> "Training-course provider" means an entity or any of its agents engaged in providing training courses required by this chapter.

Section 15. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (1) of section 469.002, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read:

469.002 Exemptions.--

- (1) This chapter does not apply to:
- (a) An authorized employee of the United States, this state, or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision, public or private school, or private entity who has completed all training required by NESHAP and OSHA or by ASHARA AHERA for the activities described in this paragraph and who is conducting abatement work solely for maintenance purposes within the scope of the person's employment involving less than 160 square feet of asbestos-containing materials or less than 260 linear feet of asbestos-containing material on pipe, so long as the employee is not available for hire or does not otherwise engage in asbestos abatement, contracting, or consulting.
- (e) An authorized employee of the United States, this state, or any municipality, county, or other political subdivision who has completed all training required by NESHAP and OSHA or by ASHARA AHERA for the activities described in this paragraph, while engaged in asbestos-related activities set forth in s. 255.5535 and asbestos-related activities involving the demolition of a building owned by that 31 governmental unit, where such activities are within the scope

of that employment and the employee does not hold out for hire 2 or otherwise engage in asbestos abatement, contracting, or 3 consulting. Section 16. Subsection (3) is added to section 4 5 469.004, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read: 469.004 License; asbestos consultant; asbestos 6 7 contractor.--8 (3) A license issued under this chapter must be renewed every 2 years. Before an asbestos contractor's license 9 10 may be renewed, the licensee must complete a 1-day course of continuing education during each of the preceding 2 years. 11 12 Before an asbestos consultant's license may be renewed, the licensee must complete a 2-day course of continuing education 13 during each of the preceding 2 years. 14 15 Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 469.005, Florida 16 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read: 17 469.005 License requirements. -- All applicants for licensure as either asbestos consultants or asbestos 18 contractors shall: 19 20 (2) When applying for licensure as an asbestos consultant, successfully complete the following 21 22 department-approved courses: (a) An asbestos contractor/supervisor course. Such 23 24 course shall consist of not less than 5 days of instruction. 25 (a) (b) A building asbestos surveys and mechanical systems course. Such course shall consist of not less than 3 26 27 days of instruction. (b) (c) An asbestos management planning course. Such 28

(c)(d) A respiratory protection course. Such course

course shall consist of not less than 2 days of instruction.

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(d)<del>(e)</del> A project designer course. Such course shall 1 consist of not less than 3 days of instruction. 2 3 Section 18. Subsection (6) of section 469.006, Florida 4 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read: 5 469.006 Licensure of business organizations; 6 qualifying agents .--7 (6) Each qualifying agent shall pay the department an amount equal to the original fee for licensure of a new 8 9 business organization. If the qualifying agent for a business 10 organization desires to qualify additional business organizations, the department shall require the agent to 11 12 present evidence of supervisory ability and financial 13 responsibility of each such organization. Allowing a licensee to qualify more than one business organization shall be 14 15 conditioned upon the licensee showing that the licensee has both the capacity and intent to adequately supervise each 16 17 business organization. The department shall not limit the 18 number of business organizations which the licensee may 19 qualify except upon the licensee's failure to provide such 20 information as is required under this subsection or upon a finding that such information or evidence as is supplied is 21 incomplete or unpersuasive in showing the licensee's capacity 22 and intent to comply with the requirements of this subsection. 23 24 A qualification for an additional business organization may be revoked or suspended upon a finding by the department that the 25 26 licensee has failed in the licensee's responsibility to 27 adequately supervise the operations of the business 28 organization. Failure to adequately supervise the operations 29 of a business organization shall be grounds for denial to 30 qualify additional business organizations. The issuance of 31 | such additional licensure is discretionary with the

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Section 19. Section 469.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

469.011 Authority to make rules.--The department shall adopt such rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, not inconsistent with law, as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter. In developing the rules, the department shall consider related Florida Statutes and the rules promulgated thereunder, the criteria established in the Environmental Protection Agency Guidelines, and AHERA, ASHARA, NESHAP, and OSHA regulations.

Section 20. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section 469.012, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

469.012 Course requirements for onsite supervisors and asbestos abatement workers.--

- (1) Each asbestos contractor's onsite supervisor must complete an asbestos contractor/supervisor project management and supervision course of not less than 5 4 days prior to engaging in onsite supervision. Such training shall cover the nature of the health risks, the medical effects of exposure, federal and state asbestos laws and regulations, worker protection, and work area protection. Each onsite supervisor must also complete a continuing education course of not less than 1 day in length each year.
- (2) All asbestos abatement workers, including onsite supervisors, must complete a department-approved course of not less than  $4 \frac{3}{3}$  days in abatement prior to removing, encapsulating, enclosing, or disposing of asbestos-containing materials.
- (4) All asbestos abatement workers, including onsite 31 | supervisors, must complete, as a condition of renewal of

<u>accreditation</u> <del>licensure</del>, such courses of continuing education each year as are approved and required by the department.

