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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to grandfathering registered
3 contractors; amending s. 489.514, F.S.; extending the
4 date by which an applicant must make application for a
5 license to be grandfathered; providing an effective
6 date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 489.514, Florida Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 489.514 Certification for registered contractors;
13 grandfathering provisions.—

14 (1) The board shall, upon receipt of a completed
15 application, appropriate fee, and proof of compliance with the
16 provisions of this section, issue:

17 (a) To an applying registered electrical contractor, a
18 certificate as an electrical contractor, as defined in s.
19 489.505(12); or

20 (b) To an applying registered alarm system contractor, a
21 certificate in the matching alarm system contractor category, as
22 defined in s. 489.505(2) (a) or (b); or

23 (c) To an applying registered electrical specialty
24 contractor, a certificate in the matching electrical specialty
25 contractor category, as defined in s. 489.505(19).

26 (2) Any contractor registered under this part who makes
27 application under this section to the board shall meet each of
28 the following requirements for certification:

29 (a) Currently holds a valid registered local license in the

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30 category of electrical contractor, alarm system contractor, or
31 electrical specialty contractor.

32 (b) Has, for that category, passed a written, proctored
33 examination that the board finds to be substantially similar to
34 the examination required to be licensed as a certified
35 contractor under this part. For purposes of this subsection, a
36 written, proctored examination such as that produced by the
37 National Assessment Institute, Block and Associates, NAI/Block,
38 Experior Assessments, Professional Testing, Inc., or Assessment
39 Systems, Inc., shall be considered to be substantially similar
40 to the examination required to be licensed as a certified
41 contractor. The board may not impose or make any requirements
42 regarding the nature or content of these cited examinations.

43 (c) Has at least 5 years of experience as a contractor in
44 that contracting category, or as an inspector or building
45 administrator with oversight over that category, at the time of
46 application. For contractors, only time periods in which the
47 contractor license is active and the contractor is not on
48 probation shall count toward the 5 years required under this
49 subsection.

50 (d) Has not had his or her contractor's license revoked at
51 any time, had his or her contractor's license suspended in the
52 last 5 years, or been assessed a fine in excess of \$500 in the
53 last 5 years.

54 (e) Is in compliance with the insurance and financial
55 responsibility requirements in s. 489.515(1)(b).

56 (3) An applicant must make application by November 1, 2015
57 ~~2004~~, to be licensed pursuant to this section.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.