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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/02/2021	.	
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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Perry) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (3) and (11) of section 633.102,
Florida Statutes, are 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
out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service all



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11 types of fire protection systems, excluding preengineered
12 systems.

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

83 (11) "Fire protection system" means a system individually
84 designed to protect the interior or exterior of a specific
85 building or buildings, structure, or other special hazard from
86 fire. Such systems include, but are not limited to, water
87 sprinkler systems, water spray systems, foam-water sprinkler
88 systems, foam-water spray systems, carbon dioxide systems, foam
89 extinguishing systems, dry chemical systems, and Halon and other
90 chemical systems used for fire protection use. Such systems also
91 include any overhead and underground fire mains, fire hydrants
92 and hydrant mains, standpipes and hoses connected to sprinkler
93 systems, sprinkler tank heaters, air lines, thermal systems used
94 in connection with fire sprinkler systems, ~~and~~ tanks providing
95 water supply or pump fuel, including piping for such tanks, and
96 pumps connected to fire sprinkler systems.

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



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

100 And the title is amended as follows:

101 Delete everything before the enacting clause
102 and insert:

103 A bill to be entitled

104 An act relating to fire sprinklers; amending s.
105 633.102, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
106 "Contractor V"; authorizing certain fire protection
107 system contractors to design certain systems; revising
108 the definition of the term "fire protection system";
109 providing an effective date.