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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to registered contractors; amending s. 489.118, F.S.; providing for the grandfathering of certain contractors who have passed certain oral examinations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of 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:

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

Applicants wishing to obtain a certificate pursuant to this section must make application by November 1, 2004. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. SENATE SUMMARY Allows evidence of passing certain oral contractor licensing examinations for purposes of grandfathering specified contractor registrations.