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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and
General Government (Perry) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (178232) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 517 and 518
5 insert:

6 Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 633.102, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 633.102 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

9 (3) (a) "Contractor I" means a contractor whose business
10 includes the execution of contracts requiring the ability to lay



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11 out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service all
12 types of fire protection systems, excluding preengineered
13 systems.

14 (b) "Contractor II" means a contractor whose business is
15 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to
16 lay out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service
17 water sprinkler systems, water spray systems, foam-water
18 sprinkler systems, foam-water spray systems, standpipes,
19 combination standpipes and sprinkler risers, all piping that is
20 an integral part of the system beginning at the point of service
21 as defined in this section, sprinkler tank heaters, air lines,
22 thermal systems used in connection with sprinklers, and tanks
23 and pumps connected thereto, excluding preengineered systems.

24 (c) "Contractor III" means a contractor whose business is
25 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to
26 fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service carbon
27 dioxide systems, foam extinguishing systems, dry chemical
28 systems, and Halon and other chemical systems, excluding
29 preengineered systems.

30 (d) "Contractor IV" means a contractor whose business is
31 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to
32 lay out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service
33 automatic fire sprinkler systems for detached one-family
34 dwellings, detached two-family dwellings, and mobile homes,
35 excluding preengineered systems and excluding single-family
36 homes in cluster units, such as apartments, condominiums, and
37 assisted living facilities or any building that is connected to
38 other dwellings. A Contractor IV is limited to the scope of
39 practice specified in NFPA 13D.



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40 (e) "Contractor V" means a contractor whose business is
41 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to
42 fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service the
43 underground piping for a fire protection system using water as
44 the extinguishing agent beginning at the point of service as
45 defined in this act and ending no more than 1 foot above the
46 finished floor.

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48 The definitions in this subsection may not be construed to
49 include engineers or architects and do not limit or prohibit a
50 licensed fire protection engineer or architect with fire
51 protection design experience from designing any type of fire
52 protection system. A distinction is made between system design
53 concepts prepared by the design professional and system layout
54 as defined in this section and typically prepared by the
55 contractor. However, a person certified as a Contractor I or
56 ~~Contractor II, or Contractor IV~~ under this chapter may design
57 new fire protection systems of 49 or fewer sprinklers; ~~and~~ may
58 design the alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if
59 the alteration consists of the relocation, addition, or deletion
60 of ~~not more than~~ 49 or fewer sprinklers, notwithstanding the
61 size of the existing fire sprinkler system; or may design the
62 alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if the
63 alteration consists of the relocation or deletion of 249 or
64 fewer sprinklers, notwithstanding the size of the existing fire
65 sprinkler system, if there is no change of occupancy, as defined
66 in the Florida Building Code, of the affected areas and there is
67 no change in the water demand as defined in National Fire
68 Protection Association publication NFPA 13 "Standard for the



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69 Installation of Sprinkler Systems," and if the occupancy hazard
70 classification as defined in NFPA 13 is reduced or remains the
71 same as a result of the alteration. A person certified as a
72 Contractor I, Contractor II, or Contractor IV may design or
73 alter a fire protection system, the scope of which complies with
74 NFPA 13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in
75 One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, as adopted
76 by the State Fire Marshal, notwithstanding the number of fire
77 sprinklers. Contractor-developed plans may not be required by
78 any local permitting authority to be sealed by a registered
79 professional engineer.

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

82 And the title is amended as follows:

83 Delete line 964

84 and insert:

85 insurance; amending s. 633.102, F.S.; revising the
86 authority of certain fire protection system
87 contractors to design and alter certain systems;
88 creating s. 633.217, F.S.; prohibiting