



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
PLANNING, ZONING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

CONTRACTORS CERTIFICATION DIVISION

NOTICE: All contractors (County and State)

As you may be aware, during the 2021 legislative session the Florida Legislature approved [House Bill \(HB 735\)](#), which preempts local occupational licenses to the State, effective July 1, 2021. HB 735 provides such local jurisdictions will be prohibited from issuing certain occupational licenses, which includes but not limited to construction-related occupations, after July 1, 2023. Legislation also provides local jurisdictions having construction related licensing requirements prior to January 1, 2021, can continue to license affected construction-related occupations until July 1, 2023; however, a jurisdiction may not modify or add licensing requirements for any of its licenses.

The Palm Beach County Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) has been discussing the implementation and impact of this new law on local licenses at its regular meetings. At this point, the CILB has identified a number of local licenses in which scopes of work may be considered to be reduced or removed entirely in order to comply with the new law.

Attached please find a copy of HB 735 and a draft of an updated list of County licenses based on the effects of the new Law. The CILB has not made a final determination on the impact of HB 735 and instead will continue to address its impact at its CILB meeting on February 27, 2023. Once the CILB makes a final determination, all contractors (county and state) will be notified. Please be informed the CILB's role is restricted to implementing the new HB 735 law. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at (561) 233-5525.

CILB Meeting

Date: 2/27/23

Location: 2300 N. Jog Road, VC-1W-47, West Palm Beach Florida 33411

Time: 2 p.m.

Links:

[HB 735](#)

[Proposed Standard Changes](#)

Sincerely,

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