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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Simpson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 137 and 138
insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of section
489.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.105 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(3) "Contractor" means the person who is qualified for, and is only responsible for, the project contracted for and means, except as exempted in this part, the person who, for compensation, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or does himself or herself or by others construct, repair, alter, remodel, add



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13 to, demolish, subtract from, or improve any building or
14 structure, including related improvements to real estate, for
15 others or for resale to others; and whose job scope is
16 substantially similar to the job scope described in one of the
17 paragraphs of this subsection. For the purposes of regulation
18 under this part, the term "demolish" applies only to demolition
19 of steel tanks more than 50 feet in height; towers more than 50
20 feet in height; other structures more than 50 feet in height;
21 and all buildings or residences. Contractors are subdivided into
22 two divisions, Division I, consisting of those contractors
23 defined in paragraphs (a)-(c), and Division II, consisting of
24 those contractors defined in paragraphs (d)-(q):

25 (m) "Plumbing contractor" means a contractor whose services
26 are unlimited in the plumbing trade and includes contracting
27 business consisting of the execution of contracts requiring the
28 experience, financial means, knowledge, and skill to install,
29 maintain, repair, alter, extend, or, if not prohibited by law,
30 design plumbing. ~~A plumbing contractor may install, maintain,~~
31 ~~repair, alter, extend, or, if not prohibited by law, design~~ the
32 following without obtaining an additional local regulatory
33 license, certificate, or registration: sanitary drainage or
34 storm drainage facilities, water and sewer plants and
35 substations, venting systems, public or private water supply
36 systems, septic tanks, drainage and supply wells, swimming pool
37 piping, irrigation systems, and solar heating water systems and
38 all appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in connection
39 therewith, including boilers and pressure process piping and
40 including the installation of water, natural gas, liquefied
41 petroleum gas and related venting, and storm and sanitary sewer



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42 lines. The scope of work of the plumbing contractor also
43 includes the design, if not prohibited by law, and installation,
44 maintenance, repair, alteration, or extension of air-piping,
45 vacuum line piping, oxygen line piping, nitrous oxide piping,
46 and all related medical gas systems; fire line standpipes and
47 fire sprinklers if authorized by law; ink and chemical lines;
48 fuel oil and gasoline piping and tank and pump installation,
49 except bulk storage plants; and pneumatic control piping
50 systems, all in a manner that complies with all plans,
51 specifications, codes, laws, and regulations applicable. The
52 scope of work of the plumbing contractor applies to private
53 property and public property, including any excavation work
54 incidental thereto, and includes the work of the specialty
55 plumbing contractor. Such contractor shall subcontract, with a
56 qualified contractor in the field concerned, all other work
57 incidental to the work but which is specified as being the work
58 of a trade other than that of a plumbing contractor. This
59 definition does not limit the scope of work of any specialty
60 contractor certified pursuant to s. 489.113(6), and does not
61 require certification or registration under this part of a
62 person licensed under chapter 527 or any authorized employee of
63 a public natural gas utility or of a private natural gas utility
64 regulated by the Public Service Commission when disconnecting
65 and reconnecting water lines in the servicing or replacement of
66 an existing water heater. A plumbing contractor may perform
67 drain cleaning and clearing and install or repair rainwater
68 catchment systems; however, a mandatory licensing requirement is
69 not established for the performance of these specific services.

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71 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

72 And the title is amended as follows:

73 Delete line 12

74 and insert:

75 amending s. 489.105, F.S.; revising a definition;

76 amending s. 489.127, F.S.; revising civil penalties;