By Senator Haridopolos

26-1400-05 See HB 795

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to swimming pool/spa
3	contractors and service technicians; amending
4	s. 489.105, F.S.; revising the scope of work
5	for commercial and residential pool/spa
6	contractors and swimming pool/spa servicing
7	contractors; removing licensure exemptions;
8	defining and establishing provisional licensure
9	for swimming pool/spa servicing contractors;
10	amending s. 489.111, F.S.; removing the 1-year
11	experience requirement to qualify to take the
12	swimming pool/spa servicing contractors'
13	examination; amending s. 514.075, F.S.;
14	revising duties of the Department of Health;
15	providing for public pools to be serviced by
16	specified persons; revising certification
17	requirements for public pool service
18	technicians; providing an effective date.
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20	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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22	Section 1. Paragraphs $(j)$ , $(k)$ , and $(l)$ of subsection
23	(3) of section 489.105, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
24	subsection (20) is added to that section, to read:
25	489.105 DefinitionsAs used in this part:
26	(3) "Contractor" means the person who is qualified
27	for, and shall only be responsible for, the project contracted
28	for and means, except as exempted in this part, the person
29	who, for compensation, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or
30	does himself or herself or by others construct, repair, alter,
31	remodel, add to, demolish, subtract from, or improve any

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building or structure, including related improvements to real estate, for others or for resale to others; and whose job scope is substantially similar to the job scope described in one of the subsequent paragraphs of this subsection. For the purposes of regulation under this part, "demolish" applies only to demolition of steel tanks over 50 feet in height; towers over 50 feet in height; other structures over 50 feet in height, other than buildings or residences over three stories tall; and buildings or residences over three stories tall. Contractors are subdivided into two divisions, Division I, consisting of those contractors defined in paragraphs (a)-(c), and Division II, consisting of those contractors defined in paragraphs (d)-(q):

(j) "Commercial pool/spa contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited

contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair, and servicing of any swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, whether public, private, or otherwise, regardless of use. The scope of work includes the installation, repair, or replacement of existing equipment:7 any cleaning, or equipment sanitizing, or use of chemicals for the purposes of water treatment; which requires at least a partial disassembling, excluding filter changes, and the installation of new pool/spa equipment, interior finishes, the installation of package pool heaters, and the installation of all perimeter piping and filter piping: - and the construction of equipment rooms or housing for pool/spa equipment, and also includes the scope of work of a swimming pool/spa servicing contractor. The scope of such work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines. The installation, construction, modification, or replacement of equipment permanently attached to and

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associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure; however, the usage of such equipment for the purposes of water treatment or cleaning shall not require licensure unless the usage involves construction, modification, or replacement of such equipment. Water treatment that does not require such equipment does not require a license. In addition, a license shall not be required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in any way that does not affect the structural integrity of the pool or spa or its associated equipment.

"Residential pool/spa contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair, and servicing of any residential swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, regardless of use. The scope of work includes the installation, repair, or replacement of existing equipment: any cleaning, or equipment sanitizing, or use of chemicals for the purposes of water treatment; which requires at least a partial disassembling, excluding filter changes, and the installation of new pool/spa equipment, interior finishes, the installation of package pool heaters, and the installation of all perimeter piping and filter piping $\underline{i}$  and the construction of equipment rooms or housing for pool/spa equipment, and also includes the scope of work of a swimming pool/spa servicing contractor. The scope of such work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines. The installation, construction, modification, or replacement of equipment permanently attached to and associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure; however, the usage of such equipment for the purposes of water treatment or cleaning shall not

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require licensure unless the usage involves construction, modification, or replacement of such equipment. Water treatment that does not require such equipment does not require a license. In addition, a license shall not be required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in any way that does not affect the structural integrity of the pool or spa or its associated equipment.