Section 21. Section 469.013, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

469.013 Course requirements for asbestos surveyors, management planners, and project monitors, and project designers.--

- (1) All asbestos surveyors, management planners, and project monitors must comply with the requirements set forth in this section prior to commencing such activities and must also complete the continuing education necessary to maintain accreditation certification each year.
- (a) Management planners must complete all requirements of s. 469.005(2)(b)(c) and (d)(e).
- (b) Asbestos surveyors must complete all requirements of s.  $469.005(2)(a)\frac{(b)}{}$ .
- (c) Project monitors must complete all requirements of s.  $469.005\underline{(3)}\underline{(2)}(a)$  and must also complete an asbestos sampling course which is equivalent to NIOSH Course 582.
- $\frac{(\text{d}) \quad \text{Project designers must complete all requirements}}{\text{of s. } 469.005(2)(\text{d}).}$
- (2) Each asbestos consultant shall be responsible for securing and retaining all records in order to verify that all surveyors, planners, and monitors, and designers working under that consultant's direction have completed all required courses. Such records shall be produced upon the department's request.

Section 22. Section 489.13, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

489.13 Unlicensed contracting; authority to issue or receive a building permit.--

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(1) Any person performing an activity requiring
licensure under this part as a construction contractor is
guilty of unlicensed contracting if he or she does not hold a
valid active certificate or registration authorizing him or
her to perform such activity, regardless of whether he or she
holds a local construction contractor license or local
certificate of competency. Persons working outside the
geographical scope of their registration are guilty of
unlicensed activity for purposes of this part.
      (2) A local building department shall not issue a
building permit to any contractor, or to any person
representing himself or herself as a contractor, who does not
hold a valid active certificate or registration in the
appropriate category. Possession of a local certificate of
competency or local construction license is not sufficient to
lawfully obtain a building permit as a construction contractor
if the activity in question requires licensure under this
part. Nothing in this section shall be construed as
prohibiting a local building department from issuing a
building permit to a locally licensed or certified contractor
for an activity that does not require licensure under this
part.
       Section 23. Subsection (14) of section 489.503,
Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:
       489.503 Exemptions. -- This part does not apply to:
      (Substantial rewording of subsection. See s.
       489.503(14), F.S., 1998 Supp., for present text.)
      (14)(a) The installation of, repair of, alteration of,
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transmitting data, voice communications, or commands as part
of a cable television, community antenna television, or radio
distribution system. The scope of this exemption is limited to
electrical circuits and equipment governed by the applicable
provisions of Articles 725 (Classes 2 and 3 circuits only),
770, 800, 810, and 820 of the National Electrical Code,
current edition, or 47 C.F.R. part 68.
      (b) The installation of, repair of, alteration of,
addition to, or design of electrical wiring, fixtures,
appliances, thermostats, apparatus, raceways, and conduit, or
any part thereof, when those items are for the purpose of
transmitting data, voice communications, or commands as part
of a system of telecommunications, including computers,
telephone customer premises equipment, or premises wiring. The
scope of this exemption is limited to electrical circuits and
equipment governed by the applicable provisions of Articles
725 (Classes 2 and 3 circuits only), 770, 800, 810, and 820 of
the National Electrical Code, current edition, or 47 C.F.R.
part 68. The exemption in this paragraph shall apply only if
such work is requested by the company's customer, is required
in order to complete phone service, is incidental to provision
of telecommunication service as required by chapter 364, and
is not actively competitive in nature or the subject of a
competitive bid. The definition of "employee" established in
subsection (1) applies to this exemption and does not include
subcontractors. A company certified under chapter 364 is not
subject to any local ordinance that requires a permit for work
performed by its employees related to low voltage electrical
work, including related technical codes and regulations.
       Section 24. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2)
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31 of section 489.511, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement,

subsection (5) of that section is amended, and subsection (7) 2 is added to that section, to read: 3 489.511 Certification; application; examinations; 4 endorsement. --5 (2) 6 (c) For purposes of this subsection, at least 40 percent of the work experience for an <u>alarm system contractor</u> 7 I must be in the types of fire alarm systems typically used in 8 9 a commercial setting. (5) (a) The board shall, by rule, designate those types 10 of specialty electrical or alarm system contractors who may be 11 12 certified under this part. The limit of the scope of work and 13 responsibility of a certified specialty contractor shall be established by the board by rule. However, A certified 14 15 specialty contractor category exists as an optional a16 voluntary statewide licensing category. Qualification for 17 certification in a specialty category created by rule shall be 18 the same as set forth in paragraph (2)(a). The existence of a specialty category created by rule does not itself create any 19 licensing requirement; however, neither does its optional 20 21 nature remove any licensure requirement established elsewhere in this part and does not create a mandatory licensing 22 requirement. Any mandatory statewide electrical or alarm 23

(b) For those specialty electrical or alarm system contractors applying for certification under this part who work in jurisdictions that do not require local licensure for those activities for which the applicant desires to be certified, the experience requirement may be met by 31 demonstrating at least 6 years of comprehensive training,

system contracting licensure requirement may only be

established through specific statutory provision.

