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Representative(s) Betancourt offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 455.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

455.271 Inactive and delinquent status.--

(6)(a) A delinquent status licensee must affirmatively apply with a complete application, as defined by rule of the board, or the department when there is no board, for active or inactive status during the licensure cycle in which a licensee becomes delinquent. Failure by a delinquent status licensee to become active or inactive before the expiration of the current licensure cycle shall render the license void null without any further action by the board or the department. Any subsequent licensure shall be as a result of applying for and meeting all requirements imposed on an applicant for new licensure.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the board or the department, if there is no board, may, at its discretion,

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1 reinstate the license of an individual whose license has  
2 become void if the individual has made a good faith effort to  
3 comply with this section but has failed to comply because of  
4 illness or unusual hardship. The individual must apply to the  
5 board or the department, if there is no board, for  
6 reinstatement in a manner prescribed by rules of the board or  
7 the department, if there is no board, and shall pay an  
8 application fee in an amount determined by rule. The board or  
9 the department, if there is no board, shall require that such  
10 individual meet all continuing education requirements  
11 prescribed by law, pay appropriate licensing fees, and  
12 otherwise be eligible for renewal of licensure under this  
13 chapter.

14 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 473.313, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 473.313 Inactive status.--

17 (4) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 455.271,~~The  
18 board may, at its discretion, reinstate the license of an  
19 individual whose license has become ~~null and~~ void if the  
20 individual has made a good faith effort to comply with this  
21 section but has failed to comply because of illness or unusual  
22 hardship. The individual must ~~shall~~ apply to the board for  
23 reinstatement in a manner prescribed by rules of the board and  
24 shall pay an application fee in an amount determined by rule  
25 of the board. The board shall require that such an individual  
26 meet all continuing education requirements as provided in s.  
27 473.312, pay appropriate licensing fees, and otherwise be  
28 eligible for renewal of licensure under this chapter.

29 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 489.111, Florida  
30 Statutes, is amended to read:

31 489.111 Licensure by examination.--

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1           (2) A person shall be eligible for licensure by  
2 examination if the person:

3           (a) Is 18 years of age;

4           (b) Is of good moral character; and

5           (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of  
6 the following criteria:

7           1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an  
8 accredited 4-year college in the appropriate field of  
9 engineering, architecture, or building construction and has 1  
10 year of proven experience in the category in which the person  
11 seeks to qualify. For the purpose of this part, a minimum of  
12 2,000 person-hours shall be used in determining full-time  
13 equivalency.

14           2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active  
15 experience as a worker who has learned the trade by serving an  
16 apprenticeship as a skilled worker who is able to command the  
17 rate of a mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who  
18 is in charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible  
19 to a superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent,  
20 provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience  
21 shall be as a foreman.

22           3. Has a combination of not less than 1 year of  
23 experience as a foreman and not less than 3 years of credits  
24 for any accredited college-level courses; has a combination of  
25 not less than 1 year of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year  
26 of experience as a foreman, and not less than 2 years of  
27 credits for any accredited college-level courses; or has a  
28 combination of not less than 2 years of experience as a  
29 skilled worker, 1 year of experience as a foreman, and not  
30 less than 1 year of credits for any accredited college-level  
31 courses. ~~For the number of years of credits for any accredited~~

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1 ~~college-level courses, the applicant shall show completion of~~  
2 ~~an equal number of courses in the appropriate field of~~  
3 ~~engineering, architecture, or building construction.~~All  
4 junior college or community college-level courses shall be  
5 considered accredited college-level courses.

6           4.a. An active certified residential contractor is  
7 eligible to take the building contractors' examination if he  
8 or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in  
9 the classification in which he or she is certified.

10           b. An active certified residential contractor is  
11 eligible to take the general contractors' examination if he or  
12 she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the  
13 classification in which he or she is certified.

14           c. An active certified building contractor is eligible  
15 to take the general contractors' examination if he or she  
16 possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the  
17 classification in which he or she is certified.

18           5.a. An active certified air-conditioning Class C  
19 contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class B  
20 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3  
21 years of proven experience in the classification in which he  
22 or she is certified.

23           b. An active certified air-conditioning Class C  
24 contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A  
25 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4  
26 years of proven experience in the classification in which he  
27 or she is certified.

28           c. An active certified air-conditioning Class B  
29 contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A  
30 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1  
31 year of proven experience in the classification in which he or

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1 she is certified.

2           6.a. An active certified swimming pool servicing  
3 contractor is eligible to take the residential swimming pool  
4 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3  
5 years of proven experience in the classification in which he  
6 or she is certified.

7           b. An active certified swimming pool servicing  
8 contractor is eligible to take the swimming pool commercial  
9 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4  
10 years of proven experience in the classification in which he  
11 or she is certified.

12           c. An active certified residential swimming pool  
13 contractor is eligible to take the commercial swimming pool  
14 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1  
15 year of proven experience in the classification in which he or  
16 she is certified.

17           d. An applicant is eligible to take the swimming  
18 pool/spa servicing contractor's examination if he or she has  
19 satisfactorily completed 60 hours of instruction in courses  
20 related to the scope of work covered by that license and  
21 approved by the Construction Industry Licensing Board by rule  
22 and has at least 1 year of proven experience related to the  
23 scope of work of such a contractor.

24           Section 4. Subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section  
25 489.116, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7),  
26 (8), and (9), respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added  
27 to said section, to read:

28           489.116 Inactive and delinquent status; renewal and  
29 cancellation notices.--

30           (6) Notwithstanding subsections (4) and (5), the board  
31 may, at its discretion, reinstate the license of an individual

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1 whose license has become void if the individual has made a  
2 good faith effort to comply with this section but has failed  
3 to comply because of illness or unusual hardship. The  
4 individual must apply to the board for reinstatement in a  
5 manner prescribed by rules of the board and shall pay an  
6 application fee in an amount determined by rule of the board.  
7 The board shall require that such individual meet all  
8 continuing education requirements as provided in s. 489.115,  
9 pay appropriate licensing fees, and otherwise be eligible for  
10 renewal of licensure under this chapter.

11 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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15 And the title is amended as follows:

16 remove everything before the enacting clause

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18 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to professions; amending s.

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455.271, F.S.; providing general authority for

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the reinstatement of licenses that have become

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void; amending s. 473.313, F.S., relating to

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the reinstatement of certain public accountancy

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licenses that have become void, to conform;

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amending s. 489.111, F.S.; deleting certain

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educational course requirements for purposes of

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qualifying for licensure by examination as a

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construction contractor; amending s. 489.116,

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F.S.; providing for the reinstatement of

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