IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REGARDING SWIMMING POOL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS

The following changes were approved by the Governor and signed into law on May 6, 2022. This act takes effect July 1, 2022.

An act relating to swimming pool specialty contracting services; amending s. 489.117, F.S.; authorizing <u>unlicensed contractors to work without a contract and under the supervision of specified licensed pool contractors</u> to perform certain specialty contracting services for commercial or residential swimming pools, interactive water features, hot tubs and spas.

Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of:

489.117 Registration; specialty contractors. -

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(e) Any person who is not certified or registered may perform the work of a specialty contractor whose scope of practice is limited to the type of work specified under s. 489.105(3)(j), (k), or (l) for the construction, remodeling, repair, or improvement of commercial or residential swimming pools, interactive water features as defined in the Florida Building Code, hot tubs, and spas without obtaining a local license or certification as a specialty contractor if he or she is supervised by a contractor who is certified or registered under s. 489.105(3)(j), (k), or (l); the work is within the scope of the supervising contractor's license; the supervising contractor is responsible for the work; and the work does not require certification or registration under s. 489.105(3)(d)-(i), (m)-(o), or s. 489.505. Such supervision does not require a direct contract between the contractor certified or registered under s. 489.105(3)(j), (k), or (l) and the person performing the work, or for the person performing the work to be an employee of the contractor certified or registered under s. 489.105(3)(j), (k), or (I). This paragraph does not limit the exemptions provided in s. 489.103 and may not be construed to expand the scope of a contractor certified or registered under s. 489.105(3)(j), (k), or (I) to provide plumbing or electrical services for which certification or registration is required by this part or part II.

The complete text of SB 222: Swimming Pool Specialty Contractors can be found online: https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/222/BillText/er/PDF

Link to chapter 489, Florida Statutes