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The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, SPACE, AND
DOMESTIC SECURITY**

Senator Gibson, Chair
Senator Broxson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2018
TIME: 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Gibson, Chair; Senator Broxson, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Gainer, Simmons, Stargel, Taddeo, and Torres

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 700 Farmer	Strategic Fuel Reserve; Creating the Florida Strategic Fuel Reserve Task Force within the Division of Emergency Management to develop a recommended strategic fuel reserve for natural emergencies and major disasters; requiring the task force to submit a recommended plan to the Legislature, etc. MS 02/01/2018 Fav/CS GO RC	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 0
2	SB 1884 Broxson (Compare CS/H 29, H 699, H 949, CS/H 1047, CS/H 1073, H 1191, CS/S 1090, S 1198, CS/S 1292, S 1486, S 1566)	Military and Veterans Affairs; Providing requirements relating to licensure or qualification for a trade, occupation, or profession of persons ordered into active duty or state active duty; specifying conditions under which a spouse of a person serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces has a defense to a citation and cause of action brought due to the unlicensed practice of a health care profession; designating March 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day"; revising the list of students who must be given priority by the Florida Virtual School, etc. MS 02/01/2018 Favorable ATD AP	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
3	CS/SB 1598 Judiciary / Passidomo (Similar CS/H 1217)	Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation; Creating provisions entitled "Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act"; providing requirements for proceeding for custodial responsibility of a child of a servicemember; authorizing a court to grant caretaking authority or limited contact to a nonparent under certain conditions; providing for the termination of a grant of authority; authorizing a court to modify or terminate a temporary grant of custodial responsibility, etc. JU 01/25/2018 Fav/CS MS 02/01/2018 Favorable RC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

Other Related Meeting Documents

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
Thursday, February 1, 2018, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

BILL: CS/SB 700

INTRODUCER: Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee; and Senator Farmer and others

SUBJECT: Strategic Fuel Reserve

DATE: February 1, 2018 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Sanders	Ryon	MS	Fav/CS
2.	_____	_____	GO	_____
3.	_____	_____	RC	_____

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 700 creates the Florida Strategic Fuel Reserve Task Force (task force) within the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to develop a recommended strategic fuel reserve plan for the state to respond to private and public fuel needs in the event of an emergency or disaster. The FDEM must provide administrative and support services relating to the functions of the task force.

The Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives must each appoint three persons to sit on the nine member task force. The task force must elect a chair and vice chair and submit a recommended strategic fuel reserve plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by April 30, 2019. The task force terminates on June 30, 2019.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2018.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Division of Emergency Management

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) administers programs to rapidly apply all available aid to impacted communities stricken by emergency.¹ The FDEM is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive statewide program of emergency management to ensure that Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them, and mitigate against their impacts. In doing so, the FDEM coordinates efforts with and among the federal government, other state agencies, local governments, school boards, and private agencies that have a role in emergency management.² The FDEM is organized by functional area to include the bureaus of Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.

State Emergency Response Team

The State Emergency Response Team (SERT) serves as the primary operational mechanism through which state assistance to local governments is managed.³ To facilitate effective operations, the SERT is organized into 18 groups called Emergency Support Functions (ESF).⁴ Each ESF focuses on a specific mission area and is led by a representative from the state agency that best reflects the authorities, resources, and capabilities of the ESF.

Emergency Support Function 12 – Fuels

The purpose of ESF 12 (Fuels) is to promulgate the policies and procedures to be used by partner agencies in responding to and recovering from shortages and disruptions in the supply and delivery of transportation fuels, electricity, natural gas, and other forms of energy and fuels that, impact or threaten, significant numbers of citizens and visitors. The primary agencies providing leadership to ESF 12 are the Public Service Commission and the FDEM. Partner agencies in ESF 12 include, but are not limited to, the Florida Petroleum Council, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Department of Environmental Protection, and industry trade groups and associations.⁵

Operations in ESF 12 involve close coordination with private sector providers of energy and transportation fuels such as propane, fuel oil, diesel fuel, and gasoline. The FDEM is primarily responsible for monitoring and coordinating with private sector suppliers of such fuels to ensure that adequate supplies of other energy and transportation fuels are available and deliverable for normal community functioning.⁶ Energy planners from the FDEM Bureaus of Response and Preparedness work alongside ESF 12 prior to an emergency or disaster to develop and maintain

¹ Section 14.2016, F.S.

² Section 252.35(1), F.S.

³ FDEM, *The State of Florida 2016 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*, 5 (2016), <https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/importedpdfs/2016-state-cemp-complete-final-draft.pdf> (last visited Jan. 23, 2018).

⁴ Id.

⁵ FDEM, *The State of Florida 2014 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Appendix XII – Emergency Support Function 12 – Energy* (2014), https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/importedpdfs/2014-esf-12-appendix_finalized.pdf (last visited Jan. 29, 2018).

⁶ Id.

plans and procedures to ensure an adequate supply of fuels to support emergency response and recovery operations.⁷

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill creates the Florida Strategic Fuel Reserve Task Force (task force) within the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to develop a recommended strategic fuel reserve plan for the state to respond to private and public fuel needs in the event of an emergency or disaster, as defined in s. 252.34, F.S. The FDEM must provide administrative and support services relating to the functions of the task force.

The Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives must each appoint three persons to sit on the nine member task force. The task force must elect a chair and vice chair and submit a recommended strategic fuel reserve plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by April 30, 2019. The task force terminates on June 30, 2019.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2018.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

⁷ FDEM, *Natural Hazards*, <https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/preparedness/natural-hazards/> (last visited Jan. 29, 2018).

C. **Government Sector Impact:**

The bill directs the FDEM to provide administrative and support services relating to the functions of the Florida Strategic Fuel Reserve Task Force. According to the FDEM, the agency would incur an estimated \$569,000 in contractor and staff costs.⁸

VI. **Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

VII. **Related Issues:**

None.

VIII. **Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law.

Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security on February 1, 2018:

The CS provides that the recommended strategic fuel reserve plan must apply to any type of emergency or disaster, as defined in s. 252.34, F.S. The CS also requires that the final plan be submitted to the Governor, as well as the Legislature.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

⁸ FDEM, *Senate Bill 700 Agency Analysis* (Jan. 8, 2018) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).



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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Farmer) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. (1) The Florida Strategic Fuel Reserve Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created within the Division of Emergency Management within the Executive Office of the Governor to develop a recommended strategic fuel reserve plan for the state to respond to private and public fuel needs in the event of an emergency or disaster,



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11 as defined in s. 252.34, Florida Statutes.

12 (2) The division shall provide administrative and support
13 services relating to the functions of the task force.

14 (3) The task force shall consist of the following members:

15 (a) Three persons appointed by the President of the Senate.

16 (b) Three persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 (c) Three persons appointed by the Governor.

19 (4) The task force shall elect a chair and vice chair.

20 (5) The task force shall submit a recommended strategic
21 fuel reserve plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
22 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by April 30,
23 2019.

24 (6) This section expires on June 30, 2019.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Delete everything before the enacting clause
30 and insert:

31 A bill to be entitled

32 An act relating to a strategic fuel reserve; creating
33 the Florida Strategic Fuel Reserve Task Force within
34 the Division of Emergency Management to develop a
35 recommended strategic fuel reserve for an emergency or
36 disaster; requiring the division to provide
37 administrative and support services to the task force;
38 specifying the membership of the task force; requiring
39 the task force to elect a chair and a vice chair;



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40 requiring the task force to submit a recommended plan
41 to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an
42 expiration date; providing an effective date.

By Senator Farmer

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 4 the Division of Emergency Management to develop a
 5 recommended strategic fuel reserve for natural
 6 emergencies and major disasters; requiring the
 7 division to provide administrative and support
 8 services to the task force; specifying the membership
 9 of the task force; requiring the task force to elect a
 10 chair and a vice chair; requiring the task force to
 11 submit a recommended plan to the Legislature;
 12 providing an expiration date; providing an effective
 13 date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is
 19 created within the Division of Emergency Management within the
 20 Executive Office of the Governor to develop a recommended
 21 strategic fuel reserve plan for the state to respond to private
 22 and public fuel needs in the event of natural emergencies or
 23 major disasters, as specified in s. 252.34, Florida Statutes.

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 25 services relating to the functions of the task force.

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30 (c) Three persons appointed by the Governor.
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 33 fuel reserve plan to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
 34 of the House of Representatives by April 30, 2019.
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 36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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SENATOR GARY M. FARMER, JR.
34th District

December 7th, 2017

Chair Audrey Gibson
Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
Sent via email to Gibson.audrey.web@flsenate.gov

Chair Gibson,

I respectfully request that you place SB 700 relating to Strategic Fuel Reserve on the agenda of the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my office. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary M. Farmer, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Senator Gary Farmer
District 34

CC:

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The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

BILL: SB 1884

INTRODUCER: Senator Broxson

SUBJECT: Military and Veterans Affairs

DATE: January 31, 2018

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Ryon	Ryon	MS	Favorable
2.			ATD	
3.			AP	

I. Summary:

SB 1884 eases professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans, and their spouses, including:

- For the Department of Health (DOH) professional licensees, granting current DOH fee waivers for dentists, and providing an affirmative defense in certain unlicensed activity actions;
- For the Department of Business and Professional Regulation professional licensees, expanding license renewal fee waivers;
- For the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services professional licensees, expanding current initial licensing fee waivers and creating renewal fee waivers;
- For the Office of Financial Regulation mortgage loan originators and associated persons licensees, creating an initial licensing and renewal fee waiver;
- For the Department of Financial Services professional licensees, creating fingerprinting requirement waivers and expanding initial licensure fee waivers; and
- For the Department of Education (DOE) licensees, creating certain initial fee waivers, granting a temporary certificate in education, establishing a pathway for veteran officers for certification as a school principal.

The bill specifies that laws and rules regulating apprenticeships and approved apprenticeship agreements do not invalidate any special provisions for veterans, minority persons, or women concerning apprenticeship programs, and requires the DOE to lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities.

The bill allows Junior Reserve Officer Training instructors to participate in the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program.

The bill gives students who are children of an active duty member who is not stationed in this state, but whose home of record or state of legal residence is Florida, priority for attendance in the Florida Virtual School.

Lastly, the bill designates March 25 every year as “Medal of Honor Day” and allows classroom instruction related to the values of the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor to meet certain instructional requirements on character development and the contributions of veterans to our country.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2018.

II. Present Situation:

For ease of reference, the Present Situation for each section of SB 1884 is addressed in the Effect of Proposed Changes portion of this bill analysis.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Licensure Interruption for Active Duty Military Personnel

Present Situation:

There is no broad mandate that applies to all professional licenses that requires relevant military experience gained during a period of active duty service in the Florida National Guard or U.S. Armed Forces Reserves, which interrupted an applicant’s period of training for a professional license, to be considered during a licensure determination.

Some individual practice acts, such as the construction contracting practice act, require the licensing entity to consider such experience for licensure requirements.¹

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 of the bill creates s. 250.483, F.S., to require boards of examiners or other qualification boards regulated under general law to accept periods of training and practical experience in the Florida National Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves in place of the interrupted or delayed periods of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical experience if the board finds the standard and type of work or training performed in the Florida National Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves to be substantially the same as the standard and type required under Florida law. To be eligible for the above process, servicemembers must request the issuance under these provisions within six months after the release from active duty with the Florida National Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces.

¹ s. 489.1131, F.S.

Department of Health

Present Situation:

Licensure of Health Care Practitioners

The Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA), within the Department of Health (DOH), has general regulatory authority over health care practitioners in Florida.² The MQA works in conjunction with 22 boards and four councils to license and regulate seven types of health care facilities and more than 200 licenses in over 40 health care professions.³ Each profession is regulated by an individual practice act and by ch. 456, F.S., which provides general regulatory and licensure authority for the MQA.

Military Spouses

Florida offers expedited licensing and fee waivers to the spouse of a person serving on active duty⁴ with the U.S. Armed Forces⁵ who holds an active license to practice a health care profession in another state or jurisdiction.⁶ To qualify for expedited licensure and fee waivers, the military spouse must:⁷

- Submit a complete application;⁸
- Submit evidence of training or experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in this state for that health care profession and evidence that he or she has obtained a passing score on an appropriate licensing examination, if required for licensure in this state;
- Attest that he or she is not, at the time of submission, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the U.S. Department of Defense for a reason related to the practice of the profession for which he or she is applying;
- Have actively practiced the profession for which he or she is applying for the 3 years preceding the date of application; and
- Submits to a background screening, if required for the profession for which he or she is applying, and does not have any disqualifying offenses.

Under current law, military spouses who are dentists are not eligible for expedited licensing and fee waivers. No other health care profession is excluded.

² Pursuant to s. 456.001(4), F.S., health care practitioners are defined to include acupuncturists, physicians, physician assistants, chiropractors, podiatrists, naturopaths, dentists, dental hygienists, optometrists, nurses, nursing assistants, pharmacists, midwives, speech language pathologists, nursing home administrators, occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, dietitians, athletic trainers, orthotists, prosthetists, electrologists, massage therapists, clinical laboratory personnel, medical physicists, dispensers of optical devices or hearing aids, physical therapists, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and psychotherapists, among others.

³ Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, *Annual Report and Long-Range Plan, Fiscal Year 2016-2017*, 3, available at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/reports-and-publications/documents/annual-report-1617.pdf> (last visited Jan. 31, 2018).

⁴ Full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. 10 U.S.C. § 101(d)(1).

⁵ Includes the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. 10 U.S.C. § 101(a)(4).

⁶ s. 456.024(3), F.S. The application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee is waived for such applicants.

⁷ s. 456.024(3)(b), F.S.

⁸ DOH operates the Veterans Application for Licensure Online Response System (VALOR) to provide expedited licensing for active duty military members, honorably discharged veterans, and spouses of active duty military members with an active license in another state. See <http://www.flhealthsource.gov/valor> (last visited Jan. 31, 2018).

The regulatory boards (or DOH if there is no board), are also authorized to issue temporary licenses to the spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces to practice his or her health care profession in Florida.⁹ A temporary license is valid for one year and is not renewable.¹⁰ To be eligible for a temporary license, a military spouse must:¹¹

- Submit a completed application and application fee;¹²
- Provide proof that he or she is married to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces serving on active duty in this state pursuant to official military orders;
- Provide proof of a valid license from another state or jurisdiction to practice the health profession for which he or she is applying and that such license is not subject to any disciplinary proceeding;
- Provide proof that he or she would otherwise be entitled to full licensure and is eligible to take the respective licensure examination as required in this state; and
- Pass a criminal background screening.

A military spouse who holds a temporary license to practice dentistry must practice under the indirect supervision¹³ of a dentist who holds an active license to practice in this state.¹⁴ This requirement does not apply to any other profession.

Unlicensed Practice of a Health Care Profession

Florida law prohibits an individual from practicing a regulated health care profession without a license. An individual must meet minimum education and training requirements to become licensed and practice a health care profession.¹⁵ Licensure is available by examination or, in many instances, by endorsement if the practitioner is licensed in another jurisdiction.

An unlicensed individual providing healthcare services is subject to administrative and criminal penalties. DOH may issue a cease and desist letter to such a person and impose, by citation, an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 per offense.¹⁶ DOH may also seek a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each offense through the circuit court, in addition to or in lieu of the administrative penalty.¹⁷

An individual practicing, attempting to practice or offering to practice, a health care profession without an active, valid Florida license is subject to criminal penalties, in addition to any administrative and civil penalties incurred by the unlicensed individual.¹⁸

⁹ s. 456.024(4), F.S.

