A bill to be entitled

An act relating to services during a state of emergency; amending s. 287.056, F.S.; directing the Department of Management Services to enter into state term contracts for the provision of building code inspection services and debris removal services; creating s. 468.634, F.S.; authorizing individuals to work in specified positions if they meet certain requirements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (4) of section 287.056, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

(4) For the purposes of recovery following a natural disaster that is subject to a state of emergency declared by the Governor, the department may enter into and maintain state term contracts with multiple vendors for the purpose of performing building code inspection services, as defined in s. 553.791, and debris removal services, and make such services available to local governments during a state of emergency.

Section 2. Section 468.634, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

468.634 Certification by Endorsement During a State of Emergency.—

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

(1) Notwithstanding any other law, a person may act in any of the following positions under the direction of the local building official, for a period of 1 year from the date of a declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor for a natural emergency, if such person has entered into a state term contract pursuant to s. 287.056, is qualified for such work in any state that has a mutual aid agreement pursuant to 252.40(2), or has held a valid license for such work in any state for 5 years immediately proceeding the date of the declaration:

(a) Building code inspector.

(b) Building inspector.

(c) Coastal construction inspector.

(d) Commercial electrical inspector.

(e) Electrical inspector.

(f) Mechanical inspector.

(g) Plumbing inspector.

(h) Residential electrical inspector.

(i) Residential inspector.

(j) Plans examiner.

(k) Building plans examiner.

(l) Plumbing plans examiner.

(m) Mechanical plans examiner.

(n) Electrical plans examiner.

(2) "Natural emergency" means an emergency caused by a natural event, including, but not limited to, a hurricane, a

storm, a flood, a severe wave action, a drought, or an earthquake.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.