

26 (2) PREEMPTION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING TO THE STATE.—The
 27 licensing of occupations is expressly preempted to the state,
 28 and this section supersedes any local government licensing
 29 requirement of occupations with the exception of the following:

30 (a) Any local government that imposed licenses on
 31 occupations before January 1, 2021. However, any such local
 32 government licensing of occupations expires on January 1, 2024
 33 ~~July 1, 2023~~.

34 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 489.113, Florida
 35 Statutes, is amended to read:

36 489.113 Qualifications for practice; restrictions.—

37 (6)(a) The board shall, by rule, designate those types of
 38 specialty contractors which may be certified under this part.
 39 The limit of the scope of work and responsibility of a specialty
 40 contractor shall be established by the board by rule. However, a
 41 certified specialty contractor category established by board
 42 rule exists as a voluntary statewide licensing category and does
 43 not create a mandatory licensing requirement. Any mandatory
 44 statewide construction contracting licensure requirement may
 45 only be established through specific statutory provision.

46 (b) By January 1, 2024, the board shall, by rule,
 47 establish certified specialty contractor categories for
 48 voluntary licensure for all of the following:

- 49 1. Structural aluminum or screen enclosures.
- 50 2. Marine seawall work.

- 51 3. Marine bulkhead work.
- 52 4. Marine dock work.
- 53 5. Marine pile driving.
- 54 6. Structural masonry.
- 55 7. Structural prestressed, precast concrete work.
- 56 8. Rooftop solar heating installation.
- 57 9. Structural steel.
- 58 10. Window and door installation, including garage door
- 59 installation and hurricane or windstorm protection.
- 60 11. Plaster and lath.

61 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 62 489.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 489.117 Registration; specialty contractors.—

64 (4)(a)1. A person whose job scope does not substantially
 65 correspond to either the job scope of one of the contractor
 66 categories defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o), or the job scope of
 67 one of the certified specialty contractor categories established
 68 by board rule, is not required to register with the board. A
 69 local government, as defined in s. 163.211, may not require a
 70 person to obtain a license, issued by the local government or
 71 the state, for a job scope which does not substantially
 72 correspond to the job scope of one of the contractor categories
 73 defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o) and (q) or authorized in s.
 74 489.1455(1), or the job scope of one of the certified specialty
 75 contractor categories established pursuant to s. 489.113(6). A

76 local government may not require a state or local license to
 77 obtain a permit for such job scopes. For purposes of this
 78 section, job scopes for which a local government may not require
 79 a license include, but are not limited to, painting; flooring;
 80 cabinetry; interior remodeling when the scope of the project
 81 does not include a task for which a state license is required;
 82 driveway or tennis court installation; handyman services;
 83 decorative stone, tile, marble, granite, or terrazzo
 84 installation; plastering; stuccoing; caulking; and canvas awning
 85 and ornamental iron installation.

86 2. A county that includes an area designated as an area of
 87 critical state concern under s. 380.05, may offer a license for
 88 any job scope which requires a contractor license under this
 89 part, if the county imposed such a licensing requirement before
 90 January 1, 2021.

91 3. A local government may continue to offer a license for
 92 fence installation and erection if the local government imposed
 93 such a licensing requirement before January 1, 2021.

94 4. A local government may not require a license as a
 95 prerequisite to submit a bid for public works projects if the
 96 work to be performed does not require a license under general
 97 law.

98 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.