¹⁰ s. 456.024(4)(f), F.S.

¹¹ s. 456.024(4)(a)-(d), F.S.

¹² Pursuant to r. 64B-4.007, F.A.C., the application fee is \$65.

¹³ s. 466.003(9), F.S., defines indirect supervision as supervision whereby a Florida-licensed dentist authorizes the procedure and a Florida-licensed dentist is on the premises while the procedures are performed.

¹⁴ s. 456.024(4)(j), F.S.

¹⁵ s. 456.065(1), F.S.

¹⁶ s. 456.065, F.S. Each day that the unlicensed practice continues after issuance of a notice to cease and desist constitutes a separate offense.

¹⁷ s. 456.065(2)(c), F.S.

¹⁸ s. 456.065(2)(d), F.S.

Each state may craft regulatory authority to determine who may engage in a particular profession within that state. Such authority may establish the minimum requirements for practicing an occupation, as well as whether a license is required to practice an occupation. For example, not all states regulate the practice of dietetics; however, 38 states, including Florida, require licensure to practice dietetics.¹⁹ Similarly, some activities may be regulated under one profession on one state in a different profession in another state.

An individual licensed in another state who moves to Florida may find that the activities they legally engaged in under a license in that other state is governed by a different professional license in Florida, and continuing to engage in the activity in Florida would constitute unlicensed practice.

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 5 of the bill amends s. 456.024, F.S., to expand the expedited licensure application process to include the spouse of an active duty military member who holds an active license to practice dentistry in another state or jurisdiction and waives the application, licensure, and unlicensed activity fees.

The bill also repeals a provision that requires the spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces serving on active duty in this state who holds a temporary license to practice dentistry to practice under the supervision of a Florida-licensed dentist.

These provisions allow dentistry to be treated in the same manner as all other health professions for which a military spouse may pursue licensure in this state.

The bill also provides an affirmative defense to administrative, civil, and criminal causes of action for the unlicensed practice of a health care profession. The affirmative defense is available to a spouse of an individual serving on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces if:

- The spouse is licensed in another state or jurisdiction to provide health care services for which there is no equivalent in this state;
- The spouse is providing health care services within the scope of the out-of-state license; and
- The training or experience required for the out-of-state license is substantially similar to the licensure requirements for a similar health care profession in this state.

A person who successfully claims this affirmative defense would not be subject to any of the administrative, civil, and criminal penalties that exist for the unlicensed practice of a health profession.

¹⁹ Commission on Dietetic Registration, *Laws that Regulate Dietitians/Nutritionist*, available at <https://www.cdmet.org/vault/2459/web/files/Licensurelawsregulations.pdf> (last visited on Jan. 31, 2018).

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Present Situation:

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), through several divisions, regulates and licenses various businesses and professionals in Florida.²⁰

DBPR has authority over the following professional boards and programs:

- Board of Architecture and Interior Design,
- Board of Auctioneers,
- Barbers' Board,
- Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board,
- Construction Industry Licensing Board,
- Board of Cosmetology,
- Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board,
- Board of Employee Leasing Companies,
- Board of Landscape Architecture,
- Board of Pilot Commissioners,
- Board of Professional Geologists.
- Board of Veterinary Medicine,
- Home inspection services licensing program;
- Mold-related services licensing program,
- Florida Board of Professional Engineers.
- Board of Accountancy,
- Florida Real Estate Commission, and
- Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board.²¹

DBPR licenses and regulates each of the above professions in accordance with that profession's practice act. Generally, to act as a regulated professional, a person must hold an appropriate license. Applicants for licensure for each profession must meet specific statutory requirements, including education and/or experience requirements, and must pay all applicable licensing and application fees.²² Licensees who wish to renew their license must pay a license renewal fee²³ and may be subject to continuing education requirements²⁴ and other conditions in the various practice acts.

Fee Waivers for Military Members and Certain Spouses

Currently, the initial application fee is waived for any of the professional licenses listed above if the applicant is:

- A member, including a veteran, of the U.S. Armed Forces who has served on active duty,

²⁰ s. 20.165, F.S.

²¹ *Id.*

²² s. 455.201, F.S.

²³ s. 455.203, F.S.

²⁴ s. 455.2123, F.S.

- The spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who was married to the member during a period of active duty,
- The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who at the time of death was serving on active duty,²⁵
- Any honorably discharged military veteran for 60 months post discharge, or
- A spouse of such a veteran for 60 months post discharge.²⁶

Military servicemembers who hold a DBPR professional license prior to active duty service will be kept in “good standing” for the duration of the member’s active duty and for two years afterward. Keeping the license in “good standing” means that the member does not have to register, pay dues or fees, or perform any other act to prevent his or her license from becoming delinquent. Currently, this allowance only applies as long as the member does not practice his or her profession in the private sector for profit during his or her active duty and for two years thereafter.²⁷

An active duty member’s spouse or surviving spouse who holds a DBPR license will also have his or her license kept in good standing, but only if he or she is absent from the state related to the member’s active duty service. This allowance terminates at the end of the member’s active duty service. A spouse is not required to refrain from practicing their profession in the private sector for profit in order to keep their license in good standing.²⁸

Currently, renewal fee waivers do not apply to DBPR-licensed spouses or surviving spouses of active duty members who are present in Florida.

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 4 of the bill amends s. 455.02, F.S., to grant a license renewal fee waiver to a DBPR licensee who is:

- An active duty military servicemember, during active duty service and for the 2 years following active duty discharge, regardless if he or she is engaged in his or her DBPR licensed profession in the private sector for profit in this state. Such member must complete all other license renewal requirements if he or she is actively engaged in the profession.
- The spouse of an active duty military servicemember who is present in this state because of such member’s active duty; and
- A surviving spouse of a military servicemember, if such member was serving on active duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the surviving spouse's renewal due date.

²⁵ s. 455.219(7)(a), F.S.; and Form # DBPR MVL 002, incorporated by Rule 61-35.029, F.A.C.

²⁶ s. 455.213(12), F.S.; and Form # DBPR MVL 002, incorporated by Rule 61-35.029, F.A.C.

²⁷ s. 455.02(1), F.S.

²⁸ s. 455.02(2), F.S.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Present Situation

In addition to regulating agriculture in Florida, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) also protects consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices and provides consumer information.²⁹

DACS achieves this, in part, through licensing and registering various professionals, including:

- Professional Surveyors and Mappers (ch. 472, F.S.);
- Private Investigative, Private Security, and Repossession Services (ch. 493, F.S.);
- Health Studios (ch. 501, pt. I, F.S.);
- Telemarketing Services (ch. 501, pt. IV, F.S.);
- Intrastate Movers and Brokers (ch. 507, F.S.);
- Sellers of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (ch. 527, F.S.);
- Pawnbroking (ch. 539, F.S.);
- Motor Vehicle Repair Shops (ch. 559, pt. IX, F.S.); and
- Sellers of Travel (ch. 559, pt. XI, F.S.).

DACS licenses and regulates each of the above professionals in accordance with that profession's practice act. Generally, applicants for initial licensure and licensure renewal for each profession must meet specific statutory requirements and must pay all applicable fees.

Initial Application Fee Waivers

Currently, initial applicants for the abovementioned licenses and registrations receive an application fee waiver if the applicant is:

- An honorably discharged veteran who was discharged within 60 months of the application date,
- The spouse of such a veteran, or
- A business entity that is majority owned by such a veteran or spouse.³⁰

Applicants seeking this fee waiver must provide DACS with specific documentation proving appropriate military service, marriage, and/or business ownership.

Licensure Renewal Fee Waivers

Generally, active duty military servicemembers and their spouses and surviving spouses do not receive renewal fee allowances or waivers for the DACS professional licenses or registrations listed above. However, there are allowances made for such members and spouses who are licensed under the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers (BPSM).

Military servicemembers who hold a license from the BPSM prior to active duty service are kept in "good standing" for the duration of the member's active duty and for six months afterward.

²⁹ s. 20.14(2), F.S.

³⁰ ss. 472.015, 493.6105, 501.015, 501.605, 501.607, 507.03, 527.02, 539.001, 559.904, and 559.928, F.S.

Keeping the license in “good standing” means that the member does not have to register, pay dues or fees, or perform any other act to prevent the license from becoming delinquent. This allowance only applies as long as the member does not practice as a surveyor or mapper in the private sector for profit during their active duty and for two years thereafter.³¹

An active duty member’s spouse who holds a license from BPSM will also have his or her license kept in good standing, but only if he or she is absent from the state related to the member’s active duty service. This allowance terminates at the end of the member’s active duty service. A spouse is not required to refrain from practicing surveying and mapping in order to keep their licenses in good standing.³²

Currently, renewal fee waivers do not apply to BPSM-licensed spouses of active duty members who are present in Florida or for any surviving spouses of such members.

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Sections 6-10, 29-33, and 35-38 of the bill amend existing law to expand the current initial licensing fee waiver for all of the abovementioned DACS professions to:

- A surviving spouse of an honorably discharged veteran,
- A current member of the U.S. Armed Forces who has served on active duty,
- The spouse of such a member, and
- The surviving spouse of such a member if the member dies while serving on active duty.

The bill grants a renewal fee waiver for all of the abovementioned DACS professions to the following licensees or registrants:

- A current active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces;
- Such a member’s spouse;
- A current or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces who has served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal due date. A licensee who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal due date and is no longer a member of the U.S. Armed Forces must have received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge; and
- A surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces if such a member was serving on active duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the surviving spouse's renewal due date.

The bill also refines the process for renewal fee waivers for BPSM licensees by:

- Extending the time that an active duty member’s BPSM license remains in good standing after discharge from active duty from six months to two years; and
- Clarifying that if an active duty U.S. Armed Forces member wishes to engage in surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this state for the 2 years following active duty discharge, such member must complete all other license renewal requirements except remitting the license renewal fee.

³¹ s. 472.016(1), F.S.

³² s. 472.016(2), F.S.

In addition, the bill mandates that those seeking such initial or renewal fee waivers must apply in a format prescribed by DACS, including the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

The bill removes the initial fee waiver time limitation.

Office of Financial Regulation

Present Situation:

The Florida Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) regulates state-chartered depository and non-depository financial institutions and financial service companies. One of OFR's primary goals is to provide for and promote the safety and soundness of financial institutions while preserving the integrity of Florida's markets and financial service industries.³³

Mortgage Loan Originators

Under ch. 494, F.S., the Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) licenses and regulates the following individuals and businesses engaged in the mortgage business outside of a depository financial institution:

- Loan originator³⁴ – An individual who, directly or indirectly, solicits or offers to solicit a mortgage loan, accepts or offers to accept an application for a mortgage loan, negotiates or offers to negotiate the terms or conditions of a new or existing mortgage loan on behalf of a borrower or lender, or negotiates or offers to negotiate the sale of an existing mortgage loan to a noninstitutional investor for compensation or gain.
- Mortgage broker³⁵ – A person conducting loan originator activities through one or more licensed loan originators employed by the mortgage broker or as independent contractors to the mortgage broker.
- Mortgage lender³⁶ – A person making a mortgage loan or servicing a mortgage loan for others, or, for compensation or gain, directly or indirectly, selling or offering to sell a mortgage loan to a noninstitutional investor. A mortgage lender may act as a mortgage broker.³⁷

In order to obtain licensure as a mortgage loan originator under ch. 494, F.S., an individual must:³⁸

- Complete a 20-hour prelicensing class;
- Pass a written test (cost: \$110);³⁹
- Submit an application form;

³³ s. 655.001, F.S.

³⁴ s. 494.001(17), F.S.

³⁵ s. 494.001(22), F.S.

³⁶ s. 494.001(23), F.S.

³⁷ s. 494.0073, F.S.

³⁸ s. 494.00312, F.S.

³⁹ Nationwide Multistate Licensing System & Registry, *Uniform State Test (UST) Implementation Information*, <http://mortgage.nationwidelicencingsystem.org/profreq/testing/Pages/UniformStateTest.aspx> (last visited Jan. 31, 2018).

- Submit a nonrefundable application fee of \$195 plus a \$20 nonrefundable fee for the Mortgage Guaranty Trust Fund;
- Submit fingerprints, the cost of which is borne by the applicant; and
- Authorize access to his or her credit report, the cost of which is borne by the applicant.

A mortgage loan originator license must be renewed annually by December 31.⁴⁰ In order to renew such license, an individual must:

- Submit a renewal form and a nonrefundable renewal fee of \$150 plus a \$20 nonrefundable fee for the Mortgage Guaranty Trust Fund;⁴¹
- Provide documentation of completion of at least 8 hours of continuing education courses; and
- Authorize access to his or her credit report, the cost of which is borne by the licensee.⁴²

Associated Persons

In addition to federal securities laws, “Blue Sky Laws” are state laws designed to protect investors against fraudulent sales practices and activities by requiring companies making offerings of securities to register their offerings before they can be sold in that state and by requiring licensure for brokerage firms, their brokers, and investment adviser representatives.⁴³

In Florida, the OFR oversees the Securities and Investor Protection Act, ch. 517, F.S. (“the Act”), which regulates the offer and sale of securities in, to, or from Florida by firms, branch offices, and individuals affiliated with these firms.

The Act requires the following individuals or businesses to be registered with the OFR under s. 517.12, F.S., in order for such persons to sell or offer to sell any securities in or from offices in this state, or to sell securities to persons in this state from offices outside this state:⁴⁴

- “Dealers,” which include:⁴⁵
 - Any person, other than an associated person registered under ch. 517, F.S., who engages, either for all or part of her or his time, directly or indirectly, as broker or principal in the business of offering, buying, selling, or otherwise dealing or trading in securities issued by another person.
 - Any issuer who through persons directly compensated or controlled by the issuer engages, either for all or part of her or his time, directly or indirectly, in the business of offering or selling securities which are issued or are proposed to be issued by the issuer.
- “Investment advisers,” which include any person who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, and engages for all or part of her or his time, directly or indirectly, or through publications or writings, in the business of advising others as to the value of securities or as to the advisability of investments in, purchasing of, or selling of securities, except a dealer

⁴⁰ ss. 494.00312(7) and 494.00313(3), F.S.

⁴¹ s. 494.00313(1)(a)&(b), F.S.

⁴² s. 494.00313(1)(d), F.S.

⁴³ U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, *Blue Sky Laws*, <http://www.sec.gov/answers/bluesky.htm> (last visited Jan. 31, 2017).

⁴⁴ s. 517.12(1), F.S.

⁴⁵ s. 517.021(6)(a), F.S. The term “dealer”, as defined under Florida law, encompasses the definitions of “broker” and “dealer” under federal law.

whose performance of these services is solely incidental to the conduct of her or his business as a dealer and who receives no special compensation for such services.⁴⁶

- “Associated persons,” which include:⁴⁷
 - With respect to a dealer or investment adviser, any of the following:
 - Any partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a dealer or investment adviser or any person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions;
 - Any natural person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by such dealer or investment adviser, other than an employee whose function is only clerical or ministerial; or
 - Any natural person, other than a dealer, employed, appointed, or authorized by a dealer, investment adviser, or issuer to sell securities in any manner or act as an investment adviser as defined in this section.
 - With respect to a federal covered adviser, any person who is an investment adviser representative and who has a place of business in this state.

