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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to construction contracting; amending s. 489.117, F.S.; specifying when a 3 4 person may perform specialty contracting 5 services for the construction, remodeling, 6 repair, or improvement of a swimming pool or 7 spa without obtaining a local professional 8 license; requiring certain local authorities to 9 allow local registration, as specified, as an 10 alternative to other local licenses; authorizing a fee; requiring workers' 11 12 compensation coverage or an exemption 13 therefrom; providing applicability to certain other local licensing exemption provisions; 14 providing an effective date. 15 16 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (4) of 19 section 489.117, Florida Statutes, to read: 20 21 489.117 Registration; specialty contractors.--22 (4)23 (f) Portions of work related to the construction of a swimming pool or spa require the use of specialized skill and 2.4 equipment that are frequently available only through specialty 25 contracting services. Due to these unique needs for specialty 26 27 services, any person who is not required to obtain 2.8 registration or certification pursuant to s. 489.105(3)(a)-(i) or (m)-(o) may perform specialty contracting services for the 29 construction, remodeling, repair, or improvement of a swimming 30 pool or spa as specified in s. 489.105(3)(j)-(l) without

1	obtaining a local professional license if such person is
2	supervised by a certified or registered commercial pool/spa
3	contractor, residential pool/spa contractor, or swimming
4	pool/spa servicing contractor acting within the scope of the
5	supervising contractor's license. A local authority that does
6	not require a local specialty contractor license or local
7	certificate of competency for any service provided by a
8	certified or registered commercial pool/spa contractor,
9	residential pool/spa contractor, or swimming pool/spa
10	servicing contractor must allow, as an alternative to the
11	local license or certificate, local registration of the person
12	contracting with a supervising contractor to perform a
13	specialty service under this paragraph. The local authority
14	may charge a fee for local registration which does not exceed
15	\$150. The local authority may not require proof of competency
16	for local registration and shall require documentation that a
17	registrant is covered by workers' compensation coverage or a
18	valid exemption from such coverage. Local registration shall
19	require the registrant to contract with a certified or
20	registered commercial pool/spa contractor, residential
21	pool/spa contractor, or swimming pool/spa servicing
22	contractor. This paragraph does not supersede or affect the
23	provisions of paragraph (e).
24	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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27	SENATE SUMMARY
28	Permits unlicensed persons to perform specialty contracting for constructing, remodeling, or repairing
29	pools or spas if they are under the supervision of a certified or registered pool/spa contractor under certain
30	circumstances. Requires local governments that do not require local licenses for such services to issue local
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