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3 By Senator Chambliss  
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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.

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 or repair of any residence or private dwelling or any residential swimming pool.

(3) A person, firm, or corporation constructing a



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29 building or other improvements on his, her, or its own  
30 property, provided that any of the work contracted out  
31 complies with the definition in this chapter for general  
32 contractor. A municipal governing body or municipal regulatory  
33 body may not enact any ordinance or law restricting or  
34 altering this exemption. Any municipal ordinance or regulation  
35 that conflicts with this exemption is repealed effective June  
36 11, 2015.

37 (4) The installation, repair, maintenance, or removal  
38 of facilities, equipment, or systems used in or substantially  
39 related to the generation, transmission, or distribution of  
40 electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications in an  
41 emergency by a utility regulated by the Public Service  
42 Commission, or any entity engaged in the generation,  
43 transmission, or distribution of electric power, natural gas,  
44 or telecommunications, or any of their respective general  
45 contractors or subcontractors, provided the work is performed  
46 under the supervision of a licensed architect or engineer. For  
47 purposes of this subdivision, the term "emergency" is defined  
48 as a situation whereby service to the consumer has been  
49 interrupted or may be interrupted if work to remedy the  
50 emergency is not performed and completed within 60 days, and  
51 such other situations that are determined to be an emergency  
52 in the discretion of the board.

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



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57 or telecommunications on a routine, regular, or recurring  
58 basis by a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission  
59 or any entity engaged in the generation, transmission, or  
60 distribution of electric power, natural gas, or  
61 telecommunications or any of their respective general  
62 contractors or subcontractors, provided the work is performed  
63 under the supervision of a licensed architect or engineer.

64 (6) Routine or regular maintenance, repair,  
65 replacement, reinstallation, or removal of equipment,  
66 specialized technological processes, or equipment facility  
67 systems as determined by the board with regard to scope,  
68 frequency, and specialty of the work to be performed.

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

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

83 (9) Routine or regular maintenance, repair, or removal  
84 of the following, as determined by the board with regard to



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85 scope, frequency, and specialty of the work to be performed:

86 a. Existing security and access control systems.

87 b. Existing lighting and filter systems.

88 c. Existing plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical  
89 systems.

90 d. Existing paint on painted surfaces.

91 (10) Routine cleaning, waste disposal, and janitorial  
92 services, including the cleaning, stripping, and waxing of  
93 floors.

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

99 ~~(e)~~ (b) A subcontractor, as defined in Section  
100 34-8-1(c), is subject to and shall comply with this chapter as  
101 specified for a general contractor except as follows:

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

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

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

109 (4) A subcontractor shall furnish three references from  
110 any combination of the following: Licensed general  
111 contractors, registered professional engineers, or registered  
112 architects, or qualified person, as declared by the board, for



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113 whom they have worked. If a subcontractor has only been  
114 employed by one company, the subcontractor shall provide the  
115 following: Three or more jobs he or she has worked on, the  
116 amounts of the contracts, the time period of the contracts,  
117 the location of the contracts, and a statement of experience.

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

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

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

126 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
127 1, 2026.



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133 and Municipal Government

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137 0 amendments

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140 as amended  
141 Yeas 34  
142 Nays 0  
143 Abstains 0

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146 Patrick Harris,  
147 Secretary.  
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