In order to register as an associated person of a securities dealer or an investment adviser, an individual must:

- Pay an assessment fee of \$50;⁴⁸
- File a written application;⁴⁹
- Submit fingerprints, the cost of which shall be borne by the applicant;⁵⁰
- Successfully pass oral or written examinations, unless such requirement is waived.⁵¹

The registration of an associated person expires December 31 of the year the registration became effective unless the registrant has renewed his or her registration on or before that date.⁵²

Registration may be renewed by furnishing such information as the Financial Services Commission may require by rule, together with payment of a \$50 assessment fee and the payment of any amount lawfully due and owing to the OFR pursuant to any order of the OFR or pursuant to any agreement with the OFR.⁵³ An associated person who has not renewed a registration by the time the current registration expires may request reinstatement of such registration by filing with the OFR, on or before January 31 of the year following the year of expiration, such information as may be required by the Financial Services Commission by rule, together with payment of a \$50 assessment fee and a \$50 late fee.⁵⁴ Any reinstatement of registration granted by the OFR during the month of January shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.⁵⁵

⁴⁶ s. 517.021(14)(a), F.S.

⁴⁷ s. 517.021(2)(a), F.S.

⁴⁸ s. 517.12(10), F.S.

⁴⁹ s. 517.12(6), F.S.

⁵⁰ s. 517.12(7), F.S.

⁵¹ s. 517.12(8), F.S.

⁵² s. 517.12(11), F.S.

⁵³ *Id.*

⁵⁴ *Id.*

⁵⁵ *Id.*

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Sections 11 and 34 of the bill amend ss. 494.00312 and 517.12, F.S., respectively, to require the OFR to waive the following fees:

- \$195 initial application fee and \$20 fee for the Mortgage Guaranty Trust Fund for a mortgage loan originator, or \$50 associated person initial assessment fee for an applicant who:
 - Is or was an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces. A former servicemember must have received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the military.
 - Is married to a current or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during any period of active duty.
 - Is the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the time of death.

Sections 12 and 34 of the bill amend 494.00313 and 517.12, F.S., respectively, to require the OFR to waive the following fees:

- \$150 renewal fee and \$20 fee for the Mortgage Guaranty Trust Fund for a mortgage loan originator, or \$50 assessment fee for an associated person renewing his or her registration who:
 - Is an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the spouse of such member;
 - Is or was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and served on active duty within the two years preceding the expiration date of the license. A former servicemember who served on active duty within the two years preceding the expiration date of the license must have received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the military;
 - Is the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the time of death and died within the two years preceding the surviving spouse's license expiration date.

An individual seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a form prescribed by rule of the Financial Services Commission, that the individual meets one of the above fee waiver qualifications.

Department of Financial Services***Present Situation:***

The Department of Financial Services (DFS) is the state agency responsible for regulation and licensure of professions related to insurance, fire safety, and funeral and cemetery services.⁵⁶ There are a number of allowances in statute for veterans and their spouses regarding many types of insurance licenses. However, there are no similar allowances in statute for other types of licenses regulated by DFS, such as bail bonds, fire safety, and funeral and cemetery services.

The existing allowances administered by DFS are:

- Waiver of application fees⁵⁷ – Application fees are waived for applicants seeking licensure as an agent, customer representative, adjuster, service representative, managing general agent,

⁵⁶ Chs. 497 (funeral and cemetery), 626 (insurance), 633 (fire), and 648 (bail bonds), F.S.

⁵⁷ s. 626.171(6), F.S.

or reinsurance intermediary for military members, recent military retirees (within 24 months of retirement), and their spouses.

- Temporary licensure⁵⁸ – A temporary general lines agent license may be issued to an employee, a family member, a business associate, or a personal representative of a licensed general lines agent for the purpose of continuing or winding up the business affairs of the agent or agency in the event the licensed agent has become unable to perform his or her duties because of military service.
- Exception to additional license examination requirement⁵⁹ – Reexamination of the agent is required if they have not received an appointment within 48 months of licensure. DFS may waive this requirement if the circumstance is due to military service (limited to circumstances where the veteran’s service did not exceed 3 years and the exception does not apply if 6 years have passed from their licensure date).
- Relief from continuing education requirements⁶⁰ – Licensees who are unable to comply with the continuing education requirements due to active duty in the military may submit a written request for a waiver to DFS.
- Licensing and appointment of a non-resident⁶¹ – A natural person, not a resident of this state, may be licensed and appointed to represent an authorized life insurer domiciled in this state or an authorized foreign life insurer which maintains a regional home office in this state, provided such person represents such insurer exclusively at a United States military installation located in a foreign country.
- Reappointment after military service⁶² – DFS may, without requiring a further written examination, issue an appointment as an adjuster to a formerly licensed and appointed adjuster of this state who held a current adjuster’s appointment at the time of entering service in the U.S. Armed Forces, subject to certain conditions (limited to circumstances where the veteran’s service did not exceed 3 years, the application and fee is filed within 12 months of honorable discharge, and the new appointment is of the same type and class).

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Funeral and Cemetery Services

Sections 13-28 of the bill amend ch. 497, F.S., to waive:

- Fingerprinting requirements for honorably discharged veterans for 24 months following discharge for all individually licensed funeral and cemetery services professions; and
- Initial application fees,⁶³ provisional licensing fees, and temporary licensing fees, where applicable, including the \$5 per license special unlicensed activity fee paid with each license, for a members of the U.S. Armed Forces (and their spouse) and honorably discharged veterans (within 24 months of discharge) for licensure as:

⁵⁸ s. 626.175(1)(b) and 626.9271(1), F.S.

⁵⁹ ss. 626.181(2) and 626.8427, F.S.

⁶⁰ s. 626.2815(2), F.S.

⁶¹ s. 626.322, F.S.

⁶² s. 626.871, F.S.

⁶³ Ch. 626, F.S. limits the amount of application fees. Such fees shall not exceed: \$200, each, for Embalmer, Temporary Embalmer, Embalmer Intern, Funeral Director, Temporary Funeral Director, Monument Establishment Sales Agent; \$500 for Preneed Sales and Direct Disposer; and \$300 for Preneed Sales Agent.

- Embalmer, including Temporary Embalmer, Embalmer Intern, and Embalmer Apprentice;
- Funeral Director, including Temporary Funeral Director and Funeral Director Intern;
- Preneed Sales, including Preneed Sales Agent;
- Brokers of Burial Rights;
- Direct Disposer; and
- Monument Establishment Sales Agent.

The bill also requires the Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services, as well as the DFS Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services, to recognize applicable military-issued credentials for purposes of licensure as an embalmer, funeral director, or direct disposer.⁶⁴

Insurance

Sections 39-54 of the bill amend ch. 626, F.S. to:

- Waive fingerprinting requirements for honorably discharged veterans for 24 months following discharge for all insurance profession licenses;
- Expand the waiver of application fees for insurance profession licenses. Currently the waiver applies to members of the U.S. Armed Forces (and their spouses) and veterans who have retired within 24 months before application. The bill replaces the term “retired” with the term “separated,” which allows veterans who have less than 20 years of military service to receive the allowance; and
- Eliminate pre-licensure course requirements for insurance profession licenses for honorably discharged veterans and their spouses.⁶⁵

Fire Prevention and Control

Sections 55-59 of the bill amends ch. 633, F.S., to waive fingerprinting requirements for honorably discharged veterans for 24 months following discharge for all firefighting and fire safety professions.

The bill allows DFS to extend the following periods related to license renewal or retention:

- The six-month grace period following license expiration where the licensee does not have to pass a new examination in order to reactivate the license. The certificate holder, licensee, or permit holder receiving the time extension must be an honorably discharged veteran or his or her spouse. The extension is limited to 12 months from discharge and is available if the length of service did not exceed three years and the licensee or permit holder is within six years of the date of issue or reissue. The penalty applicable to inoperative licenses or permits is also waived for these veterans and spouses; and
- The four-year period in which a holder of a Firefighter Certificate of Compliance must meet specified conditions to retain the certificate. The certificate holder receiving the extension of

⁶⁴ Military Occupational Code 92M, Mortuary Affairs Specialist, within the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, describes the following functions: performs or supervises duties relating to deceased personnel to include recovery, collection, evacuation, establishment of tentative identification, escort, and temporary burial. They also inventory, safeguard, and evacuate personal effects of deceased personnel. <http://army.com/info/mos/all> (last visited Jan. 31, 2018).

⁶⁵ Honorably discharged veterans and their spouses must also pass any required licensure exam.

time must be an honorably discharged veteran or his or her spouse. The extension is limited to 12 months from discharge and is available if the length of service did not exceed three years and the licensee or permit holder is within six years of the date of issue or reissue.

The bill waives all living and incidental expenses associated with the Florida State Fire College for all active duty military personnel (including their spouses or surviving spouses) and honorably discharged veterans (including their spouses).

Bail Bonds

Sections 60-61 of the bill amend ss. 648.34 and 648.355, F.S., respectively, to waive fingerprinting requirements for honorably discharged veterans who apply for a temporary or permanent bail bond agent license within 24 months following discharge.

Department of Education

Present Situation:

Medal of Honor Day

The Medal of Honor is the “highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. The Medal is generally presented to recipients by the President of the United States.”⁶⁶

Section 1003.42(2), F.S. establishes components of required instruction for public school students. Instructional staff must teach, among other things:

- A character-development program in kindergarten through grade 12; and
- In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that veterans have made in serving our country and protecting democratic values worldwide.

The law does not establish any particular grade level or courses in which instruction on these topics must be provided. However, DOE takes steps to ensure that the content is taught in public schools. The law also encourages the State Board of Education to “adopt standards and pursue assessment of the requirements” of subsection (2) of s. 1003.42, F.S.

Each district school board is required to develop or adopt a curriculum for the character-development program and submit it to the DOE for approval. The character-development curriculum must stress the qualities of patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty; charity; self-control; racial, ethnic and religious tolerance; and cooperation.⁶⁷ Further, instruction related to veterans should occur on or before Veteran’s day and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional staff are also encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans when practicable.⁶⁸

⁶⁶ Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, <http://themedalofhonor.com/cmoh-foundation/history> (last visited Jan. 31, 2018).

⁶⁷ s. 1003.42(2)(s), F.S.

⁶⁸ s. 1003.42(2)(t), F.S.

There are various resources available to educate students about the Medal of Honor and the significance it can play in character development programs.⁶⁹

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 62 the bill creates s. 683.147, F.S., to allow the Governor to issue a proclamation designating March 25th as “Medal of Honor Day” and encourages public officials, schools, private organizations, and all residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and honor any Floridian who while serving as a member of the Armed Services, distinguished himself or herself while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States.

Section 64 of the bill amends s. 1003.42, F.S., to state that a character development program that incorporates the values of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is offered as part of a social studies, English Language arts, or other school wide character building and veteran awareness initiative meets the instructional requirements related to character development and the sacrifices made by veterans.

Present Situation:

Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) was established by law to provide students in kindergarten through grade 12 with technology-based educational opportunities to gain knowledge and skills necessary to succeed.⁷⁰

Enrollment in FLVS is free for Florida residents, and non-residents may enroll but must pay tuition. Currently, there are children of military personnel who are not stationed in Florida but have a home of record or legal residence certificate stating their residence is in Florida. However, the law treats them as non-residents for purposes of FLVS enrollment, and the students must pay tuition to participate.

Currently, FLVS is required to give priority for enrollment to:

- Students who need expanded access to courses to meet their educational goals, such as home education students and students in inner-city and rural high schools that do not have access to higher level courses; and
- Students seeking accelerated access to obtain a high school diploma at least one semester early.⁷¹

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 63 of the bill amends s. 1002.37, F.S., to provide that students who are children of military personnel not stationed in Florida are considered Florida residents for purposes of FLVS enrollment if their home of record or state of legal residence certificate is Florida. This change

⁶⁹ Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, *History*, <http://themedalofhonor.com/character-development> (last visited Jan. 31, 2018).

⁷⁰ s. 1002.37(1), F.S.

⁷¹ s. 1012.37(1)(b), F.S.

will allow such students to enroll in FLVS without having to pay tuition. The bill also provides that such students must be given enrollment priority.

Present Situation:

Florida Teacher’s Classroom Supply Assistance Program

The Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program is a fund for classroom teachers employed by a public school district or a public charter school to purchase, on behalf of the school district or charter school, classroom materials and supplies for the public school students assigned to them.⁷² For purposes of the program, “classroom teacher” means a certified teacher employed by a public school district or a public charter school in that district on or before September 1 of each year whose full-time or job-share responsibility is the classroom instruction of students in prekindergarten through grade 12, including full-time media specialists and certified school counselors serving students in prekindergarten through grade 12, who are funded through the Florida Education Finance Program.⁷³

Instructors of junior reserve officer training (JROTC) may currently be ineligible for the program because they do not meet the definition of “classroom teacher.” This is because JROTC instructors are not required to hold an educator certificate.⁷⁴ For fiscal year 2017, the legislature appropriated \$45,286,750 for the Florida Teacher’s Classroom Supply Assistance program.

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 65 of the bill amends s. 1012.55, F.S., to allow JROTC instructors to be eligible to receive funding through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance program.

Present Situation:

Florida Educator Certification

In order for a person to serve as an educator in a traditional public school, charter school, virtual school, or other publicly operated school, the person must hold a certificate issued by the Florida Department of Education (DOE).⁷⁵ Persons seeking employment at a public school as a school supervisor, school principal, teacher, library media specialist, school counselor, athletic coach, or in another instructional capacity must be certified.⁷⁶ The purpose of certification is to require school-based personnel to “possess the credentials, knowledge, and skills necessary to allow the opportunity for a high-quality education in the public schools.”⁷⁷

The DOE issues three types of educator certificates:

- **Professional Certificate.** The professional certificate is Florida’s highest type of full-time educator certification. The professional certificate is valid for five years and is renewable.⁷⁸

⁷² ss. 1012.71, F.S. and 6(16), F.S.; ch. 2017-234, L.O.F.

⁷³ s. 1012.71(1) F.S.

⁷⁴ ss. 1012.71(1) F.S. and 1012.55(4) F.S.

⁷⁵ Sections 1012.55(1) and 1002.33(12)(f), F.S.

⁷⁶ Sections 1002.33(12)(f) (charter school teachers) and 1012.55(1), F.S.

⁷⁷ Section 1012.54, F.S.

⁷⁸ Section 1012.56(7)(a), F.S.

- **Temporary Certificate.** The temporary certificate covers employment in full-time positions for which educator certification is required. The temporary certificate is valid for three years and is nonrenewable.⁷⁹
- **Athletic Coaching Certificate.** The athletic coaching certificate covers full-time and part-time employment as a public school's athletic coach.⁸⁰

A person seeking an educator certificate must submit an application to the DOE and remit the required fee.⁸¹

To be eligible for an educator certificate, a person must:⁸²

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Sign an affidavit attesting that the applicant will uphold the U.S. and State Constitutions;
- Earn a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited institution of higher learning or from a non-accredited institution identified by the DOE as having a quality program resulting in a bachelor's or higher degree;
- Submit to fingerprinting and background screening and not have a criminal history that requires the applicant's disqualification from certification or employment;
- Be of good moral character; and
- Be competent and capable of performing the duties, functions, and responsibilities of a teacher.

