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## CHAMBER ACTION

The Business Regulation Committee recommends the following:

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## Council/Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to contracts entered into by unlicensed contractors; amending ss. 489.128 and 489.532, F.S.; providing that individuals performing certain construction contracting or electrical and alarm system contracting work are not considered unlicensed for purposes of contract enforceability; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 489.128, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.128 Contracts entered into by unlicensed contractors unenforceable.--

(1) As a matter of public policy, contracts entered into on or after October 1, 1990, by an unlicensed contractor shall be unenforceable in law or in equity by the unlicensed contractor.

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(a) For purposes of this section, an individual is unlicensed if the individual does not have a license required by this part concerning the scope of the work to be performed under the contract. A business organization is unlicensed if the business organization does not have a primary or secondary qualifying agent in accordance with this part concerning the scope of the work to be performed under the contract. For purposes of this section, if no state or local license is required for the scope of work to be performed under the contract, the individual performing that work shall not be considered unlicensed.

- Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 489.532, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 489.532 Contracts entered into by unlicensed contractors unenforceable.--
- (1) As a matter of public policy, contracts entered into on or after October 1, 1990, by an unlicensed contractor shall be unenforceable in law or in equity by the unlicensed contractor.
- (a) For purposes of this section, an individual is unlicensed if the individual does not have a license required by this part concerning the scope of the work to be performed under the contract. A business organization is unlicensed if the business organization does not have a primary or secondary qualifying agent in accordance with this part concerning the scope of the work to be performed under the contract. For purposes of this section, if no state or local license is required for the scope of work to be performed under the

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51 contract, the individual performing that work shall not be considered unlicensed.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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