

Committee on Regulated Industries

CS/SB 1142 — Occupational Licensing

by Fiscal Policy Committee and Senator Hooper

The bill amends s. 489.117, F.S., relating to the registration of specialty contractors, to authorize registered contractors in good standing who have been registered with a local jurisdiction during calendar years 2021, 2022, or 2023, to apply for a license to be issued by the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB), when a local jurisdiction has determined not to continue issuing local licenses or exercising disciplinary oversight over such licensees.

The bill requires the CILB to issue licenses in the circumstances specified in the bill to eligible applicants who have provided:

- Evidence of the prior local registration during 2021, 2022, or 2023;
- Evidence that the local jurisdiction does not have a license type available for the category of work for which the applicant was issued a certificate of registration or local license during 2021, 2022, or 2023, which may include a notification on the website of the local jurisdiction or an e-mail or letter from the local building department;
- The required application fee; and
- Evidence of compliance with the insurance and financial responsibility requirements for contractors required by current law.

The bill extends from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025:

- The date of expiration of all local licensing of occupations; and
- The date by which the CILB must adopt rules to establish certified specialty contractor categories for voluntary licensure.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 112-0