An applicant seeking a professional certificate must:

- Meet the basic eligibility requirements for certification;⁸³
- Demonstrate mastery of general knowledge;⁸⁴
- Demonstrate mastery of subject area knowledge;⁸⁵ and
- Demonstrate mastery of professional preparation and education competence.⁸⁶

A three-year nonrenewable temporary certificate⁸⁷ may be issued to an applicant who does not qualify for the professional certificate, but meets the basic eligibility requirements for certification⁸⁸ and:

- Obtains full-time employment in a position that requires a Florida educator certificate by a school district or private school that has a professional education competence demonstration program;⁸⁹ and

⁷⁹ Section 1012.56(7), F.S.

⁸⁰ Section 1012.55(2), F.S.

⁸¹ Section 1012.56(1), F.S.

⁸² Section 1012.56(2)(a)-(f), F.S.

⁸³ Section 1012.56(2)(a)-(f), F.S.

⁸⁴ Section 1012.56(2)(g), F.S. See Florida Department of Education, *General Knowledge*, http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/mast_gen.asp (last visited Jan. 31, 2018).

⁸⁵ Section 1012.56(2)(h), F.S.

⁸⁶ Section 1012.56(2)(i), F.S.; Florida Department of Education, *Professional Preparation and Education Competence*, <http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/general-cert-requirements/professional-preparation-edu-competenc.html> (last visited Jan. 31, 2018).

⁸⁷ Section 1012.56 (7)(b), F.S.

⁸⁸ Section 1012.56(2)(a)-(f) and (7)(b), F.S.

⁸⁹ Section 1012.56(1)(b), F.S.

- Demonstrates mastery of subject area knowledge.⁹⁰

An educator who is employed under a temporary certificate must demonstrate mastery of general knowledge⁹¹ within one calendar year after employment in order to remain employed in a position that requires a certificate.⁹² The State Board of Education is required to adopt rules to allow the DOE to extend the validity period of a temporary certificate for two years when the requirements for the professional certificate, not including the mastery of general knowledge requirement, were not completed due to serious illness or injury of the applicant or other extenuating circumstances.⁹³

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 66 of the bill amends s. 1012.56, F.S., to require the State Board of Education to adopt rules to allow the DOE to extend the validity period of a temporary certificate for two years if the requirements for the professional certificate, not including the general knowledge requirement,⁹⁴ have not been fulfilled due to the military service of an applicant's spouse.

Present Situation:

Educational Leadership Certification

The law requires the State Board of Education to classify school services, designate certification subject areas, establish competencies for certification, and establish certification requirements for all school-based personnel.⁹⁵ In Florida, aspiring school administrators⁹⁶ must complete a state-approved school leader preparation program and attain certification as an educational leader.⁹⁷

The State Board of Education has established two classes of certification for school administrators – educational leadership and school principal. Certification in educational leadership qualifies an individual for any position falling under the classification “school administrator.”⁹⁸ Generally, a Level I program offered by a postsecondary institution leads to a master's or higher degree in educational leadership and prepares an individual for certification.⁹⁹ Such institutions may offer a modified program for individuals who already hold a master's or

⁹⁰ Section 1012.56(5), F.S.

⁹¹ Mastery of general knowledge may be demonstrated through several methods, including achieving a passing score on the Florida General Knowledge Test or achieving passing scores established in state board rule on national or international examinations that test comparable content and relevant standards in verbal, analytical writing, and quantitative reasoning skills (e.g., the verbal, analytical writing, and quantitative reasoning portions of the Graduate Record Examination). See s. 1012.56(3), F.S.

⁹² Section 1012.56(7), F.S.

⁹³ *Id.*

⁹⁴ s. 1015.56(2)(g), F.S.

⁹⁵ s. 1012.55(1)(b), F.S.

⁹⁶ School administrators include school principals, school directors, and assistant principals. See s. 1012.01(3)(c), F.S.

⁹⁷ See s. 1012.55(1)(b), F.S.; r. 6A-4.0081, F.A.C.

⁹⁸ See s. 1012.562, F.S.; r. 6A-4.0081, F.A.C.

⁹⁹ The individual must still earn a passing score on the Florida Educational Leadership Examination in order to be considered as a Level I program completer and earn the educational leadership certification. See rule 6A-5.081(2)(a)7., F.A.C.

higher degree. School district programs may only serve school district employees who already hold a master's or higher degree.¹⁰⁰

In order to advance to certification as a school principal, the individual must first hold an educational leadership certificate.¹⁰¹

There are two types of school leader preparation programs:

- Level I programs are offered by school districts and postsecondary institutions and lead to initial certification in educational leadership for the purpose of preparing individuals to serve as school administrators.
- Level II programs are offered by school districts, build upon Level I training, and lead to certification as a school principal.

To receive a Level II certification as a school principal, the individual must:

- Hold a valid professional certificate covering educational leadership, administration, or administration and supervision; and
- Document successful performance of the duties of the school principalship in a DOE approved district school principal certification program.¹⁰²

The State Board of Education must adopt rules to allow an individual who meets the following criteria to be eligible for a temporary certificate in educational leadership:¹⁰³

- Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational Leadership Examination;
- Documented three years of successful experience in an executive management or leadership position; and
- Documented receipt of a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher learning.

An individual operating under a temporary certificate must be under the mentorship of a state-certified school administrator during the term of the temporary certificate.¹⁰⁴

For an individual to qualify for admission to a Level II program, the individual must have obtained their certificate in educational leadership by completing a Level I school leadership preparation program, earned a highly effective or effective evaluation rating, and satisfactorily performed instructional leadership responsibilities as measured by the school district's evaluation system.¹⁰⁵ Currently there are 71 Level II school principal preparation programs in Florida; including 67 school districts, three lab schools, and Florida Virtual School.

¹⁰⁰ rr. 6A-5.081(1)(b)1.; 7; (c)1.; and 3.a., F.A.C. *But see* r. 6A-4.004(5)(c), F.A.C. (allowing an approved school district Level I program to admit a candidate without a master's or higher degree, provided that the candidate is notified that he or she is not eligible to complete the program without official documentation of the master's degree).

¹⁰¹ r. 6A-4.0083, F.A.C.

¹⁰² *Id.*

¹⁰³ s. 1012.55(1)(d), F.S. *See* r. 6A-4.004(5), F.A.C.

¹⁰⁴ *Id.*

¹⁰⁵ s.1012.562(3)(a), F.S.

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 65 of the bill amends s.1012.55, F.S., to create a pathway for veterans who have served either as commissioned officers or noncommissioned officers, to become school principals. The bill requires the DOE to issue a three-year temporary certificate in educational leadership to an individual whose application indicates that he or she:

- Has earned a passing score on the Florida Educational Leadership Examination;
- Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military officer in the U.S. Armed Forces for at least 3 years;
- Has been honorably discharged or has retired from the U.S. Armed forces; and
- Is presently employed fulltime in a position for which a Florida educators’ certificate is required in a Florida school (public or nonpublic) that has a DOE-approved Level II program.

The bill also requires that an approved Level II program must admit applicants who hold such a temporary certificate and requires the DOE to issue a permanent school principal certificate to an individual who holds the temporary certificate and successfully completes the Level II program.

Present Situation:

Educator Certification Fees

The State Board of Education must establish, by rule, fees for applications, examinations, certification, certification renewal, late renewal, record making, and recordkeeping.¹⁰⁶ Fees for taking the Florida Teacher Certification Examination for the first time are as follows:¹⁰⁷

FTCE Test	Fee
General Knowledge Test	\$130
Subject Area Test	\$200
Professional Education Test	\$150

The fee to apply for an initial educator certificate is \$75.¹⁰⁸

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 67 of the bill amends s. 1012.59, F.S., to require the State Board of Education to waive initial general knowledge, professional education, and subject area examination fees and certification fees for the following individuals:

- A member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who is serving or has served on active duty or the spouse of such a member;
- The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on active duty at the time of death; and

¹⁰⁶ s. 1012.59(1), F.S.

¹⁰⁷ r. 6A-4.0021(4), F.A.C.

¹⁰⁸ See r. 6A-4.0012(1)(a)1., F.A.C.

- An honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran.

Present Situation:

Apprenticeship Programs

The DOE is responsible for the development of the apprenticeship and preapprenticeship standards for trades and assisting district school boards and community college district boards of trustees in developing preapprenticeship programs.¹⁰⁹

An apprenticeship program is an organized course of instruction that is registered and approved by the DOE and must address all terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices.¹¹⁰ The length of an apprenticeship program varies from one to five years depending on the occupation's training requirements.¹¹¹

An apprenticeship may be offered only in occupations that:

- Are customarily learned in a practical way through a structured, systematic program of on-the-job, supervised training;
- Are commonly recognized throughout the industry or recognized with a positive view toward changing technology;
- Involve manual, mechanical, or technical skills and knowledge that require a minimum of 2,000 hours of work and training, excluding the time spent in related instruction;
- Require related instruction to supplement on-the-job training; and
- Involve the development of skills sufficiently broad to be applicable in like occupations throughout an industry, rather than skills that are of restricted application to the products or services of any one company.¹¹²

The following categories of occupations may not create an apprenticeship program: selling, retailing, or similar occupations in the distributive field; managerial occupations; and professional and scientific vocations for which entrance requirements customarily require an academic degree.¹¹³

To be eligible for an apprenticeship program, the person must be at least 16 years of age. Admission requirements relating to education, physical ability, work experience, and other criteria vary based on the program's training needs.

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Sections 2 and 3 of the bill amend ss. 446.041 and 446.081, F.S., respectively, to require the DOE to lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate veterans about apprenticeship and career

¹⁰⁹ s. 446.011(2), F.S.

¹¹⁰ s. 446.021(6), F.S.

¹¹¹ s. 446.021(6), F.S.; r. 6A-23.004, F.A.C.

¹¹² s. 446.092, F.S.

¹¹³ s. 446.092(6), F.S.

opportunities. The bill also specifies that laws and rules regulating apprenticeships and approved apprenticeship agreements do not invalidate any special provisions for veterans, minority persons, or women concerning apprenticeship programs.

Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 68 of the bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2018.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

The bill will reduce professional licensing fee revenues to the affected agencies, but the amount is indeterminate. Although the impact will depend on the number of individuals who take advantage of the new fee waivers, the agencies have provided a preliminary fiscal expectation.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The bill establishes new fee waivers and expands eligibility for existing fee waivers for a number of Florida professional licenses for military servicemembers, veterans, and their spouse or surviving spouse.

C. Government Sector Impact:

DACS estimates that the fiscal impact to the agency will be \$206,568 for fiscal year 2018-2019, \$216,896 for fiscal year 2019-2020, and \$227,741 for fiscal year 2020-2021. This is based on the expected percentage of potential and current licensees that will take advantage of the new fee waivers.¹¹⁴

OFR estimates that there will be an annual reduction of \$1,784,390 in licensing fees as a result of the fee waivers established in the bill. The agency estimated the impact by using

¹¹⁴ DACS, *Senate Bill 1884 Agency Analysis* (Jan. 29, 2018) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

the percentage of veterans in the adult population of Florida as the number of expected new license applications.¹¹⁵

All fees in connection with applying for or renewing an OFR-regulated license referenced in the bill are paid via the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or the Central Registration Depository. Because these are not state-managed systems, the systems will likely not be able to accommodate the fee waivers provided in the bill. The OFR states that the agency will need to manually receive, review and process reimbursements of the fees waived in the bill. The agency states that it will need an additional 8 full time employees, at an annual cost of \$338,732, to receive, review, and process reimbursements for licensure fees waived under the bill.¹¹⁶

DBPR indicated that a fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time, but noted that there are currently 440 licensees under DBPR that are identified as military personnel.¹¹⁷

DOH expects the agency to incur non-recurring cost for rulemaking, but the costs can be absorbed within the current budget authority.¹¹⁸

A fiscal impact from the DOE was not available as of the date of this analysis.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 446.041, 446.081, 455.02, 456.024, 472.015, 472.016, 493.6105, 493.6107, 493.6113, 494.00312, 494.00313, 497.140, 497.141, 497.142, 497.281, 497.368, 497.369, 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, 497.375, 497.393, 497.453, 497.466, 497.554, 497.602, 501.015, 501.605, 501.607, 501.609, 507.03, 517.12, 527.02, 539.001, 559.904, 559.928, 626.025, 626.171, 626.172, 626.202, 626.292, 626.321, 626.732, 626.7355, 626.7851, 626.8311, 626.8417, 626.8732, 626.8734, 626.927, 626.9272, 626.9912, 633.304, 633.332, 633.412, 633.414, 633.444, 648.34, 648.355, 1002.37, 1003.42, 1012.55, 1012.56, and 1012.59.

This bill creates the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 250.483 and 683.147

¹¹⁵ OFR, *Senate Bill 1884 Agency Analysis* (Jan. 19, 2018) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

¹¹⁶ *Id.*

¹¹⁷ DBPR, *Senate Bill 1884 Agency Analysis* (Jan. 18, 2018) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

¹¹⁸ DOH, *Senate Bill 1884 Agency Analysis* (Jan. 9, 2018) (on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security).

IX. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.



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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Broxson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 83.49,
Florida Statutes, to read:

83.49 Deposit money or advance rent; duty of landlord and
tenant.—

(10) If the tenant is a servicemember, a landlord may not
require payment of a security deposit or advance rent that



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11 exceeds, in the aggregate, the total sum of rent that would be
12 due in a 60-day period under the rental agreement.

13 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 83.682, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 83.682 Termination of rental agreement by a servicemember.-

16 (1) Any servicemember may terminate his or her rental
17 agreement by providing the landlord with a written notice of
18 termination to be effective on the date stated in the notice
19 that is at least 30 days after the landlord's receipt of the
20 notice if any of the following criteria are met:

21 (a) The servicemember is required, pursuant to a permanent
22 change of station orders, to move 35 miles or more from the
23 location of the rental premises;

24 (b) The servicemember is prematurely or involuntarily
25 discharged or released from active duty or state active duty;

26 (c) The servicemember is released from active duty or state
27 active duty after having leased the rental premises while on
28 active duty or state active duty status and the rental premises
29 is 35 miles or more from the servicemember's home of record
30 prior to entering active duty or state active duty;

31 (d) After entering into a rental agreement, the
32 servicemember receives military orders requiring him or her to
33 move into government quarters or the servicemember becomes
34 eligible to live in and opts to move into government quarters or
35 privatized military housing;

36 (e) The servicemember receives temporary duty orders,
37 temporary change of station orders, or state active duty orders
38 to an area 35 miles or more from the location of the rental
39 premises, provided such orders are for a period exceeding 60



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40 days; or

41 (f) The servicemember has leased the property, but prior to
42 taking possession of the rental premises, receives a change of
43 orders to an area that is 35 miles or more from the location of
44 the rental premises.

