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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a person desiring to engage in the practice of general contracting must be licensed by the Alabama Board of General Contractors before operating as a general contractor.

Also under existing law, various types of work and other services are exempt from the requirements to be licensed as a general contractor.

This bill would add to the list of exemptions from the general contractor law the following: Painting services, janitorial services, waxing floor services, pressure washing services, maintenance of security systems, lighting and filter replacement services, and maintenance of existing plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical systems.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to general contracting; to amend Section 34-8-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide additional services to the list of exemptions to the requirements of the general contracting law.



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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-8-7, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-8-7

(a) The following shall be exempted from this chapter:

(1) The practice of general contracting, as defined in Section 34-8-1, by an authorized representative of the United States Government, the State of Alabama, or an incorporated town, city, or county in this state, which is under the supervision of a licensed architect or engineer, provided any work contracted out by the authorized representative shall comply with the definition in this chapter for general contractor.

(2) The construction of any residence or private dwelling.

(3) A person, firm, or corporation constructing a building or other improvements on his, her, or its own property, provided that any of the work contracted out complies with the definition in this chapter for general contractor. A municipal governing body or municipal regulatory body may not enact any ordinance or law restricting or altering this exemption. Any municipal ordinance or regulation that conflicts with this exemption is repealed effective June 11, 2015.

(4) The installation, repair, maintenance, or removal of facilities, equipment, or systems used in or substantially related to the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications in an



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57 emergency by a utility regulated by the Public Service
58 Commission, or any entity engaged in the generation,
59 transmission, or distribution of electric power, natural gas,
60 or telecommunications, or any of their respective general
61 contractors or subcontractors, provided the work is performed
62 under the supervision of a licensed architect or engineer. For
63 purposes of this subdivision, the term "emergency" is defined
64 as a situation whereby service to the consumer has been
65 interrupted or may be interrupted if work to remedy the
66 emergency is not performed and completed within 60 days, and
67 such other situations that are determined to be an emergency
68 in the discretion of the board.

69 (5) The repair, maintenance, replacement,
70 reinstallation, or removal of facilities, equipment, or
71 systems used in or substantially related to the generation,
72 transmission, or distribution of electric power, natural gas,
73 or telecommunications on a routine, regular, or recurring
74 basis by a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission
75 or any entity engaged in the generation, transmission, or
76 distribution of electric power, natural gas, or
77 telecommunications or any of their respective general
78 contractors or subcontractors, provided the work is performed
79 under the supervision of a licensed architect or engineer.

80 (6) Routine or regular maintenance, repair,
81 replacement, reinstallation, or removal of equipment,
82 specialized technological processes, or equipment facility
83 systems as determined by the board with regard to scope,
84 frequency, and specialty of the work to be performed.



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(7) Routine landscape maintenance work that includes cutting grass; trimming, replacing, and removal of bushes, shrubs, and similar items; the placement and removal of pine straw, mulch, bark, and similar ground covers; and other routine ground maintenance.

(8) The provision of temporary labor by a labor broker or other temporary labor provider that provides workers to a general contractor to perform work under the supervision and control of that general contractor. For the purposes of licensing, temporary workers are deemed to fall under the license of the general contractor to whom they are provided. This exemption does not allow labor brokers or other temporary labor providers to act as subcontractors or to assume a scope of work for a project as a subcontractor.

(9) Painting services.

(10) Cleaning, waste disposal, and janitorial services.

(11) Stripping and waxing floor services.

(12) Pressure washing services.

(13) Maintenance of existing security and access control systems.

(14) Lighting and filter replacement services.

(15) Maintenance of existing plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical systems.

(b) The exemptions provided in subsection (a) shall exclude a swimming pool contractor. Provided, ~~however, a person, firm, or corporation~~ constructing a swimming pool on ~~his, her, or its~~ the person's own property shall be exempted from this chapter.



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(c) A subcontractor, as defined in Section 34-8-1(c), is subject to and shall comply with this chapter as specified for a general contractor except as follows:

(1) A subcontractor shall pay one-half of the fees required in this chapter for a general contractor.

(2) No bid limits shall be established for a subcontractor.

(3) A subcontractor shall submit with license application and renewals a statement of financial condition as prescribed by the board.

(4) A subcontractor shall furnish three references from any combination of the following: Licensed general contractors, registered professional engineers, or registered architects, or qualified person, as declared by the board, for whom they have worked. If a subcontractor has only been employed by one company, the subcontractor shall provide the following: Three or more jobs he or she has worked on, the amounts of the contracts, the time period of the contracts, the location of the contracts, and a statement of experience.

(5) A subcontractor is not required to be licensed at the time a project is bid, but must be licensed with the board prior to beginning work on the project.

(6) A general contractor license and license number issued by the board to subcontractors shall denote subcontractor status.

(7) A subcontractor is not required to sit for any examination before being licensed."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October



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