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4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT

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25 Relating to general contracting; to amend Section

26 34-8-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide additional services
27 to the list of exemptions to the requirements of the general
28 contracting law.

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

32 "§34-8-7

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

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

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

44 (3) A person, firm, or corporation constructing a
45 building or other improvements on his, her, or its own
46 property, provided that any of the work contracted out
47 complies with the definition in this chapter for general
48 contractor. A municipal governing body or municipal regulatory
49 body may not enact any ordinance or law restricting or
50 altering this exemption. Any municipal ordinance or regulation
51 that conflicts with this exemption is repealed effective June
52 11, 2015.

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



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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90 (8) The provision of temporary labor by a labor broker
91 or other temporary labor provider that provides workers to a
92 general contractor to perform work under the supervision and
93 control of that general contractor. For the purposes of
94 licensing, temporary workers are deemed to fall under the
95 license of the general contractor to whom they are provided.
96 This exemption does not allow labor brokers or other temporary
97 labor providers to act as subcontractors or to assume a scope
98 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.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

140 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October

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