45 Section 3. Section 197.572, Florida Statutes, is amended to
46 read:

47 197.572 Easements for conservation purposes, prevention of
48 encroachment of military installations, or for public service
49 purposes or for drainage or ingress and egress survive tax sales
50 and deeds.—When any lands are sold for the nonpayment of taxes,
51 or any tax certificate is issued thereon by a governmental unit
52 or agency or pursuant to any tax lien foreclosure proceeding,
53 the title to the lands shall continue to be subject to any
54 easement for conservation purposes as provided in s. 704.06, for
55 the purpose of preventing the encroachment of military
56 installations as provided in s. 288.980(2), or for telephone,
57 telegraph, pipeline, power transmission, or other public service
58 purpose and shall continue to be subject to any easement for the
59 purposes of drainage or of ingress and egress to and from other
60 land. The easement and the rights of the owner of it shall
61 survive and be enforceable after the execution, delivery, and
62 recording of a tax deed, a master's deed, or a clerk's
63 certificate of title pursuant to foreclosure of a tax deed, tax
64 certificate, or tax lien, to the same extent as though the land
65 had been conveyed by voluntary deed. The easement must be
66 evidenced by written instrument recorded in the office of the
67 clerk of the circuit court in the county where such land is
68 located before the recording of such tax deed or master's deed,



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69 or, if not recorded, an easement for a public service purpose
70 must be evidenced by wires, poles, or other visible occupation,
71 an easement for drainage must be evidenced by a waterway, water
72 bed, or other visible occupation, and an easement for the
73 purpose of ingress and egress must be evidenced by a road or
74 other visible occupation to be entitled to the benefit of this
75 section; however, this shall apply only to tax deeds issued
76 after the effective date of this act.

77 Section 4. Section 250.483, Florida Statutes, is created to
78 read:

79 250.483 Active duty; licensure or qualification.-

80 (1) If a member of the Florida National Guard or the United
81 States Armed Forces Reserves seeking licensure or qualification
82 for a trade, occupation, or profession is ordered into state
83 active duty or into active duty as defined in this chapter, and
84 his or her period of training, study, apprenticeship, or
85 practical experience is interrupted or the start thereof is
86 delayed, he or she is entitled to licensure or qualification
87 under the laws covering his or her licensure or qualification at
88 the time of entrance into active duty pursuant to subsection
89 (2).

90 (2) A board of examiners or other qualification board
91 regulated under general law shall accept periods of training and
92 practical experience in the Florida National Guard or the United
93 States Armed Forces Reserves in place of the interrupted or
94 delayed periods of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical
95 experience if the board finds the standard and type of work or
96 training performed in the Florida National Guard or the United
97 States Armed Forces Reserves to be substantially the same as the



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98 standard and type required under the laws of this state.

99 (3) A member of the National Guard or the United States
100 Armed Forces Reserves must request licensure or qualification
101 pursuant to this section by the respective board of examiners or
102 other qualification board within 6 months after release from
103 active duty with the Florida National Guard or the United States
104 Armed Forces Reserves.

105 Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2), paragraphs (a),
106 (c), and (d) of subsection (3), and subsections (4), (5), (6),
107 and (8) of section 288.980, Florida Statutes, are amended to
108 read:

109 288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent; grants
110 program.—

111 (2)

112 (d) Funds appropriated to the Military Base Protection
113 Program ~~this program~~ may be used to address emergent needs
114 relating to mission sustainment, encroachment reduction or
115 prevention, and base retention. All funds appropriated for the
116 purposes of the ~~this~~ program are eligible to be used for
117 matching of federal funds. The Florida Defense Support Task
118 Force ~~department~~ shall coordinate and implement the ~~this~~
119 program.

120 (3) (a) The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~department~~ is
121 authorized to manage and award grants on a competitive basis
122 from any funds available to it to support activities related to
123 the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program and the Florida
124 Defense Infrastructure Grant Program.

125 (c) The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~department~~ shall
126 require that an applicant:



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127 1. Represent a local government with a military
128 installation or military installations that could be adversely
129 affected by federal actions.

130 2. Agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant awarded.

131 3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan of action
132 delineating how the eligible project will be administered and
133 accomplished.

134 4. Provide documentation describing the potential for
135 changes to the mission of a military installation located in the
136 applicant's community and the potential impacts such changes
137 will have on the applicant's community.

138 (d) In making grant awards the Florida Defense Support Task
139 Force ~~department~~ shall consider, at a minimum, the following
140 factors:

141 1. The relative value of the particular military
142 installation in terms of its importance to the local and state
143 economy relative to other military installations.

144 2. The potential job displacement within the local
145 community should the mission of the military installation be
146 changed.

147 3. The potential impact on industries and technologies
148 which service the military installation.

149 (4) The Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program is
150 established to respond to the need for this state to work in
151 conjunction with defense-dependent communities in developing and
152 implementing strategies and approaches that will help
153 communities support the missions of military installations, and
154 in developing and implementing alternative economic
155 diversification strategies to transition from a defense economy



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156 to a nondefense economy. Eligible applicants include defense-
157 dependent counties and cities, and local economic development
158 councils located within such communities. The program shall be
159 administered by the Florida Defense Support Task Force
160 ~~department~~ and grant awards may be provided to support
161 community-based activities that:

- 162 (a) Protect existing military installations;
- 163 (b) Diversify the economy of a defense-dependent community;

164 or

- 165 (c) Develop plans for the reuse of closed or realigned
166 military installations, including any plans necessary for
167 infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and
168 related marketing activities.

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170 Applications for grants under this subsection must include a
171 coordinated program of work or plan of action delineating how
172 the eligible project will be administered and accomplished,
173 which must include a plan for ensuring close cooperation between
174 civilian and military authorities in the conduct of the funded
175 activities and a plan for public involvement.

176 (5) The Defense Infrastructure Grant Program is created.
177 The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~department~~ shall
178 coordinate and implement this program, the purpose of which is
179 to support local infrastructure projects deemed to have a
180 positive impact on the military value of installations within
181 the state. Funds are to be used for projects that benefit both
182 the local community and the military installation.
183 Infrastructure projects to be funded under this program include,
184 but are not limited to, those related to encroachment,



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185 transportation and access, utilities, communications, housing,
186 environment, and security. Grant requests will be accepted only
187 from economic development applicants serving in the official
188 capacity of a governing board of a county, municipality, special
189 district, or state agency that will have the authority to
190 maintain the project upon completion. An applicant must
191 represent a community or county in which a military installation
192 is located. There is no limit as to the amount of any grant
193 awarded to an applicant. A match by the county or local
194 community may be required. The program may not be used to fund
195 on-base military construction projects. The department shall
196 enter into a contract with the task force ~~establish guidelines~~
197 to implement the purpose of this subsection.

198 (6) The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~department~~ may
199 award nonfederal matching funds specifically appropriated for
200 construction, maintenance, and analysis of a Florida defense
201 workforce database. Such funds will be used to create a registry
202 of worker skills that can be used to match the worker needs of
203 companies that are relocating to this state or to assist workers
204 in relocating to other areas within this state where similar or
205 related employment is available.

206 (8) The department shall enter into a contract with the
207 Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~establish guidelines~~ to
208 implement and carry out the purpose and intent of this section.

209 Section 6. Present subsections (6) and (7) of section
210 288.987, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and
211 (8), respectively, paragraph (d) of subsection (3) and
212 subsection (5) of that section are amended, and a new subsection
213 (6) is added to that section, to read:



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214 288.987 Florida Defense Support Task Force.—

215 (3) The task force shall be comprised of the Governor or
216 his or her designee, and 12 members appointed as follows:

217 (d) Appointed members must represent defense-related
218 industries or communities that host military bases and
219 installations. ~~All appointments must be made by August 1, 2011.~~
220 Members shall serve for a term of 4 years, ~~with the first term~~
221 ~~ending July 1, 2015.~~ However, if members of the Legislature are
222 appointed to the task force, those members shall serve until the
223 expiration of their legislative term and may be reappointed
224 once. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the
225 unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment.
226 All members of the council are eligible for reappointment. A
227 member who serves in the Legislature may participate in all task
228 force activities but may only vote on matters that are advisory.

229 (5) The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., executive
230 director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or
231 her designee, shall serve as the ex officio, nonvoting executive
232 director of the task force. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall
233 serve as the administrative agent of the task force and may
234 serve as the task force's representative; provide staffing,
235 administrative, and logistical support to the task force and its
236 mission; and enter into and execute contracts on behalf of the
237 task force.

238 (6) The chair of the Florida Defense Alliance as
239 established in s. 288.980(1)(b) shall serve as an ex officio,
240 nonvoting member of the task force and shall advise the task
241 force on issues affecting the defense community.

242 Section 7. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of



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243 section 295.187, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
244 (d), and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to
245 read:

246 295.187 Florida Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity
247 Act.—

248 (4) VENDOR PREFERENCE.—

249 (c) A state agency may set aside up to 10 percent of the
250 total funds allocated for the procurement of personal property
251 and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with
252 certified veteran business enterprises. Such contracts must be
253 competitively solicited among only certified veteran business
254 enterprises.

255 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
256 295.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

257 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

258 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

259 (c) Each member of the board of directors shall be
260 appointed for a term of 4 years, except that, to achieve
261 staggered terms, the initial appointees of the Governor shall
262 serve terms of 2 years. A member is eligible ~~ineligible~~ for
263 reappointment to the board ~~except that a member appointed to a~~
264 ~~term of 2 years or less may be reappointed for~~ one ~~an~~ additional
265 term of 4 years. ~~The initial appointments to the board must be~~
266 ~~made by July 15, 2014.~~ Vacancies on the board shall be filled in
267 the same manner as the original appointment. A vacancy that
268 occurs before the scheduled expiration of the term of the member
269 shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

270 Section 9. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of
271 section 295.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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272 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

273 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall
274 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program
275 and perform all of the following functions:

276 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist
277 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of businesses
278 seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve specialized
279 skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval of requests
280 for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this program.
281 Grant funds may be used only in the absence of available
282 veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may fund
283 specialized training specific to a particular business.

284 ~~1. Grant funds may be allocated to any training provider~~
285 ~~selected by the business, including a career center, a Florida~~
286 ~~College System institution, a state university, or an in-house~~
287 ~~training provider of the business.~~ If grant funds are used to
288 provide a technical certificate, a licensure, or a degree, funds
289 may be allocated only upon a review that includes, but is not
290 limited to, documentation of accreditation and licensure.
291 Instruction funded through the program terminates when
292 participants demonstrate competence at the level specified in
293 the request but may not exceed 12 ~~48~~ months. Preference shall be
294 given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.106,
295 and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,
296 or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.

297 ~~2. Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be~~
298 ~~documented and separated from those incurred by the training~~
299 ~~provider.~~ Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per
300 veteran trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire cost



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301 for all of the training provided before receiving reimbursement
302 from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the cost to train a
303 veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee. Eligible costs
304 and expenditures include:

305 a. Tuition and fees.

306 ~~b. Curriculum development.~~

307 ~~b.e.~~ Books and classroom materials.

308 ~~c.d.~~ Rental fees for facilities at public colleges and
309 universities, including virtual training labs.

310 ~~e. Overhead or indirect costs not to exceed 5 percent of~~
311 ~~the grant amount.~~

312 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to
313 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement
314 between the business requesting funds, ~~the educational~~
315 ~~institution or training provider receiving funding through the~~
316 ~~program,~~ and the corporation. Such agreement must include, but
317 need not be limited to:

318 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct the
319 instructional program, instructional program description, and
320 any vendors used to conduct the instructional program ~~the~~
321 ~~qualifications of such personnel, and the respective~~
322 ~~responsibilities of the parties for paying costs associated with~~
323 ~~the employment of such personnel.~~

324 ~~b. Identification of the match provided by the business,~~
325 ~~including cash and in-kind contributions, equal to at least 50~~
326 ~~percent of the total grant amount.~~

327 ~~b.e.~~ Identification of the estimated duration of the
328 instructional program.

329 ~~c.d.~~ Identification of all direct, training-related costs.



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330 ~~d.e.~~ Identification of special program requirements that
331 are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

332 ~~e.f.~~ Permission to access aggregate information specific to
333 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of
334 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify
335 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may
336 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

337 4. A business may receive a grant under the Quick-Response
338 Training Program created under s. 288.047 and a grant under this
339 section for the same veteran trainee. If a business receives
340 funds under both programs, one grant agreement may be entered
341 into with CareerSource Florida, Inc., as the grant
342 administrator.

343 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an
344 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which
345 connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to
346 become entrepreneurs.

347 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance
348 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one
349 or more public or private entities ~~universities~~ that:

350 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and the
351 commitment of ~~university~~ resources, including financial
352 resources, to such programs.

353 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with ~~military and~~
354 veteran entrepreneurs ~~resource center~~.

355 ~~e. Have a regional small business development center in the~~
356 ~~Florida Small Business Development Center Network.~~

357 ~~c.d.~~ As determined by the corporation, have been ~~nationally~~
358 recognized for their performance in assisting entrepreneurs to



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359 launch successful businesses in the state ~~commitment to the~~
360 ~~military and veterans.~~

361 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
362 including a focus on employment and business creation. ~~Each~~
363 ~~university must coordinate with any entrepreneurship center~~
364 ~~located at the university.~~ The entity ~~university~~ may also work
365 with a university or college ~~an entity~~ offering related programs
366 to refer veterans or to provide services. The entrepreneur
367 initiative program may include activities and assistance such as
368 peer-to-peer learning sessions, mentoring, technical assistance,
369 business roundtables, networking opportunities, support of
370 student organizations, speaker series, or other tools within a
371 virtual environment.

372 Section 10. Subsections (7) through (12) of section
373 446.041, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8)
374 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to
375 that section, to read:

376 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.-
377 The department shall:

378 (7) Lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate
379 veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities.

380 Section 11. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081,
381 Florida Statutes, to read:

382 446.081 Limitation.-

383 (4) Nothing in ss. 446.011-446.092 or in any rules adopted
384 or contained in any approved apprentice agreement under such
385 sections invalidates any special provision for veterans,
386 minority persons, or women in the standards, qualifications, or
387 operation of the apprenticeship program which is not otherwise



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388 prohibited by any applicable general law, rule, or regulation.

389 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 455.02,
390 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

391 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good
392 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with
393 administrative boards or programs.—

394 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
395 ~~United States~~ now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time
396 of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any of the
397 boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 and was entitled to
398 practice or engage in his or her profession or occupation
399 ~~vocation~~ in the state shall be kept in good standing by the
400 applicable board or program, without registering, paying dues or
401 fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be
402 performed, as long as he or she is a member of the United States
403 ~~Armed Forces of the United States~~ on active duty and for a
404 period of 2 years after discharge from active duty ~~as a member~~
405 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he or she is not~~
406 ~~engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the~~
407 ~~private sector for profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for
408 a period of 2 years after discharge from active duty, engaged in
409 his or her licensed profession or occupation in the private
410 sector for profit in this state must complete all license
411 renewal provisions except remitting the license renewal fee,
412 which shall be waived by the department.

413 (2) A spouse of a member of the ~~Armed Services of the~~
414 United States Armed Forces who is married to a member during a
415 period of active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at
416 the time of death was serving on active duty, who is in good



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417 standing with any of the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165
418 shall be kept in good standing by the applicable board or
419 program as described in subsection (1) and shall be exempt from
420 licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of his or her
421 absence from the state because of his or her spouse's duties
422 with the United States Armed Forces. The department or the
423 appropriate board or program shall waive any license renewal fee
424 for such spouse when he or she is present in this state because
425 of such member's active duty and for a surviving spouse of a
426 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
427 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

428 Section 13. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and
429 paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida
430 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
431 section, to read:

432 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
433 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

434 (3) (a) A person is eligible for licensure as a health care
435 practitioner in this state if he or she:

436 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in
437 the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve
438 Forces, or the National Guard;

439 2. Serves or has served on active duty with the United
440 States Armed Forces as a health care practitioner in the United
441 States Public Health Service; or

442 3. Is a health care practitioner, ~~other than a dentist,~~ in
443 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
444 territory of the United States and is the spouse of a person
445 serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces.



