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3 By Senator Chambliss
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to general contracting; to amend Section
5 34-8-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide additional services
6 to the list of exemptions to the requirements of the general
7 contracting law.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

11 "§34-8-7

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

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

21 (2) The construction or repair of any residence or
22 private dwelling or any residential swimming pool.

23 (3) A person, firm, or corporation constructing a
24 building or other improvements on his, her, or its own
25 property, provided that any of the work contracted out
26 complies with the definition in this chapter for general
27 contractor. A municipal governing body or municipal regulatory
28 body may not enact any ordinance or law restricting or



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29 altering this exemption. Any municipal ordinance or regulation
30 that conflicts with this exemption is repealed effective June
31 11, 2015.

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

48 (5) The repair, maintenance, replacement,
49 reinstallation, or removal of facilities, equipment, or
50 systems used in or substantially related to the generation,
51 transmission, or distribution of electric power, natural gas,
52 or telecommunications on a routine, regular, or recurring
53 basis by a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission
54 or any entity engaged in the generation, transmission, or
55 distribution of electric power, natural gas, or
56 telecommunications or any of their respective general



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57 contractors or subcontractors, provided the work is performed
58 under the supervision of a licensed architect or engineer.

59 (6) Routine or regular maintenance, repair,
60 replacement, reinstallation, or removal of equipment,
61 specialized technological processes, or equipment facility
62 systems as determined by the board with regard to scope,
63 frequency, and specialty of the work to be performed.

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

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

78 (9) Routine or regular maintenance, repair, or removal
79 of the following, as determined by the board with regard to
80 scope, frequency, and specialty of the work to be performed:

81 a. Existing security and access control systems.

82 b. Existing lighting and filter systems.

83 c. Existing plumbing, air conditioning, and electrical
84 systems.



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85 d. Existing paint on painted surfaces.

86 (10) Routine cleaning, waste disposal, and janitorial
87 services, including the cleaning, stripping, and waxing of
88 floors.

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

94 ~~(e)~~ (b) A subcontractor, as defined in Section
95 34-8-1(c), is subject to and shall comply with this chapter as
96 specified for a general contractor except as follows:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

121 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
122 1, 2026.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

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By: Senator Chambliss