

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to air-conditioning and mechanical  
3           contractors; amending s. 489.105, F.S.; revising the  
4           definitions of the terms "class A air-conditioning  
5           contractor" and "mechanical contractor" to include  
6           additional services that such contractors may perform;  
7           providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           **Section 1. Paragraphs (f) and (i) of subsection (3) of**  
12 **section 489.105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

13           489.105 Definitions.—As used in this part:

14           (3) "Contractor" means the person who is qualified for,  
15           and is only responsible for, the project contracted for and  
16           means, except as exempted in this part, the person who, for  
17           compensation, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or does himself  
18           or herself or by others construct, repair, alter, remodel, add  
19           to, demolish, subtract from, or improve any building or  
20           structure, including related improvements to real estate, for  
21           others or for resale to others; and whose job scope is  
22           substantially similar to the job scope described in one of the  
23           paragraphs of this subsection. For the purposes of regulation  
24           under this part, the term "demolish" applies only to demolition  
25           of steel tanks more than 50 feet in height; towers more than 50

26 feet in height; other structures more than 50 feet in height;  
 27 and all buildings or residences. Contractors are subdivided into  
 28 two divisions, Division I, consisting of those contractors  
 29 defined in paragraphs (a)-(c), and Division II, consisting of  
 30 those contractors defined in paragraphs (d)-(q):

31 (f) "Class A air-conditioning contractor" means a  
 32 contractor whose services are unlimited in the execution of  
 33 contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to:

34 1. Install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or  
 35 design, if not prohibited by law, central air-conditioning,  
 36 refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including duct  
 37 work in connection with a complete system if such duct work is  
 38 performed by the contractor as necessary to complete an air-  
 39 distribution system, boiler and unfired pressure vessel systems,  
 40 and all appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in  
 41 connection therewith, and any duct cleaning and equipment  
 42 sanitizing that requires at least a partial disassembling of the  
 43 system.~~;~~~~to~~

44 2. Install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or  
 45 design, if not prohibited by law, piping, insulation of pipes,  
 46 vessels and ducts, pressure and process piping, and pneumatic  
 47 control piping.~~;~~~~to~~

48 3. Replace, disconnect, or reconnect power wiring on the  
 49 line or load side of the dedicated existing electrical  
 50 disconnect switch on single phase electrical systems.~~;~~~~to~~

51        4. Repair or replace power wiring, disconnects, breakers,  
52 or fuses for dedicated HVAC circuits with proper use of a  
53 circuit breaker lock.~~;~~~~to~~

54        5. Install, disconnect, and reconnect low voltage heating,  
55 ventilating, and air-conditioning control wiring.~~;~~~~and to~~

56        6. Install a condensate drain from an air-conditioning  
57 unit to an existing safe waste or other approved disposal other  
58 than a direct connection to a sanitary system.

59        7. Replace and repair existing package pool heaters and  
60 connect replacement package pool heaters to existing pool  
61 pipng. The replacement of an existing package pool heater must  
62 use the same make and model as the existing package pool heater.  
63 This includes maintaining the flow rate, connection points, and  
64 heater specifications without modifications to existing pool  
65 pipng or system components. The replacement or repair of an  
66 existing package pool heater does not include alterations to the  
67 pool's hydraulic system, the addition of bypass valves, the  
68 installation of new plumbing, the rerouting of pipes, any  
69 changes to the pool's circulation system, or any other  
70 modifications beyond what is necessary to disconnect and  
71 reconnect the unit to the existing pipng.

72        8. Perform ~~The scope of work for such contractor also~~  
73 ~~includes~~ any excavation work incidental to work performed in  
74 subparagraphs 1.-7., but not thereto, but does not include any  
75 work such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines

76 within buildings, except for disconnecting or reconnecting  
77 changeouts of liquefied petroleum or natural gas appliances  
78 within buildings; potable water lines or connections thereto;  
79 sanitary sewer lines; swimming pool piping and filters; or  
80 electrical power wiring.

81 9. ~~A Class A air-conditioning contractor may~~ Test and  
82 evaluate central air-conditioning, refrigeration, heating, and  
83 ventilating systems, including duct work; however, a mandatory  
84 licensing requirement is not established for the performance of  
85 these specific services.

86 (i) "Mechanical contractor" means a contractor whose  
87 services are unlimited in the execution of contracts requiring  
88 the experience, knowledge, and skill to:

89 1. Install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or  
90 design, if not prohibited by law, central air-conditioning,  
91 refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including duct  
92 work in connection with a complete system if such duct work is  
93 performed by the contractor as necessary to complete an air-  
94 distribution system, boiler and unfired pressure vessel systems,  
95 lift station equipment and piping, and all appurtenances,  
96 apparatus, or equipment used in connection therewith, and any  
97 duct cleaning and equipment sanitizing that requires at least a  
98 partial disassembling of the system. ~~;~~ ~~to~~

99 2. Install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or  
100 design, if not prohibited by law, piping, insulation of pipes,

101 vessels and ducts, pressure and process piping, pneumatic  
102 control piping, gasoline tanks and pump installations and piping  
103 for same, standpipes, air piping, vacuum line piping, oxygen  
104 lines, nitrous oxide piping, ink and chemical lines, fuel  
105 transmission lines, liquefied petroleum gas lines within  
106 buildings, and natural gas fuel lines within buildings.~~;~~~~to~~

107 3. Replace, disconnect, or reconnect power wiring on the  
108 line or load side of the dedicated existing electrical  
109 disconnect switch on single phase electrical systems.~~;~~~~to~~

110 4. Repair or replace power wiring, disconnects, breakers,  
111 or fuses for dedicated HVAC circuits with proper use of a  
112 circuit breaker lock.~~;~~~~to~~

113 5. Install, disconnect, and reconnect low voltage heating,  
114 ventilating, and air-conditioning control wiring.~~;~~~~and to~~

115 6. Install a condensate drain from an air-conditioning  
116 unit to an existing safe waste or other approved disposal other  
117 than a direct connection to a sanitary system.

118 7. Replace and repair existing package pool heaters and  
119 connect replacement package pool heaters to existing pool  
120 piping. The replacement of an existing package pool heater must  
121 use the same make and model as the existing package pool heater.  
122 This includes maintaining the flow rate, connection points, and  
123 heater specifications without modifications to existing pool  
124 piping or system components. The replacement or repair of an  
125 existing package pool heater does not include alterations to the

126 pool's hydraulic system, the addition of bypass valves, the  
127 installation of new plumbing, the rerouting of pipes, any  
128 changes to the pool's circulation system, or any other  
129 modifications beyond what is necessary to disconnect and  
130 reconnect the unit to the existing piping.

131 8. Perform ~~The scope of work for such contractor also~~  
132 ~~includes~~ any excavation work incidental to work performed in  
133 subparagraphs 1.-7., but not thereto, but does not include any  
134 work such as potable water lines or connections thereto,  
135 sanitary sewer lines, swimming pool piping and filters, or  
136 electrical power wiring.

137 9. A mechanical contractor may Test and evaluate central  
138 air-conditioning, refrigeration, heating, and ventilating  
139 systems, including duct work; however, a mandatory licensing  
140 requirement is not established for the performance of these  
141 specific services.

142 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.