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The department shall develop an application form, and each board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or part IV of chapter 468.

(b) The board, or the department if there is no board, shall issue a license to practice in this state to a person who:

1. Submits a complete application.

2. If he or she is a member of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard, submits proof that he or she has received an honorable discharge within 6 months before, or will receive an honorable discharge within 6 months after, the date of submission of the application.

3.a. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States and who has not had disciplinary action taken against him or her in the 5 years preceding the date of submission of the application;

b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she submits to the department evidence of military training or experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate



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475 examination of a national or regional standards organization if
476 required for licensure in this state; or

477 c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the
478 United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in
479 a profession, ~~excluding dentistry,~~ for which licensure in
480 another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she
481 submits to the department evidence of training or experience
482 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
483 this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has
484 obtained a passing score on the appropriate examination of a
485 national or regional standards organization if required for
486 licensure in this state.

487 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission
488 of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in
489 a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the
490 United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the
491 practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.

492 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she is
493 applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of the
494 application.

495 6. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background screening
496 pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the profession for
497 which he or she is applying.

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499 The department shall verify information submitted by the
500 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
501 Data Bank.

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503 ~~(j) An applicant who is issued a temporary professional~~



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504 ~~license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must~~
505 ~~practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s.~~
506 ~~466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466.~~

507 (5) The spouse of a person serving on active duty with the
508 United States Armed Forces shall have a defense to any citation
509 and related cause of action brought under s. 456.065 if the
510 following conditions are met:

511 (a) The spouse holds an active, unencumbered license issued
512 by another state or jurisdiction to provide health care services
513 for which there is no equivalent license in this state.

514 (b) The spouse is providing health care services within the
515 scope of practice of the out-of-state license.

516 (c) The training or experience required by the out-of-state
517 license is substantially similar to the license requirements to
518 practice a similar health care profession in this state.

519 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
520 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

521 472.015 Licensure.—

522 (3)

523 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
524 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
525 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
526 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
527 on active duty or the spouse of such a member, the surviving
528 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died
529 while serving on active duty, or a business entity that has a
530 majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving
531 spouse if the department receives an application, in a format
532 prescribed by the department. The application format must



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533 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
534 supporting documentation, within 60 months after the date of the
535 veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed
536 Forces. To qualify for the waiver:7

537 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
538 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
539 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
540 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

541 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
542 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
543 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
544 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
545 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
546 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
547 veteran at the time of discharge; or

548 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
549 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
550 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
551 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
552 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
553 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
554 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
555 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
556 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

557 Section 15. Section 472.016, Florida Statutes, is amended
558 to read:

559 472.016 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with the
560 board.—

561 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~



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562 ~~United States~~ who is now or in the future on active duty and
563 who, at the time of becoming such a member of the United States
564 Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled
565 to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state
566 shall be kept in good standing by the board, without
567 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on
568 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a
569 member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on
570 active duty and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge
571 from active duty, ~~provided that he or she is not engaged in the~~
572 ~~practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for~~
573 ~~profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for a period of 2 years
574 after discharge from active duty, engaged in the practice of
575 surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this
576 state must complete all licensure renewal provisions except
577 remitting the license renewal fee, which shall be waived by the
578 department.

579 (2) The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of
580 members of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~
581 from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence
582 from the state because of their spouses' duties with the United
583 States Armed Forces. The department or the appropriate board or
584 program shall waive any license renewal fee for the spouse of a
585 member of the United States Armed Forces when such member is
586 present in this state because of the member's active duty with
587 the United States Armed Forces, and for the surviving spouse of
588 a member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
589 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

590 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida



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591 Statutes, is amended to read:

592 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

593 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
594 corporation, shall file with the department a complete
595 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
596 except that an the applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G"
597 license is not required to submit an application fee. An
598 application fee is not required for an applicant who qualifies
599 for the fee waiver in s. 493.6107(6). The application fee is not
600 refundable.

601 (a) The application submitted by any individual, partner,
602 or corporate officer must be approved by the department before
603 the individual, partner, or corporate officer assumes his or her
604 duties.

605 (b) Individuals who invest in the ownership of a licensed
606 agency but do not participate in, direct, or control the
607 operations of the agency are not required to file an
608 application.

609 ~~(c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined~~
610 ~~in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class~~
611 ~~"C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K,"~~
612 ~~Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI"~~
613 ~~license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of~~
614 ~~the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include~~
615 ~~a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States~~
616 ~~Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of~~
617 ~~identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'~~
618 ~~Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.~~

619 Section 17. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida



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620 Statutes, is amended to read:

621 493.6107 Fees.—

622 (6) The initial application license fee for a veteran, as
623 defined in s. 1.01, the spouse or surviving spouse of such
624 veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who has
625 served on active duty, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such
626 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
627 died within the 2 years preceding the initial application, shall
628 be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC,"
629 Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class
630 "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license in a format
631 prescribed by the department. The application format must
632 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
633 supporting documentation ~~Class "M" or Class "K" license within~~
634 ~~24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United~~
635 ~~States Armed Forces.~~ An eligible veteran must include a copy of
636 his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
637 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
638 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
639 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.
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641 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
642 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
643 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

644 Section 18. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6113,
645 Florida Statutes, to read:

646 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.—

647 (7) The department shall waive the respective fees for a
648 licensee who:



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649 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
650 Forces or the spouse of such member;

651 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
652 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
653 expiration date of the license. A licensee who is a former
654 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
655 duty within the 2 years preceding the application must have
656 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
657 from the United States Armed Forces; or

658 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
659 States Armed Forces who was serving on active duty at the time
660 of death and died within the 2 years preceding the expiration
661 date of the license.

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663 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
664 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
665 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

666 Section 19. Subsection (8) is added to section 494.00312,
667 Florida Statutes, to read:

668 494.00312 Loan originator license.—

669 (8) The office shall waive the fees required by paragraph
670 (2)(e) for an applicant who:

671 (a) Is or was an active duty member of the United States
672 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
673 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
674 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
675 from the United States Armed Forces;

676 (b) Is married to a current or former member of the United
677 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during



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678 any period of active duty; or

679 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
680 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
681 the time of death.

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683 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
684 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
685 of the qualifications in this subsection.

686 Section 20. Subsection (4) is added to section 494.00313,
687 Florida Statutes, to read:

688 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.-

689 (4) The office shall waive the fees required by paragraph
690 (1) (b) for a loan originator who:

691 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
692 Forces or the spouse of such member;

693 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
694 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
695 expiration date of the license pursuant to s. 494.00312(7). To
696 qualify for the fee waiver, a loan originator who is a former
697 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
698 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
699 license must have received an honorable discharge upon
700 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

701 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
702 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
703 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
704 surviving spouse's license expiration date pursuant to s.
705 494.00312(7).

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707 A loan originator seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in
708 a form prescribed by commission rule, that the loan originator
709 meets one of the qualifications in this subsection.

710 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
711 497.140, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

712 497.140 Fees.—

713 (6) (a) 1. The department shall impose, upon initial
714 licensure and each renewal thereof, a special unlicensed
715 activity fee of \$5 per licensee, in addition to all other fees
716 provided for in this chapter. Such fee shall be used by the
717 department to fund efforts to identify and combat unlicensed
718 activity which violates this chapter. Such fee shall be in
719 addition to all other fees collected from each licensee and
720 shall be deposited in a separate account of the Regulatory Trust
721 Fund; however, the department is not limited to the funds in
722 such an account for combating improper unlicensed activity in
723 violation of this chapter.

724 2. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
725 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
726 who separated from service within 2 years preceding the
727 application for licensure are exempt from the special unlicensed
728 activity fee associated with initial licensure. To qualify for
729 the fee exemption under this subparagraph, a licensee must
730 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
731 dependent identification card, military service record, military
732 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
733 document that indicates such member is currently in good
734 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

735 Section 22. Subsection (4) of section 497.141, Florida



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736 Statutes, is amended to read:

737 497.141 Licensing; general application procedures.—

738 (4) Before the issuance of any license, the department
739 shall collect such initial fee as specified by this chapter or,
740 where authorized, by rule of the board, unless an applicant is
741 exempted as specified by this chapter. Upon receipt of a
742 completed application and the appropriate fee, and certification
743 by the board that the applicant meets the applicable
744 requirements of law and rules, the department shall issue the
745 license applied for. However, an applicant who is not otherwise
746 qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely
747 based on a passing score on a required examination.

748 Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 497.281, Florida
749 Statutes, is amended to read:

750 497.281 Licensure of brokers of burial rights.—

751 (1) (a) No person shall receive compensation to act as a
752 third party to the sale or transfer of three or more burial
753 rights in a 12-month period unless the person pays a license fee
754 as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed \$250
755 and is licensed with the department as a burial rights broker in
756 accordance with this section.

757 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
758 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
759 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
760 application for licensure are exempt from the initial license
761 fee. To qualify for the initial license fee exemption, an
762 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
763 military dependent identification card, military service record,
764 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or



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765 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
766 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

767 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
768 (3) of section 497.368, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
769 497.368 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by examination;
770 provisional license.—

771 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an embalmer shall
772 apply to the licensing authority to take the licensure
773 examination. The licensing authority shall examine each
774 applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the
775 licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual per
776 applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of the
777 examination and who has:

778 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
779 nonrefundable application fee set by the licensing authority not
780 to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
781 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
782 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
783 application for licensure, are exempt from the application fee.
784 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
785 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
786 dependent identification card, military service record, military
787 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
788 document that indicates such member is currently in good
789 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

790 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
791 internship and has been approved for examination as an embalmer
792 may qualify for a provisional license to work in a licensed
793 funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of a



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794 licensed embalmer for a limited period of 6 months as provided
795 by rule of the licensing authority. The fee for provisional
796 licensure shall be set by rule of the licensing authority, but
797 may not exceed \$200, and shall be nonrefundable and in addition
798 to the fee required in subsection (1). This provisional license
799 may be renewed no more than one time. A member of the United
800 States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the
801 United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the
802 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
803 initial provisional licensure fee. To qualify for the initial
804 provisional licensure fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
805 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
806 identification card, military service record, military personnel
807 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
808 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
809 veteran was honorably discharged.

810 Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
811 (5) of section 497.369, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

812 497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by endorsement;
813 licensure of a temporary embalmer.—

814 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
815 endorsement to practice embalming to an applicant who has
816 remitted an examination fee set by rule of the licensing
817 authority not to exceed \$200 and who the licensing authority
818 certifies:

819 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
820 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
821 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
822 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United



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823 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
824 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
825 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
826 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
827 card, military dependent identification card, military service
828 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
829 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
830 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
831 discharged.

832 (5) (a) There may be adopted by the licensing authority
833 rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of
834 paragraphs (1) (b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to
835 take the examination required by subsection (4) to be licensed
836 as a temporary licensed embalmer. A temporary licensed embalmer
837 may work as an embalmer in a licensed funeral establishment
838 under the general supervision of a licensed embalmer. Such
839 temporary license shall expire 60 days after the date of the
840 next available examination required under subsection (4);
841 however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the
842 same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for issuance or
843 renewal of an embalmer temporary license shall be set by rule of
844 the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee
845 required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in
846 addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

847 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
848 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
849 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
850 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
851 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an



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852 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
853 military dependent identification card, military service record,
854 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
855 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
856 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

857 Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 497.370, Florida
858 Statutes, is amended to read:

859 497.370 Embalmers; licensure of an embalmer intern.—

860 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become an embalmer intern
861 shall make application to the licensing authority on forms
862 specified by rule, together with a nonrefundable fee determined
863 by rule of the licensing authority but not to exceed \$200.

864 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
865 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
866 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
867 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
868 To qualify for the application fee exemption under this
869 paragraph, an applicant must provide a copy of a military
870 identification card, military dependent identification card,
871 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
872 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
873 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
874 honorably discharged.

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876 The application shall indicate the name and address of the
877 licensed embalmer under whose supervision the intern will
878 receive training and the name of the licensed funeral
879 establishment or centralized embalming facility where such
880 training is to be conducted. The embalmer intern shall intern



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881 under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer who has an
882 active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.

883 Section 27. Section 497.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
884 to read:

885 497.371 Embalmers; establishment of embalmer apprentice
886 program.—

887 (1) The licensing authority adopts rules establishing an
888 embalmer apprentice program. An embalmer apprentice may perform
889 only those tasks, functions, and duties relating to embalming
890 which are performed under the direct supervision of an embalmer
891 who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.
892 An embalmer apprentice is eligible to serve in an apprentice
893 capacity for a period not to exceed 3 years as may be determined
894 by licensing authority rule or for a period not to exceed 5
895 years if the apprentice is enrolled in and attending a course in
896 mortuary science or funeral service education at any mortuary
897 college or funeral service education college or school. An
898 embalmer apprentice shall be issued a license upon payment of a
899 licensure fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not
900 to exceed \$200.

901 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
902 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
903 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
904 application for licensure are exempt from the licensure fee. To
905 qualify for the licensure fee exemption under this subsection,
906 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
907 card, military dependent identification card, military service
908 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
909 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is



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910 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
911 discharged.

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913 An applicant for the embalmer apprentice program may not be
914 issued a license unless the licensing authority determines that
915 the applicant is of good character and has not demonstrated a
916 history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or
917 professional matters.

918 Section 28. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
919 (3) of section 497.373, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

920 497.373 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
921 by examination; provisional license.—

922 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a funeral
923 director shall apply to the licensing authority to take the
924 licensure examination. The licensing authority shall examine
925 each applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule
926 of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual
927 per applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of
928 the examination and who the licensing authority certifies has:

929 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
930 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
931 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
932 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
933 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
934 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
935 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
936 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
937 card, military dependent identification card, military service
938 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge



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939 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
940 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
941 discharged.

942 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
943 internship and has been approved for examination as a funeral
944 director may qualify for a provisional license to work in a
945 licensed funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of
946 a licensed funeral director for 6 months as provided by rule of
947 the licensing authority. However, a provisional licensee may
948 work under the general supervision of a licensed funeral
949 director upon passage of the laws and rules examination required
950 under paragraph (2) (b). The fee for provisional licensure shall
951 be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed
952 \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable
953 and in addition to the fee required by subsection (1). This
954 provisional license may be renewed no more than one time. A
955 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
956 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
957 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
958 licensure are exempt from the initial provisional licensure fee.
959 To qualify for the initial provisional licensure fee exemption,
960 a licensee must provide a copy of a military identification
961 card, military dependent identification card, military service
962 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
963 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
964 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
965 discharged.