(1)"Swimming pool/spa servicing contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the repair and servicing of any swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, whether public, or private, or otherwise, regardless of use. The scope of work includes the repair or replacement of existing equipment: -, any cleaning, or equipment sanitizing, or use of chemicals for the purposes of water treatment; which requires at least a partial disassembling, excluding filter changes, and the installation of new pool/spa equipment; interior refinishing: the reinstallation or addition of pool heaters: the repair or replacement of all perimeter piping and filter piping: the repair of equipment rooms or housing for pool/spa equipment: and the substantial or complete draining of a swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, for the purpose of any repair or renovation. The scope of such work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines. The installation, construction, modification, substantial or complete disassembly, or replacement of equipment permanently attached to and associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure+ however, the usage of such equipment for the purposes of water eatment or cleaning shall not require licensure unless the usage involves construction, modification, substantial or

complete disassembly, or replacement of such equipment. Water 2 treatment that does not require such equipment does not require a license. In addition, a license shall not be 3 4 required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in any way that 5 does not affect the structural integrity of the pool or spa or 6 its associated equipment. 7 (20) "Provisional license" means a license granted to 8 a swimming pool/spa servicing contractor who has met all qualifications for licensure but has no proven work experience 9 related to the scope of work of such a contractor. A 10 provisional license shall be effective for a period of 1 year 11 12 from the date of issuance, at which time a license will be granted to the individual or business organization qualified 13 by that individual. During the term of provisional licensure, 14 the contractor shall be prohibited from performing any work 15 involving public swimming pools, or hot tubs or spas, interior 16 17 refinishing of private swimming pools, or hot tubs or spas, 18 and any draining of a private swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, for the purpose of any repair or renovation. During the 19 term of provisional licensure, the contractor may partially 2.0 21 drain up to 75 percent of a private swimming pool, or hot tub 2.2 or spa, for the purposes of water treatment. 23 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 489.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2.4 489.111 Licensure by examination. --2.5 (2) A person shall be eligible for licensure by 26 27 examination if the person: 2.8 (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of 29 the following criteria: 30 1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an

accredited 4-year college in the appropriate field of

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engineering, architecture, or building construction and has 1 year of proven experience in the category in which the person seeks to qualify. For the purpose of this part, a minimum of 2,000 person-hours shall be used in determining full-time equivalency.

- 2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active experience as a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of a mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible to a superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent, provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience shall be as a foreman.
- 3. Has a combination of not less than 1 year of experience as a foreman and not less than 3 years of credits for any accredited college-level courses; has a combination of not less than 1 year of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year of experience as a foreman, and not less than 2 years of credits for any accredited college-level courses; or has a combination of not less than 2 years of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year of experience as a foreman, and not less than 1 year of credits for any accredited college-level courses. All junior college or community college-level courses shall be considered accredited college-level courses.
- 4.a. An active certified residential contractor is eligible to take the building contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.
- b. An active certified residential contractor is eligible to take the general contractors' examination if he or

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she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

- c. An active certified building contractor is eligible to take the general contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.
- 5.a. An active certified air-conditioning Class C contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class B contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.
- b. An active certified air-conditioning Class C contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.
- c. An active certified air-conditioning Class B contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.
- 6.a. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor is eligible to take the residential swimming pool contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.
- b. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor is eligible to take the swimming pool commercial contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

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

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

Section 3. Section 514.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

514.075 Public pool service technician; certification. -- The department shall may require that a public pool, as defined in s. 514.011, be serviced by a person licensed under s. 489.105(3)(j), (k), or (l); a person permitted as a public pool operator under s. 514.031; or a person who is certified as a pool service technician and who is the direct employee of a person permitted as a public pool operator under s. 514.031. To be certified, an individual must demonstrate knowledge of public pools which includes, but is not limited to: pool cleaning; general pool maintenance; pool safety codes; source of the water supply; bacteriological, chemical, and physical quality of water; and water purification, testing, treatment, and disinfection procedures. The department may, by rule, establish the requirement for the certification course and course approval. The department shall deem certified any individual who is certified by a course of national recognition such as the Certified Pool Operator

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certification from the National Swimming Pool Foundation or
    any person licensed under s. 489.105(3)(j), (k), or (l). This
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    <del>514.031</del>.
           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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