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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Pinellas County Construction  
 3           Licensing Board; amending s. 11, chapter 75-489, Laws of  
 4           Florida, as amended; providing that certain definitions in  
 5           general law which relate to contracting also apply to the  
 6           board; providing that specified definitions in chapter 75-  
 7           489, Laws of Florida, as amended, shall remain as rules of  
 8           the board, subject to amendment by it; providing for  
 9           severability; providing an effective date.

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 11           WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the Pinellas  
 12           County Construction Licensing Board has in the past, pursuant to  
 13           authority granted by special act, created specialty contractor  
 14           licensure classifications that were in turn incorporated by the  
 15           Legislature into the board's enabling legislation, and

16           WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that, as the  
 17           construction industry is constantly changing through time to  
 18           include new techniques, materials, and standards being used,  
 19           licensure classifications need to change concurrently to provide  
 20           for those new techniques, materials, and standards and prevent  
 21           unintended results, and

22           WHEREAS, the clear goal of the Legislature in creating the  
 23           board was to obtain and maintain consistency within construction  
 24           contracting licensure throughout Pinellas County, and

25           WHEREAS, since the initial passage of the board's enabling  
 26           legislation, the Legislature has added two other contractor  
 27           definitions in general law which, in the interest of  
 28           consistency, should be added to the board's enabling  
 29           legislation, and

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30 WHEREAS, since the initial passage of the board's enabling  
 31 legislation, the definitions of contractor classifications have  
 32 changed in general law but those changes have not been  
 33 incorporated into that enabling legislation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 37 Section 1. Section 11 of chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida,  
 38 as amended by chapters 78-594, 85-490, 89-504, and 93-387, Laws  
 39 of Florida, is amended to read:

40 (Substantial rewording of section. See section 11, chapter 75-  
 41 489, Laws of Florida, as amended, for present text.)

42 Section 11. DEFINITIONS.--The definitions found in  
 43 sections 489.105(3) and (6) and 489.505(1), (2), (9), and (12),  
 44 Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time,  
 45 apply to this entire act.

46 Section 2. Notwithstanding the amendment of section 11 of  
 47 chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, by this act, the definitions  
 48 found in section 11(1)(k), (l), and (r)-(z), (2), and (3) of  
 49 that act as those paragraphs and subsections existed before the  
 50 effective date of this act shall remain as rules of the Pinellas  
 51 County Construction Licensing Board and may be amended by the  
 52 board according to the powers granted to it in chapter 75-489,  
 53 Laws of Florida, as amended.

54 Section 3. If any provision of this act or its application  
 55 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity  
 56 does not affect other provisions or applications of the act  
 57 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or

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58 application, and to this extent the provisions of this act are  
59 declared severable.

60 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.