966 Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
967 (5) of section 497.374, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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968 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
969 by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.—

970 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
971 endorsement to practice funeral directing to an applicant who
972 has remitted a fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
973 exceed \$200 and who:

974 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
975 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
976 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
977 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
978 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
979 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
980 nonrefundable application fee. To qualify for the exemption, an
981 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
982 military dependent identification card, military service record,
983 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
984 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
985 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

986 (5) There may be adopted rules authorizing an applicant who
987 has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and who is
988 awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required by
989 subsection (4) to obtain a license as a temporary funeral
990 director. A licensed temporary funeral director may work as a
991 funeral director in a licensed funeral establishment under the
992 general supervision of a funeral director licensed under
993 subsection (1) or s. 497.373. Such license shall expire 60 days
994 after the date of the next available examination required under
995 subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed
996 one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee



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997 for initial issuance or renewal of a temporary license under
998 this subsection shall be set by rule of the licensing authority
999 but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection
1000 shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in
1001 subsection (1). A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
1002 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1003 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
1004 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
1005 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
1006 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
1007 military dependent identification card, military service record,
1008 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
1009 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
1010 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

1011 Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
1012 497.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013 497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director
1014 intern.-

1015 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director
1016 intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed
1017 by rule of the licensing authority, together with a
1018 nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
1019 exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
1020 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1021 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
1022 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
1023 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
1024 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1025 dependent identification card, military service record, military



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1026 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1027 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1028 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

1029 Section 31. Section 497.393, Florida Statutes, is created
1030 to read:

1031 497.393 Licensure; military-issued credentials for
1032 licensure.—The licensing authority shall recognize military-
1033 issued credentials relating to funeral and cemetery services for
1034 purposes of licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. A
1035 member of the United States Armed Forces and a veteran of the
1036 United States Armed Forces seeking licensure as a funeral
1037 director or embalmer under this section shall submit to the
1038 licensing authority a certification that the military-issued
1039 credential reflects knowledge, training, and experience
1040 substantially similar to the requirements of this chapter for
1041 licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. The licensing
1042 authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
1043 be used by persons seeking licensure under this section. The
1044 licensing authority may conduct an investigation and further
1045 inquiry of any person regarding any military-issued credential
1046 sought to be recognized.

1047 Section 32. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section
1048 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1049 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and
1050 criteria; renewal; reports.—

1051 (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

1052 (n) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
1053 fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed
1054 \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's



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1055 spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who
1056 separated from service within the 2 years preceding application
1057 for licensure are exempt from the application fee when applying
1058 as an individual. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
1059 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
1060 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1061 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1062 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1063 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
1064 discharged.

1065 Section 33. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
1066 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1067 497.466 Preneed sales agents, license required; application
1068 procedures and criteria; appointment of agents; responsibility
1069 of preneed licensee.—

1070 (2) PRENEED SALES AGENT LICENSE; APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

1071 (h) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
1072 fee of \$150 if made through the department's online licensing
1073 system or \$175 if made using paper forms. Payment of either fee
1074 shall entitle the applicant to one initial appointment without
1075 payment of further fees by the preneed sales agent or the
1076 appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales agent license is
1077 issued. The licensing authority may from time to time increase
1078 such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of the United States
1079 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
1080 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
1081 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
1082 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
1083 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification



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1084 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1085 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1086 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1087 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
1088 discharged.

1089 Section 34. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
1090 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1091 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.—

1092 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—Licensure as a monument
1093 establishment sales agent shall be by submission of an
1094 application for licensure to the department on a form prescribed
1095 by rule.

1096 (e) The monument establishment sales agent application
1097 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority
1098 may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but
1099 not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
1100 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
1101 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
1102 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
1103 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
1104 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1105 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1106 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1107 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1108 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

1109 Section 35. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) and subsection
1110 (4) of section 497.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1111 497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing
1112 procedures and criteria; regulation.—



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1113 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

1114 (i) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
1115 fee of \$300. The licensing authority may from time to time
1116 increase the fee by rule but not to exceed more than \$500. A
1117 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
1118 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
1119 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
1120 licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for
1121 the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy
1122 of a military identification card, military dependent
1123 identification card, military service record, military personnel
1124 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
1125 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
1126 veteran was honorably discharged.

1127 (4) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Upon approval of the application
1128 by the licensing authority, the license shall be issued. The
1129 licensing authority shall recognize military-issued credentials
1130 relating to funeral and cemetery services for purposes of
1131 licensure as a direct disposer. A member of the United States
1132 Armed Forces and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1133 seeking licensure as a direct disposer under this section shall
1134 submit to the licensing authority a certification that the
1135 military-issued credential reflects knowledge, training, and
1136 experience substantially similar to the requirements of this
1137 chapter for licensure as a direct disposer. The licensing
1138 authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
1139 be used by members and veterans of the United States Armed
1140 Forces seeking licensure under this section. The licensing
1141 authority may conduct investigation and further inquiry of any



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1142 person regarding any military-issued credential sought to be
1143 recognized.

1144 Section 36. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
1145 Statutes, is amended to read:

1146 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
1147 fees.—Each health studio shall:

1148 (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the
1149 department at the time of registration for each of the health
1150 studio's business locations.

1151 (a) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1152 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1153 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1154 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1155 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1156 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1157 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1158 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1159 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1160 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1161 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1162 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
1163 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1164 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:—

1165 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1166 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1167 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1168 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1169 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1170 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued



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1171 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1172 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1173 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1174 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1175 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1176 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1177 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1178 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1179 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1180 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1181 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1182 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1183 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1184 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1185 (b) The department shall waive the registration renewal fee
1186 for a registrant who:

1187 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1188 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1189 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1190 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1191 date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a
1192 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
1193 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
1194 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1195 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1196 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1197 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1198 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the date of
1199 renewal.



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1201 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1202 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1203 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1204 documentation.

1205 Section 37. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
1206 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1207 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and
1208 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

1209 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be
1210 verified and accompanied by:

1211 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
1212 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
1213 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
1214 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse
1215 or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
1216 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
1217 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
1218 United States Armed Forces if such member died while serving on
1219 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
1220 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
1221 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
1222 the department. The application format must include the
1223 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1224 documentation, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
1225 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
1226 qualify for the waiver:7

1227 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1228 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of



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1229 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1230 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1231 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1232 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1233 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1234 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1235 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1236 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1237 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1238 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1239 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1240 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1241 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1242 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1243 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1244 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1245 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1246 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1247 Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
1248 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1249 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—

1250 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be
1251 verified and be accompanied by:

1252 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
1253 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
1254 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
1255 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
1256 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall
1257 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged



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1258 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse or
1259 surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
1260 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
1261 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
1262 United States Armed Forces if the member died while serving on
1263 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
1264 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
1265 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
1266 the department. The application format must include the
1267 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1268 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
1269 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
1270 qualify for the waiver:7

1271 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1272 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1273 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1274 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1275 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1276 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1277 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1278 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1279 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1280 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1281 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1282 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1283 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1284 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1285 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1286 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as



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1287 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1288 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1289 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1290 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1291 Section 39. Subsection (5) is added to section 501.609,
1292 Florida Statutes, to read:

1293 501.609 License renewal.—

1294 (5) The department shall waive the annual fee to renew for
1295 a licensee who:

1296 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1297 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1298 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
1299 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1300 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a licensee who is a
1301 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
1302 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
1303 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1304 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1305 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1306 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1307 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1308 renewal.

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1310 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1311 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
1312 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1313 Section 40. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1314 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
1315 to that subsection, to read:



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1316 507.03 Registration.—

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1318 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1319 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1320 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1321 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1322 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1323 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1324 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1325 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1326 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1327 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1328 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1329 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
1330 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1331 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver: ~~7~~

1332 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1333 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1334 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1335 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1336 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1337 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1338 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1339 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1340 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1341 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1342 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1343 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1344 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran



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1345 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1346 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1347 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1348 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1349 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1350 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1351 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1352 (c) The department shall waive the biennial fee to renew
1353 for a registrant who:

1354 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1355 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1356 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1357 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1358 expiration date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who
1359 is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served
1360 on active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date
1361 of the registration must have received an honorable discharge
1362 upon separation or discharge from the United States Armed
1363 Forces; or

1364 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1365 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1366 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1368 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1369 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1370 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1371 documentation.

1372 Section 41. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 517.12,
1373 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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1374 517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons,
1375 intermediaries, and investment advisers.—

1376 (10) (a) An applicant for registration shall pay an
1377 assessment fee of \$200, in the case of a dealer or investment
1378 adviser, or \$50, in the case of an associated person. An
1379 associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the
1380 cost for the fingerprints to be processed by the office. Such
1381 fee shall be determined by rule of the commission. Such fees
1382 become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments
1383 provided for under s. 517.131(1) until such time as the
1384 Securities Guaranty Fund satisfies the statutory limits, and are
1385 not returnable in the event that registration is withdrawn or
1386 not granted.

1387 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1388 associated person required by paragraph (a) for an applicant
1389 who:

1390 1. Is or was an active duty member of the United States
1391 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
1392 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
1393 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
1394 from the United States Armed Forces;

1395 2. Is married to a current or former member of the United
1396 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
1397 any period of active duty; or

1398 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1399 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1400 time of death.

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1402 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a



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1403 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
1404 of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1405 (11) (a) If the office finds that the applicant is of good
1406 repute and character and has complied with the provisions of
1407 this chapter and the rules made pursuant hereto, it shall
1408 register the applicant. The registration of each dealer,
1409 investment adviser, and associated person expires on December 31
1410 of the year the registration became effective unless the
1411 registrant has renewed his or her registration on or before that
1412 date. Registration may be renewed by furnishing such information
1413 as the commission may require, together with payment of the fee
1414 required in paragraph (10) (a) subsection (10) for dealers,
1415 investment advisers, or associated persons and the payment of
1416 any amount lawfully due and owing to the office pursuant to any
1417 order of the office or pursuant to any agreement with the
1418 office. Any dealer, investment adviser, or associated person who
1419 has not renewed a registration by the time the current
1420 registration expires may request reinstatement of such
1421 registration by filing with the office, on or before January 31
1422 of the year following the year of expiration, such information
1423 as may be required by the commission, together with payment of
1424 the fee required in paragraph (10) (a) subsection (10) for
1425 dealers, investment advisers, or associated persons and a late
1426 fee equal to the amount of such fee. Any reinstatement of
1427 registration granted by the office during the month of January
1428 shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.

1429 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1430 associated person required by paragraph (10) (a) for a registrant
1431 renewing his or her registration who:



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1432 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1433 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1434 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1435 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1436 expiration date of the registration pursuant to paragraph (a).
1437 To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a former
1438 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
1439 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
1440 registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1441 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1442 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1443 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1444 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1445 surviving spouse's registration expiration date pursuant to
1446 paragraph (a).

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1448 A registrant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
1449 form prescribed by commission rule, that the registrant meets
1450 one of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1451 Section 42. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1452 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
1453 to that subsection, to read:

1454 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

1455 (3)

1456 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
1457 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1458 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1459 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1460 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving



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1461 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1462 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1463 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1464 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1465 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1466 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1467 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
1468 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
1469 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:r

1470 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1471 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1472 Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
1473 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1474 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1475 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1476 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1477 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1478 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1479 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1480 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1481 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1482 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1483 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1484 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1485 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1486 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1487 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1488 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1489 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.



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1490 (c) The department shall waive license renewal fees for a
1491 licensee who:

1492 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1493 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1494 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1495 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1496 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1497 licensee who is a former member of the United States Armed
1498 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1499 the annual renewal date must have received an honorable
1500 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States
1501 Armed Forces; or

1502 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1503 Armed Forces if such member was serving on active duty at the
1504 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1505 surviving spouse's renewal.

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1507 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1508 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
1509 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1510 Section 43. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
1511 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
1512 added to that subsection, to read:

1513 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

1514 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

1515 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
1516 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
1517 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
1518 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300



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1519 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
1520 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1521 States Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a
1522 veteran, a current member of the United States Armed Forces who
1523 has served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1524 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
1525 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1526 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1527 spouse or surviving spouse if the agency receives an
1528 application, in a format prescribed by the agency. The
1529 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1530 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
1531 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1532 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: 7

1533 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
1534 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1535 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1536 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1537 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1538 to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by
1539 the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable
1540 form of identification as specified by the Department of
1541 Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1542 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1543 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1544 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that
1545 a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran holds a
1546 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
1547 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,



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1548 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
1549 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
1550 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
1551 or surviving spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the
1552 veteran at the time of discharge.

1553 (g) The agency shall waive license renewal fee for a
1554 licensee who:

1555 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1556 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1557 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
1558 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1559 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
1560 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United
1561 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1562 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
1563 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1564 States Armed Forces; or

1565 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1566 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1567 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1569 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1570 by the agency, including the applicant's signature, under
1571 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1572 Section 44. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1573 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is
1574 added to that subsection, to read:

1575 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
1576 application; exemption.-



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1577 (3)
1578 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1579 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1580 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1581 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1582 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1583 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1584 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1585 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1586 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1587 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1588 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1589 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
1590 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1591 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
1592 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1593 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1594 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1595 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
1596 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1597 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1598 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1599 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1600 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1601 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1602 veteran at the time of discharge; or
1603 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1604 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1605 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the



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1606 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1607 of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
1608 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1609 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1610 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1611 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1612 (c) The department shall waive registration renewal fees
1613 for a registrant who:

1614 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1615 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1616 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1617 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1618 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1619 registrant who is a former member of the United States Armed
1620 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1621 the biennial renewal date must have received an honorable
1622 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States
1623 Armed Forces; or

1624 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1625 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1626 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1628 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1629 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1630 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1631 documentation.

1632 Section 45. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
1633 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
1634 added to that subsection, to read:



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1635 559.928 Registration.—

1636 (2)

1637 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1638 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1639 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1640 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1641 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1642 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1643 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1644 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1645 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1646 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1647 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1648 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
1649 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1650 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:7

1651 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1652 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1653 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1654 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1655 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1656 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1657 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1658 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1659 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1660 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1661 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1662 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1663 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran



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1664 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1665 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1666 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1667 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1668 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1669 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1670 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1671 (d) The department shall waive the registration renewal fee
1672 for a registrant who:

1673 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1674 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1675 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1676 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1677 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1678 registrant who is a former member of the United States Armed
1679 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1680 the annual registration renewal date must have received an
1681 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1682 States Armed Forces; or

1683 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1684 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1685 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1687 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1688 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1689 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1690 documentation.

1691 Section 46. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection
1692 (5) of section 570.71, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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1693 570.71 Conservation easements and agreements.—
1694 (3) Rural-lands-protection easements shall be a perpetual
1695 right or interest in agricultural land which is appropriate to
1696 retain such land in predominantly its current state and to
1697 prevent the subdivision and conversion of such land into other
1698 uses. This right or interest in property shall prohibit only the
1699 following:
1700 (a) Construction or placing of buildings, roads, billboards
1701 or other advertising, utilities, or structures, except those
1702 structures and unpaved roads necessary for the agricultural
1703 operations on the land or structures necessary for other
1704 activities allowed under the easement, and except for linear
1705 facilities described in s. 704.06(11).~~†~~
1706 (b) Subdivision of the property.~~†~~
1707 (c) Dumping or placing of trash, waste, or offensive
1708 materials.~~†~~~~and~~
1709 (d) Activities that affect the natural hydrology of the
1710 land or that detrimentally affect water conservation, erosion
1711 control, soil conservation, or fish or wildlife habitat, except
1712 those required for environmental restoration; federal, state, or
1713 local government regulatory programs; or best management
1714 practices.
1715 (e) Construction of structures or other activities that are
1716 incompatible with the mission of a military installation, when
1717 the land lies within an area identified as a clear zone or an
1718 accident potential zone or within Military Influence Planning
1719 Area 1 or 2 as established in the Joint Land Use Study of such
1720 installation.
1721 (5) Agricultural protection agreements shall be for terms



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1722 of 30 years and will provide payments to landowners having
1723 significant natural areas on their land. Public access and
1724 public recreational opportunities may be negotiated at the
1725 request of the landowner.

