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

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

Between lines 517 and 518  
insert:

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

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

(3) (a) "Contractor I" means a contractor whose business  
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