

By Representative Tullis

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to construction contracting;
3 amending s. 489.105, F.S.; redefining terms to
4 authorize certain air-conditioning contractors
5 to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter,
6 extend, or design, when not prohibited by law,
7 liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines
8 within buildings; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (3) of
13 section 489.105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14 489.105 Definitions.--As used in this part:

15 (3) "Contractor" means the person who is qualified
16 for, and shall only be responsible for, the project contracted
17 for and means, except as exempted in this part, the person
18 who, for compensation, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or
19 does himself or herself or by others construct, repair, alter,
20 remodel, add to, demolish, subtract from, or improve any
21 building or structure, including related improvements to real
22 estate, for others or for resale to others; and whose job
23 scope is substantially similar to the job scope described in
24 one of the subsequent paragraphs of this subsection. For the
25 purposes of regulation under this part, "demolish" applies
26 only to demolition of steel tanks over 50 feet in height;
27 towers over 50 feet in height; other structures over 50 feet
28 in height, other than buildings or residences over three
29 stories tall; and buildings or residences over three stories
30 tall. Contractors are subdivided into two divisions, Division
31 I, consisting of those contractors defined in paragraphs

1 (a)-(c), and Division II, consisting of those contractors
2 defined in paragraphs (d)-(q):
3 (f) "Class A air-conditioning contractor" means a
4 contractor whose services are unlimited in the execution of
5 contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to
6 install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or
7 design, when not prohibited by law, central air-conditioning,
8 refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including
9 duct work in connection with a complete system only to the
10 extent such duct work is performed by the contractor as is
11 necessary to make complete an air-distribution system, boiler
12 and unfired pressure vessel systems, and all appurtenances,
13 apparatus, or equipment used in connection therewith, and any
14 duct cleaning and equipment sanitizing which requires at least
15 a partial disassembling of the system; to install, maintain,
16 repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not
17 prohibited by law, piping, insulation of pipes, vessels and
18 ducts, pressure and process piping, and pneumatic control
19 piping, and liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines
20 within buildings; to replace, disconnect, or reconnect power
21 wiring on the load side of the dedicated existing electrical
22 disconnect switch; to install, disconnect, and reconnect low
23 voltage heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning control
24 wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an
25 air-conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other
26 approved disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary
27 system. The scope of work for such contractor shall also
28 include any excavation work incidental thereto, but shall not
29 include any work such as ~~liquefied petroleum or natural gas~~
30 ~~fuel lines within buildings~~, potable water lines or
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1 connections thereto, sanitary sewer lines, swimming pool
2 piping and filters, or electrical power wiring.

3 (g) "Class B air-conditioning contractor" means a
4 contractor whose services are limited to 25 tons of cooling
5 and 500,000 Btu of heating in any one system in the execution
6 of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to
7 install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or
8 design, when not prohibited by law, central air-conditioning,
9 refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including
10 duct work in connection with a complete system only to the
11 extent such duct work is performed by the contractor as is
12 necessary to make complete an air-distribution system being
13 installed under this classification, and any duct cleaning and
14 equipment sanitizing which requires at least a partial
15 disassembling of the system; to install, maintain, repair,
16 fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by
17 law, piping and insulation of pipes, vessels, and ducts, and
18 liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines within
19 buildings; to replace, disconnect, or reconnect power wiring
20 on the load side of the dedicated existing electrical
21 disconnect switch; to install, disconnect, and reconnect low
22 voltage heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning control
23 wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an
24 air-conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other
25 approved disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary
26 system. The scope of work for such contractor shall also
27 include any excavation work incidental thereto, but shall not
28 include any work such as ~~liquefied petroleum or natural gas~~
29 ~~fuel lines within buildings~~, potable water lines or
30 connections thereto, sanitary sewer lines, swimming pool
31 piping and filters, or electrical power wiring.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Revises definitions to authorize Class A and Class B air-conditioning contractors to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines within buildings.