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An act relating to air-conditioning and mechanical contractors; amending s. 489.105, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "class A air-conditioning contractor" and "mechanical contractor" to include additional services that such contractors may perform; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraphs (f) and (i) of subsection (3) of section 489.105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

489.105 Definitions.—As used in this part:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Replace and repair existing package pool heaters and connect replacement package pool heaters to existing pool piping. The replacement of an existing package pool heater must use the same make and model as the existing pool heater. This includes maintaining the flow rate, connection points, and heater specifications without modifications to existing pool piping or system components. The replacement or repair of an existing package pool heater does not include alterations to the pool's hydraulic system, the addition of bypass valves, installation of new plumbing, rerouting of pipes, changes to the pool’s circulation system, or any other modifications beyond what is necessary to disconnect and reconnect the unit to the existing piping.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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