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29 30 technical education, or supervisory experience, within the 12 years immediately preceding the filing of the application, in the type of specialty electrical or alarm system filing of the application, in the type of specialty electrical or alarm system work for which certification is desired. An affidavit signed by the applicant's employer stating that the applicant performed the work required under this paragraph shall be sufficient to demonstrate to the board that the applicant has met the experience requirement.

(7) Upon the issuance of a certificate, any previously issued registered licenses for the classification in which the certification is issued are rendered void.

Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 489.513, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended, and subsection (7) of that section is repealed, to read:

489.513 Registration; application; requirements.--

(3) To be registered as an electrical contractor, an alarm system contractor I, an alarm system contractor II, or a residential alarm system contractor, the applicant shall file evidence of holding a current certificate of competency occupational license or a current license issued by any municipality or county of the state for the type of work for which registration is desired, on a form provided by the department, if such a license is required by that municipality or county, together with evidence of having passed an appropriate local examination, written or oral, designed to test skills and knowledge relevant to the technical performance of the profession, accompanied by the registration fee fixed pursuant to this part. For any person working or wishing to work in any local jurisdiction that which does not 31 | issue a local license as an electrical or alarm system

contractor or does not require an examination for its license, the applicant may apply and shall be considered qualified to be issued a registration in the appropriate electrical or alarm system category, provided that he or she shows that he or she has scored at least 75 percent on an examination which is substantially equivalent to the examination approved by the board for certification in the category and that he or she has had at least 3 years' technical experience in the trade. The requirement to take and pass an examination in order to obtain a registration shall not apply to persons making application prior to the effective date of this act.

(7) Neither the board nor the department assumes any responsibility for providing discipline pursuant to having provided the tracking registration. Providing discipline to such locally licensed individuals shall be the responsibility of the local jurisdiction. Failure to obtain a tracking registration shall not be considered a violation of this chapter. However, a local jurisdiction requiring such tracking registration may levy such penalties for failure to obtain the tracking registration as the local jurisdiction chooses to provide through local ordinance.

Section 26. Subsection (10) is added to section 489.537, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

489.537 Application of this part.--

(10) A registered electrical contractor, an alarm system contractor II certificateholder, and a registered alarm system contractor II shall be allowed to install residential smoke detectors or residential heat detectors.

(Redesignate subsequent sections.)

======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= 1 2 And the title is amended as follows: 3 On page 1, line 20, after the semicolon, 4 5 insert: 6 amending s. 468.609, F.S.; revising eligibility 7 requirements for certification as a building inspector or plans examiner; amending s. 8 9 468.621, F.S.; providing a ground for 10 disciplinary action relating to the issuance of a building permit without obtaining a 11 12 contractor certificate or registration number, 13 where such a certificate or registration is 14 required; providing penalties; amending ss. 15 20.165, 471.045, 481.222, 489.109, and 489.519, 16 F.S.; correcting references, to conform; 17 amending s. 469.001, F.S.; defining the term "ASHARA"; revising terminology in a reference; 18 amending s. 469.002, F.S.; revising references 19 20 relating to training required of certain 21 persons exempt from regulation under ch. 469, F.S., relating to asbestos abatement; amending 22 s. 469.004, F.S.; providing for biennial 23 24 renewal of licenses of asbestos consultants and 25 asbestos contractors and providing continuing 26 education requirements therefor; amending s. 27 469.005, F.S.; eliminating a course requirement 28 for licensure as an asbestos consultant; amending s. 469.006, F.S.; revising 29 30 requirements to qualify additional business organizations for licensure; amending s. 31

1 469.011, F.S.; providing rulemaking authority 2 for implementation of the chapter; requiring 3 consideration of certain federal regulations in 4 developing such rules; amending s. 469.012, 5 F.S.; revising course requirements for onsite 6 supervisors and asbestos abatement workers; 7 correcting terminology; amending s. 469.013, F.S.; revising course requirements for asbestos 8 9 surveyors, management planners, and project 10 monitors, and providing course requirements for project designers; correcting terminology; 11 12 creating s. 489.13, F.S.; prohibiting any person from performing any activity requiring 13 14 licensure as a construction contractor under 15 pt. I, ch. 489, F.S., unless the person holds a 16 valid active certificate or registration to 17 perform such activity issued under such part; providing penalties; prohibiting any local 18 building department from issuing a building 19 20 permit to any person who does not hold an active valid certificate or registration in the 21 applicable construction category issued under 22 such part; amending s. 489.503, F.S.; 23 clarifying an existing utilities exemption from 24 regulation under pt. II, ch. 489, F.S., 25 26 relating to electrical and alarm system 27 contracting; amending s. 489.511, F.S.; 28 requiring certain work experience for an alarm 29 system contractor I to be in certain types of 30 fire alarm systems; revising provisions relating to designation and certification of 31

specialty contractors; providing for the voiding of previously issued registered licenses upon issuance of certification in the same classification; amending s. 489.513, F.S., and repealing subsection (7), relating to tracking registration and discipline related thereto; revising requirements for registration as an electrical contractor, alarm system contractor I or II, or registered alarm system contractor; amending s. 489.537, F.S.; authorizing certain persons to install residential smoke or heat detectors;