

By the Committee on Regulated Industries and Senators Forman and Myers

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to fire protection systems;
amending s. 471.025, F.S.; requiring
professional engineers to seal all final bid
documents; amending s. 633.021, F.S.; providing
a definition of the term "layout"; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 471.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

471.025 Seals.--

(1) The board shall prescribe, by rule, a form of seal to be used by registrants holding valid certificates of registration. Each registrant shall obtain an impression-type metal seal in the form aforesaid and may, in addition, register his or her seal electronically in accordance with ss. 282.70-282.75. All final drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or documents prepared or issued by the registrant and being filed for public record and final bid documents provided to the owner or the owner's representative shall be signed by the registrant, dated, and stamped with said seal. Such signature, date, and seal shall be evidence of the authenticity of that to which they are affixed. Drawings, specifications, plans, reports, final bid documents, or documents prepared or issued by a registrant may be transmitted electronically and may be signed by the registrant, dated, and stamped electronically with said seal in accordance with ss. 282.70-282.75.

1 (2) It is unlawful for any person to stamp, seal, or
2 digitally sign any document with a seal or digital signature
3 after his or her certificate of registration has expired or
4 been revoked or suspended, unless such certificate of
5 registration has been reinstated or reissued. When the
6 certificate of registration of a registrant has been revoked
7 or suspended by the board, it shall be mandatory that the
8 registrant, within a period of 30 days after the revocation or
9 suspension has become effective, surrender his or her seal to
10 the secretary of the board and confirm to the secretary the
11 cancellation of the registrant's digital signature in
12 accordance with ss. 282.70-282.75. In the event the
13 registrant's certificate has been suspended for a period of
14 time, his or her seal shall be returned to him or her upon
15 expiration of the suspension period.

16 (3) No registrant shall affix or permit to be affixed
17 his or her seal, name, or digital signature to any plan,
18 specification, drawing, final bid document, or other document
19 that ~~which~~ depicts work which he or she is not licensed to
20 perform or which is beyond his or her profession or specialty
21 therein.

22 Section 2. Present subsections (13) through (26) of
23 section 633.021, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
24 subsections (14) through (27), respectively, and a new
25 subsection (13) is added to that section to read:

26 633.021 Definitions.--As used in this chapter:

27 (13) "Layout" as used in this chapter means the layout
28 of risers, cross mains, branch lines, sprinkler heads, sizing
29 of pipe, hanger locations, and hydraulic calculations in
30 accordance with the design concepts established through the
31 provisions of s. 553.79(6)(c).

1 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
2 law.

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4 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
6 Senate Bill 1064

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7 The Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1064, requires
8 professional engineers to sign, date, and seal final bid
9 documents provided to the owner or the owner's representative,
and defines "layout" for purposes of the fire prevention and
control statutes.

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