

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to local licensing; creating s.  
 3           489.1175, F.S.; defining terms; providing that  
 4           individuals who hold valid, active local licenses may  
 5           work within the scope of such licenses in any local  
 6           government jurisdiction without needing to meet  
 7           certain additional licensing requirements; requiring  
 8           licensees to provide consumers with certain  
 9           information; providing that local governments have  
 10          disciplinary jurisdiction over such licensees;  
 11          requiring local governments to forward any  
 12          disciplinary orders to a licensee's original licensing  
 13          jurisdiction for further action; requiring the  
 14          Department of Business and Professional Regulation to  
 15          create and maintain a local licensing information  
 16          system; requiring local governments to provide the  
 17          department with specified information; providing an  
 18          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.   Section 489.1175, Florida Statutes, is created  
 23 to read:

24           489.1175 Local licensing; portability.-

25           (1) As used in this section, the term:

26        (a) "Noncontractor job scope" means any category of work  
27 that is done to real property and that does not substantially  
28 correspond to the job scope of one of the contractor categories  
29 defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o). The term includes, but is not  
30 limited to, the performance or installation of awnings,  
31 cabinetry, carpentry, caulking, debris removal, driveways,  
32 drywall, fence and decks, flooring, garage doors, glass and  
33 glazing, gunite, gutters and downspouts, hurricane shutters,  
34 insulation, interior remodeling, irrigation, landscaping,  
35 lightning protection systems, masonry, nonelectrical signs,  
36 painting, paving, plastering, stuccoing, tennis courts, vinyl  
37 siding and ornamental or decorative iron, stone, tile, marble,  
38 granite, or terrazzo.

39        (b) "Local government" means a county or municipality  
40 within this state.

41        (c) "Local license" means a license, registration, or  
42 similar permit issued and required by a local government for a  
43 noncontractor job scope.

44        (2)(a) An individual who holds a valid, active local  
45 license may work within the scope of such license in any local  
46 government jurisdiction in addition to the original licensing  
47 jurisdiction without having to obtain an additional local  
48 license, take an additional local license examination, or pay an  
49 additional local license fee. This section does not affect the  
50 ability of any local government to collect business taxes,

51 subject to s. 205.065.

52 (b) A licensee who works in the jurisdiction of a local  
53 government under the portability protections of this section  
54 shall provide a consumer who seeks his or her services  
55 information sufficient for the consumer to access the  
56 department's local licensing information under subsection (4),  
57 so that the consumer may verify his or her license status in the  
58 relevant licensing jurisdiction.

59 (3) A local government has the same disciplinary  
60 jurisdiction over an individual operating outside his or her  
61 original licensing jurisdiction pursuant to this section as it  
62 has over its own local licensees, including, but not limited to,  
63 the authority to suspend or revoke an individual licensee's  
64 ability to operate within its jurisdiction. A local government  
65 shall forward any disciplinary orders to an individual's  
66 original licensing jurisdiction for further action, as  
67 appropriate. The original licensing jurisdiction may take action  
68 against a licensee for being disciplined by another local  
69 licensing jurisdiction or for violating the original licensing  
70 jurisdiction's noncontractor job scope in another jurisdiction.

71 (4) (a) The department shall create and maintain an online  
72 local licensing information system whereby the public may review  
73 the licensing status of individuals holding a local license.

74 (b) A local government that issues a local license must  
75 provide information to the department which is necessary to

76 | maintain the local licensing information system with respect to  
77 | the jurisdiction of such local government. Information provided  
78 | must include at least the name, business name, address, license  
79 | number, and licensing status of the local licensee. A local  
80 | government may fulfill this obligation by maintaining its own  
81 | website that the department may link to, or by providing the  
82 | information at least monthly to the department.

83 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.