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Representative(s) J. Miller and Ogles offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 35, line 28, through page 37, line 20,
remove from the bill: all of said lines

and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 24. Section 489.118, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.118 Certification of registered contractors;
grandfathering provisions.--The board shall, upon receipt of a
completed application and appropriate fee, issue a certificate
in the appropriate category to any contractor registered under
this part who makes application to the board and can show that
he or she meets each of the following requirements:

(1) Currently holds a valid registered local license
in one of the contractor categories defined in s.
489.105(3)(a)-(p).

(2) Has, for that category, passed a written
examination that the board finds to be substantially similar
to the examination required to be licensed as a certified

1 contractor under this part. For purposes of this subsection, a
 2 written, proctored examination such as that produced by the
 3 National Assessment Institute, Block and Associates, ~~or~~
 4 NAI/Block, Experior Assessments, Professional Testing, Inc.,
 5 or Assessment Systems, Inc., shall be considered to be
 6 substantially similar to the examination required to be
 7 licensed as a certified contractor. The board may not impose
 8 or make any requirements regarding the nature or content of
 9 these cited examinations.

10 (3) Has at least 5 years of experience as a contractor
 11 in that contracting category, or as an inspector or building
 12 administrator with oversight over that category, at the time
 13 of application. For contractors, only time periods in which
 14 the contractor license is active and the contractor is not on
 15 probation shall count toward the 5 years required by this
 16 subsection.

17 (4) Has not had his or her contractor's license
 18 revoked at any time, had his or her contractor's license
 19 suspended within the last 5 years, or been assessed a fine in
 20 excess of \$500 within the last 5 years.

21 (5) Is in compliance with the insurance and financial
 22 responsibility requirements in s. 489.115(5).

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 24 Applicants wishing to obtain a certificate pursuant to this
 25 section must make application by November 1, 2004.

26 Section 25. Section 489.514, Florida Statutes, is
 27 amended to read:

28 489.514 Certification for registered contractors;
 29 grandfathering provisions.--

30 (1) The board shall, upon receipt of a completed
 31 application, ~~and~~ appropriate fee, and proof of compliance with

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1 the provisions of this section, issue: ~~a certification in the~~
2 appropriate category to

3 (a) To an applying registered electrical contractor a
4 certificate as an electrical contractor, as defined in s.
5 489.505(12); or

6 (b) To an applying registered alarm system contractor
7 a certificate in the matching alarm system contractor
8 category, as defined in s. 489.505(2)(a) or (b); or

9 (c) To an applying registered electrical speciality
10 contractor a certificate in the matching electrical speciality
11 contractor category, as defined in s. 489.505(19).

12 (2) Any ~~any~~ contractor registered under this part who
13 makes application under this section to the board shall ~~and~~
14 ~~can show that he or she meets~~ meet each of the following
15 requirements for certification:

16 (a)~~(1)~~ Currently holds a valid registered local
17 license in the category of electrical contractor, or alarm
18 system contractor, or electrical speciality contractor.

19 (b)~~(2)~~Has, for that category, passed a written,
20 proctored examination that the board finds to be substantially
21 similar to the examination required to be licensed as a
22 certified contractor under this part. For purposes of this
23 subsection, a written, proctored examination such as that
24 produced by the National Assessment Institute, Block and
25 Associates, ~~or~~ NAI/Block, Experior Assessments, Professional
26 Testing, Inc., or Assessment Systems, Inc., shall be
27 considered to be substantially similar to the examination
28 required to be licensed as a certified contractor. The board
29 may not impose or make any requirements regarding the nature
30 or content of these cited examinations.

31 (c)~~(3)~~ Has at least 5 years of experience as a

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1 contractor in that contracting category, or as a inspector or
2 building administrator with oversight over that category, at
3 the time of application. For contractors, only time periods in
4 which the contractor license is active and the contractor is
5 not on probation shall count toward the 5 years required under
6 this subsection.

7 (d)~~(4)~~ Has not had his or her contractor's license
8 revoked at anytime, had his or her contractor's license
9 suspended in the last 5 years, or been assessed a fine in
10 excess of \$500 in the last 5 years.

11 (e)~~(5)~~ Is in compliance with the insurance and
12 financial responsibility requirements in s. 489.515(1)(b).

13 (3) An applicant must make application by November 1,
14 2004, to be licensed pursuant to this section.

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18 And the title is amended as follows:

19 On page 2, line 13, after the first semicolon

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21 insert:

22 amending s. 489.118, F.S.; limiting the time
23 period during which registered applicants must
24 apply to receive certification;

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