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A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to fire hydrants; requiring owners of private fire hydrants to contract with licensed professionals or local fire-control authorities to inspect and service such hydrants; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) A person who owns a private fire hydrant must ensure that the hydrant is installed in compliance with the provisions of National Fire Protection Association Standard 24, Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances, and that it is inspected and maintained in compliance with the provisions of National Fire Protection Association Standard 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, the edition currently adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to its code-adoption and standards-adoption authority in chapter 633, Florida Statutes. A person who owns a private fire hydrant must produce, upon request of the fire official, a valid and continuing maintenance contract with a plumbing contractor licensed under chapter 489, Florida Statutes, an underground utility contractor licensed under chapter 489, Florida Statutes, or, if the private hydrant is part of a fire suppression system, a fire protection contractor licensed under chapter 633, Florida Statutes. Upon failure to produce a valid maintenance contract as provided in this section, the owner must contract with the local government fire-control authority that serves the property where the fire hydrant is located to inspect and service the fire hydrant annually.



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31           (2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a  
32 noncriminal violation, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100  
33 for a first offense or \$250 for each subsequent offense.

34           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.