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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
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OTHER	<u>      </u>	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Regulatory Reform &  
2 Economic Development Subcommittee  
3 Representative Bell offered the following:

**Amendment**

Remove lines 35-137 and insert:

7 (d) "Fire sprinkler system project" means a fire  
8 protection system alteration of a total of 20 or fewer fire  
9 sprinklers, or the installation or replacement of a fire  
10 sprinkler system component in an existing commercial,  
11 residential, apartment, cooperative, or condominium building.  
12 For purposes of this paragraph, a component is equivalent if the  
13 component has the same or better characteristics, including  
14 electrical, hydraulic, pressure losses, and required listings  
15 and spacing as the component being replaced.

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16 (2) (a) A local enforcement agency may require a  
17 contractor, as a condition of obtaining a permit for a fire  
18 alarm system project or fire sprinkler system project, to submit  
19 a completed application and payment.

20 (b) A local enforcement agency may not require a  
21 contractor to submit plans or specifications as a condition of  
22 obtaining a permit for a fire alarm system project or fire  
23 sprinkler system project.

24 (3) A local enforcement agency must issue a permit for a  
25 fire alarm system project or fire sprinkler system project in  
26 person or electronically.

27 (4) A local enforcement agency must require at least one  
28 inspection of a fire alarm system project or fire sprinkler  
29 system project to ensure compliance with applicable codes and  
30 standards. If a fire alarm system project or fire sprinkler  
31 system project fails an inspection, the contractor must take  
32 corrective action as necessary to pass inspection.

33 (5) (a) For a fire alarm system project, a contractor must  
34 keep a copy of the plans and specifications at the ~~a~~ fire alarm  
35 system project worksite and make such plans and specifications  
36 available to the inspector at each inspection.

37 (b) For a fire sprinkler system project to alter an  
38 existing fire protection system, a contractor must keep a copy  
39 of the plans and specifications at the fire sprinkler system

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40 project worksite and make such plans and specifications  
41 available to the inspector at each inspection.

42 (c) For a fire sprinkler system project to install or  
43 replace a component, a contractor must keep a copy of the  
44 manufacturer's installation instructions and any pertinent  
45 testing instructions needed to certify or accept the component  
46 at the fire sprinkler system project worksite and make such  
47 documents available to the inspector at each inspection.

48 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 633.102, Florida  
49 Statutes, is amended to read:

50 633.102 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

51 (3)(a) "Contractor I" means a contractor whose business  
52 includes the execution of contracts requiring the ability to lay  
53 out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service all  
54 types of fire protection systems, excluding preengineered  
55 systems.

56 (b) "Contractor II" means a contractor whose business is  
57 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to  
58 lay out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service  
59 water sprinkler systems, water spray systems, foam-water  
60 sprinkler systems, foam-water spray systems, standpipes,  
61 combination standpipes and sprinkler risers, all piping that is  
62 an integral part of the system beginning at the point of service  
63 as defined in this section, sprinkler tank heaters, air lines,

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64 thermal systems used in connection with sprinklers, and tanks  
65 and pumps connected thereto, excluding preengineered systems.

66 (c) "Contractor III" means a contractor whose business is  
67 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to  
68 fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service carbon  
69 dioxide systems, foam extinguishing systems, dry chemical  
70 systems, and Halon and other chemical systems, excluding  
71 preengineered systems.

72 (d) "Contractor IV" means a contractor whose business is  
73 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to  
74 lay out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service  
75 automatic fire sprinkler systems for detached one-family  
76 dwellings, detached two-family dwellings, and mobile homes,  
77 excluding preengineered systems and excluding single-family  
78 homes in cluster units, such as apartments, condominiums, and  
79 assisted living facilities or any building that is connected to  
80 other dwellings. A Contractor IV is limited to the scope of  
81 practice specified in NFPA 13D.

82 (e) "Contractor V" means a contractor whose business is  
83 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to  
84 fabricate, install, alter, repair, and service the underground  
85 piping for a fire protection system using water as the  
86 extinguishing agent beginning at the point of service as defined  
87 in this act and ending no more than 1 foot above the finished  
88 floor. A Contractor V may inspect underground piping for a

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89 | water-based fire protection system under the direction of a  
90 | Contractor I or Contractor II.

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92 | This subsection may not be construed to include engineers or  
93 | architects within the defined terms and does not limit or  
94 | prohibit a licensed fire protection engineer or architect with  
95 | fire protection design experience from designing any type of  
96 | fire protection system. A distinction is made between system  
97 | design concepts prepared by the design professional and system  
98 | layout as defined in this section and typically prepared by the  
99 | contractor. However, a person certified under this chapter as a  
100 | Contractor I or Contractor II may design new fire protection  
101 | systems of 49 or fewer sprinklers; may design the alteration of  
102 | an existing fire sprinkler system if the alteration consists of  
103 | the relocation, addition, or deletion of 49 or fewer sprinklers,  
104 | notwithstanding the size of the existing fire sprinkler system;  
105 | and ~~or~~ may design the alteration of an existing fire sprinkler  
106 | system if the alteration consists of the relocation or deletion  
107 | of 249 or fewer sprinklers and the addition of up to 49 or fewer  
108 | sprinklers, as long as the cumulative total number of fire  
109 | sprinklers being added, relocated, or deleted does not exceed  
110 | 249, notwithstanding the