

Amendment No. 1.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>      </u>	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Regulatory Reform  
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Harding offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (11) of section 633.102,  
 8 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

9 633.102 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

10 (3) (a) "Contractor I" means a contractor whose business  
 11 includes the execution of contracts requiring the ability to lay  
 12 out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service all  
 13 types of fire protection systems, excluding preengineered  
 14 systems.

15 (b) "Contractor II" means a contractor whose business is  
 16 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to

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17 lay out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service  
18 water sprinkler systems, water spray systems, foam-water  
19 sprinkler systems, foam-water spray systems, standpipes,  
20 combination standpipes and sprinkler risers, all piping that is  
21 an integral part of the system beginning at the point of service  
22 as defined in this section, sprinkler tank heaters, air lines,  
23 thermal systems used in connection with sprinklers, and tanks  
24 and pumps connected thereto, excluding preengineered systems.

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

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

41 (e) "Contractor V" means a contractor whose business is

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42 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to  
43 fabricate, install, ~~inspect,~~ alter, repair, and service the  
44 underground piping for a fire protection system using water as  
45 the extinguishing agent beginning at the point of service as  
46 defined in this act and ending no more than 1 foot above the  
47 finished floor. A Contractor V may inspect underground piping  
48 for a water-based fire protection system under the direction of  
49 a Contractor I or Contractor II.

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51 ~~The definitions in~~ This subsection may not be construed to  
52 include engineers or architects within the defined terms and  
53 does ~~de~~ not limit or prohibit a licensed fire protection  
54 engineer or architect with fire protection design experience  
55 from designing any type of fire protection system. A distinction  
56 is made between system design concepts prepared by the design  
57 professional and system layout as defined in this section and  
58 typically prepared by the contractor. However, a person  
59 certified under this chapter as a Contractor I or, Contractor  
60 II, ~~or Contractor IV under this chapter~~ may design new fire  
61 protection systems of 49 or fewer sprinklers; ~~and~~ may design  
62 the alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if the  
63 alteration consists of the relocation, addition, or deletion of  
64 ~~not more than~~ 49 or fewer sprinklers, notwithstanding the size  
65 of the existing fire sprinkler system; or may design the  
66 alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if the

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67 alteration consists of the relocation or deletion of 249 or  
68 fewer sprinklers, notwithstanding the size of the existing fire  
69 sprinkler system, if there is no change of occupancy of the  
70 affected areas, as defined in the Florida Building Code and the  
71 Florida Fire Prevention Code, and there is no change in the  
72 water demand as defined in NFPA 13, "Standard for the  
73 Installation of Sprinkler Systems," and if the occupancy hazard  
74 classification as defined in NFPA 13 is reduced or remains the  
75 same as a result of the alteration. A person certified as a  
76 Contractor I, Contractor II, or Contractor IV may design a new  
77 fire protection system or design the alteration of an existing  
78 fire protection system, the scope of which complies with NFPA  
79 13D, "Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One-  
80 and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes," as adopted by  
81 the State Fire Marshal, notwithstanding the number of fire  
82 sprinklers. Contractor-developed plans may not be required by  
83 any local permitting authority to be sealed by a registered  
84 professional engineer.

85 (11) "Fire protection system" means a system individually  
86 designed to protect the interior or exterior of a specific  
87 building or buildings, structure, or other special hazard from  
88 fire. Such systems include, but are not limited to, water  
89 sprinkler systems, water spray systems, foam-water sprinkler  
90 systems, foam-water spray systems, carbon dioxide systems, foam  
91 extinguishing systems, dry chemical systems, and Halon and other

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92 chemical systems used for fire protection use. Such systems also  
93 include any overhead and underground fire mains, fire hydrants  
94 and hydrant mains, standpipes and hoses connected to sprinkler  
95 systems, sprinkler tank heaters, air lines, thermal systems used  
96 in connection with fire sprinkler systems, and tanks providing  
97 water supply or pump fuel, including piping for such tanks, and  
98 pumps connected to fire sprinkler systems.

99 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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102 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

103 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
104 An act relating to fire sprinklers; amending s. 633.102, F.S.;  
105 revising the definition of the term "Contractor V"; authorizing  
106 certain fire protection system contractors to design certain  
107 systems; revising the definition of the term "fire protection  
108 system"; providing an effective date.