1726 (a) For the length of the agreement, the landowner shall
1727 agree to prohibit all of the following:

1728 1. Construction or placing of buildings, roads, billboards
1729 or other advertising, utilities, or structures, except those
1730 structures and unpaved roads necessary for the agricultural
1731 operations on the land or structures necessary for other
1732 activities allowed under the easement, and except for linear
1733 facilities described in s. 704.06(11).~~†~~

1734 2. Subdivision of the property.~~†~~

1735 3. Dumping or placing of trash, waste, or offensive
1736 materials.~~†~~~~and~~

1737 4. Activities that affect the natural hydrology of the
1738 land, or that detrimentally affect water conservation, erosion
1739 control, soil conservation, or fish or wildlife habitat.

1740 5. Construction of structures or other activities that are
1741 incompatible with the mission of a military installation, when
1742 the land lies within an area identified as a clear zone or an
1743 accident potential zone or within Military Influence Planning
1744 Area 1 or 2 as established in the Joint Land Use Study of such
1745 installation.

1746 Section 47. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida
1747 Statutes, is amended to read:

1748 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
1749 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
1750 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.-



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1751 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
1752 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
1753 separated from service ~~retired~~ within 24 months before
1754 application for licensure, are exempt from the application
1755 filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must
1756 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1757 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1758 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~
1759 ~~document,~~ or a separation document that indicates such members
1760 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing
1761 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

1762 Section 48. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida
1763 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
1764 (6) is added to that section, to read:

1765 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1766 instruction.—

1767 (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1768 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1769 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1770 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1771 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1772 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1773 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1774 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1775 discharged.

1776 Section 49. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended
1777 to read:

1778 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1779 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except



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1780 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified
1781 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the
1782 date the application for a license is filed with the department
1783 he or she has:

1784 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life
1785 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the
1786 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1787 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1788 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1789 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1790 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life
1791 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the
1792 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1793 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1794 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1795 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as Chartered
1796 Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College of
1797 Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLMI)
1798 from the Life Management Institute;

1799 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another
1800 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state
1801 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1802 the state; or

1803 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1804 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who
1805 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
1806 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1807 employment with the department or office.

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1809 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
1810 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
1811 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
1812 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1813 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1814 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1815 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1816 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1817 Section 50. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended
1818 to read:

1819 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1820 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,
1821 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be
1822 qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately
1823 preceding the date the application for license is filed with the
1824 department he or she has:

1825 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in health
1826 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
1827 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
1828 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
1829 engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida
1830 Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the
1831 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et
1832 seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by
1833 employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

1834 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1835 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health
1836 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
1837 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include



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1838 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
1839 engaging in the business of insurance;

1840 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a
1841 Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare
1842 Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant
1843 (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;
1844 Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton
1845 School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance
1846 Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;

1847 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another
1848 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state
1849 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1850 Florida; or

1851 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1852 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who
1853 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
1854 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1855 employment with the department or office.

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1857 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
1858 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
1859 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
1860 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1861 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1862 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1863 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1864 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1865 Section 51. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,
1866 Florida Statutes, to read:



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1867 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.-
1868 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1869 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1870 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1871 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1872 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1873 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1874 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1875 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1876 discharged.

1877 Section 52. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,
1878 Florida Statutes, to read:

1879 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.-

1880 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1881 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1882 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1883 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1884 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1885 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1886 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1887 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1888 discharged.

1889 Section 53. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended
1890 to read:

1891 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter
1892 certifications.-

1893 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his
1894 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she
1895 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter



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1896 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:

1897 (a) Be active as a firefighter.

1898 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor
1899 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year
1900 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,
1901 which proof must be registered in an electronic database
1902 designated by the division.

1903 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1904 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course
1905 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed
1906 by rule.

1907 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1908 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course
1909 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.

1910 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or
1911 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4
1912 years he or she must:

1913 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or

1914 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of
1915 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.

1916 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified
1917 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as
1918 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety
1919 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment
1920 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.

1921 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"
1922 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a
1923 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within
1924 a 4-year period.



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1925 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the
1926 certificate or separation from employment.

1927 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer
1928 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements
1929 of this section.

1930 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,
1931 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer
1932 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the
1933 following grounds exists:

1934 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could
1935 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to
1936 the division.

1937 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any
1938 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

1939 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate
1940 issued by the division.

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1942 The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be
1943 extended to 12 months after discharge from military service if
1944 the military service does not exceed 3 years, but in no event
1945 more than 6 years from the date of issue or renewal, if
1946 applicable, for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1947 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran. A qualified
1948 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1949 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1950 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1951 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1952 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1953 discharged.



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1954 Section 54. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,
1955 Florida Statutes, to read:

1956 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire
1957 College.—

1958 (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental
1959 expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire
1960 College for an active duty member of the United States Armed
1961 Forces, the spouse of such a member who was serving on active
1962 duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding
1963 the spouse attending the college, an honorably discharged
1964 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or
1965 surviving spouse of such a veteran. A qualified individual must
1966 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1967 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1968 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1969 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1970 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1971 Section 55. Section 683.147, Florida Statutes, is created
1972 to read:

1973 683.147 Medal of Honor Day.—

1974 (1) March 25 of each year is designated as "Medal of Honor
1975 Day."

1976 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation
1977 designating March 25 as Medal of Honor Day and calling upon
1978 public officials, schools, private organizations, and all
1979 residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and
1980 honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who
1981 distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and
1982 gallantry during wartime, and at considerable risk to their own



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1983 lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed
1984 Forces.

1985 Section 56. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1986 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1987 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

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1989 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to provide
1990 students with technology-based educational opportunities to gain
1991 the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The school shall
1992 serve any student in the state who meets the profile for success
1993 in this educational delivery context and shall give priority to:

1994 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order to
1995 meet their educational goals, such as home education students
1996 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not
1997 have access to higher-level courses.

1998 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain a
1999 high school diploma at least one semester early.

2000 3. Students who are children of an active duty member of
2001 the United States Armed Forces who is not stationed in this
2002 state whose home of record or state of legal residence is
2003 Florida.

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2005 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall
2006 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on
2007 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission
2008 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for
2009 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and
2010 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high
2011 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.



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2012 Section 57. Subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida
2013 Statutes, is amended to read:

2014 1003.42 Required instruction.—

2015 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
2016 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
2017 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
2018 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
2019 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
2020 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
2021 approved methods of instruction, the following:

2022 (a) The history and content of the Declaration of
2023 Independence, including national sovereignty, natural law, self-
2024 evident truth, equality of all persons, limited government,
2025 popular sovereignty, and inalienable rights of life, liberty,
2026 and property, and how they form the philosophical foundation of
2027 our government.

2028 (b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the
2029 provisions of the Constitution of the United States and
2030 amendments thereto, with emphasis on each of the 10 amendments
2031 that make up the Bill of Rights and how the constitution
2032 provides the structure of our government.

2033 (c) The arguments in support of adopting our republican
2034 form of government, as they are embodied in the most important
2035 of the Federalist Papers.

2036 (d) Flag education, including proper flag display and flag
2037 salute.

2038 (e) The elements of civil government, including the primary
2039 functions of and interrelationships between the Federal
2040 Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school



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2041 districts, and special districts.

2042 (f) The history of the United States, including the period
2043 of discovery, early colonies, the War for Independence, the
2044 Civil War, the expansion of the United States to its present
2045 boundaries, the world wars, and the civil rights movement to the
2046 present. American history shall be viewed as factual, not as
2047 constructed, shall be viewed as knowable, teachable, and
2048 testable, and shall be defined as the creation of a new nation
2049 based largely on the universal principles stated in the
2050 Declaration of Independence.

2051 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
2052 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
2053 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
2054 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
2055 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
2056 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an
2057 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
2058 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
2059 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
2060 democratic values and institutions.

2061 (h) The history of African Americans, including the history
2062 of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to
2063 the development of slavery, the passage to America, the
2064 enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of
2065 African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall
2066 include the contributions of African Americans to American
2067 society.

2068 (i) The elementary principles of agriculture.

2069 (j) The true effects of all alcoholic and intoxicating



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2070 liquors and beverages and narcotics upon the human body and
2071 mind.
2072 (k) Kindness to animals.
2073 (l) The history of the state.
2074 (m) The conservation of natural resources.
2075 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
2076 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
2077 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
2078 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
2079 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
2080 prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal
2081 health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and
2082 abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7
2083 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse
2084 component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition
2085 of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating
2086 violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy
2087 relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and
2088 abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating
2089 violence and abuse.
2090 (o) Such additional materials, subjects, courses, or fields
2091 in such grades as are prescribed by law or by rules of the State
2092 Board of Education and the district school board in fulfilling
2093 the requirements of law.
2094 (p) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United
2095 States.
2096 (q) The study of women's contributions to the United
2097 States.
2098 (r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the



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2099 United States economy.

2100 (s) A character-development program in the elementary
2101 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which
2102 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the
2103 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten
2104 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or
2105 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that
2106 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The
2107 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of
2108 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for
2109 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;
2110 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
2111 and cooperation. The character-development curriculum for grades
2112 9 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on
2113 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization
2114 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and
2115 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;
2116 conflict resolution, workplace ethics, and workplace law;
2117 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that
2118 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

2119 (t) In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that
2120 veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our
2121 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
2122 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,
2123 Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional
2124 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
2125 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

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2127 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards



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2128 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
2129 character development program that incorporates the values of
2130 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
2131 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
2132 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
2133 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

2134 Section 58. Subsection (4) of section 1012.55, Florida
2135 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection
2136 (1) of that section, to read:

2137 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

2138 (1)

2139 (e)1. The department shall issue a 3-year temporary
2140 certificate in educational leadership under s. 1012.56(7) to an
2141 individual who:

2142 a. Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational
2143 Leadership Examination.

2144 b. Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military
2145 officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years.

2146 c. Was honorably discharged or has retired from the United
2147 States Armed Forces.

2148 d. Is employed full time in a position for which an
2149 educator certificate is required in a Florida public school,
2150 state-supported school, or nonpublic school that has a Level II
2151 program under s. 1012.562.

2152 2. A Level II program under s. 1012.562 must accept an
2153 applicant who holds a temporary certificate under subparagraph

2154 1. The department shall issue a permanent certification as a
2155 school principal to an individual who holds a temporary
2156 certificate under subparagraph 1. and successfully completes the



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2157 Level II program.

2158 (4) A commissioned or noncommissioned military officer who
2159 is an instructor of junior reserve officer training shall be
2160 exempt from requirements for teacher certification, except for
2161 the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32, if he or she
2162 meets the following qualifications:

2163 (a) Is retired from active military duty, pursuant to
2164 chapter 102 of Title 10 U.S.C.

2165 (b) Satisfies criteria established by the appropriate
2166 military service for certification by the service as a junior
2167 reserve officer training instructor.

2168 (c) Has an exemplary military record.

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2170 If such instructor is assigned instructional duties other than
2171 junior reserve officer training, he or she shall hold the
2172 certificate required by law and rules of the state board for the
2173 type of service rendered. An instructor of junior reserve
2174 officer training under this subsection may receive funding
2175 through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program
2176 under s. 1012.71.

2177 Section 59. Subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida
2178 Statutes, is amended to read:

2179 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

2180 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

2181 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional
2182 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant
2183 who fulfills one of the following:

- 2184 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).
2185 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6 through



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2186 12:
2187 a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h).
2188 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of
2189 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.
2190 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the
2191 advanced degree.
2192 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the teacher's
2193 performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part on
2194 student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized
2195 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International
2196 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate
2197 examination.
2198 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional
2199 education competency examination required by state board rule.
2200 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h) and
2201 completes a professional preparation and education competence
2202 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8) (c).
2203 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly
2204 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation
2205 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing
2206 score on the professional education competency examination in
2207 order to be awarded a professional certificate.
2208 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to
2209 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in
2210 paragraphs (2) (a)-(f) and completes the subject area content
2211 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates
2212 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and
2213 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the
2214 Department of Education at the level required for the subject



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2215 area specialization in state board rule.

2216 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year
2217 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional
2218 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's
2219 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for
2220 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language
2221 impairment.

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2223 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years
2224 and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph
2225 (2) (g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of
2226 employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are
2227 employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time
2228 period may continue to be employed through the end of the school
2229 year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall
2230 not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a
2231 position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond
2232 this time period if the individual has not met the requirement
2233 of paragraph (2) (g). At least 1 year before an individual's
2234 temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall
2235 electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or
2236 her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by
2237 which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be
2238 completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
2239 allow the department to extend the validity period of a
2240 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the
2241 professional certificate, not including the requirement in
2242 paragraph (2) (g), were not completed due to the serious illness
2243 or injury of the applicant, the military service of an



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2244 applicant's spouse, or other extraordinary extenuating
2245 circumstances. The rules must authorize the department to extend
2246 the validity period of a temporary certificate ~~or~~ for 1 year if
2247 the ~~temporary~~ certificateholder is rated effective or highly
2248 effective based solely on a student learning growth formula
2249 approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s.
2250 1012.34(8). The department shall reissue the temporary
2251 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the
2252 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of
2253 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school
2254 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab
2255 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or
2256 the governing authority of a private school.

2257 Section 60. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.59,
2258 Florida Statutes, to read:

2259 1012.59 Certification fees.—

2260 (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial
2261 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area
2262 examination fees and certification fees for:

2263 (a) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a reserve
2264 component thereof who is serving or has served on active duty or
2265 the spouse of such a member.

2266 (b) The surviving spouse of a member of the United States
2267 Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on
2268 active duty at the time of death.

2269 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
2270 Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who
2271 served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such
2272 a veteran.



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Section 61. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to military and veterans affairs;
amending s. 83.49, F.S.; prohibiting a landlord from
requiring a prospective tenant who is a servicemember
to deposit or advance more than a certain amount of
funds; amending s. 83.682, F.S.; providing an
additional circumstance under which a servicemember
may terminate a rental agreement; amending s. 197.572,
F.S.; providing that the title to certain lands
remains subject to an easement to prevent encroachment
of military installations after a tax sale or the
issuance of a tax certificate in foreclosure
proceedings; creating s. 250.483, F.S.; providing
requirements relating to licensure or qualification of
persons ordered into active duty or state active duty;
amending s. 288.980, F.S.; requiring the Florida
Defense Support Task Force, rather than the Department
of Economic Opportunity, to administer specified
programs relating to military base retention; amending
s. 288.987, F.S.; removing obsolete language;
providing that the president of Enterprise Florida,
Inc., is the executive director of the Florida Defense
Support Task Force; providing that the chair of the



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2302 Florida Defense Alliance is an ex officio member of
2303 the task force; providing duties of Enterprise
2304 Florida, Inc., in connection with the task force;
2305 amending s. 295.187, F.S.; authorizing a state agency
2306 to set aside a certain amount of funds allocated for
2307 the procurement of personal property and services for
2308 contracts with certified veteran business enterprises;
2309 amending s. 295.21, F.S.; providing that a member of
2310 the board of directors for Florida is for Veterans,
2311 Inc., is eligible for reappointment under certain
2312 circumstances; amending s. 295.22, F.S.; revising
2313 provisions relating to receiving training grants from
2314 Florida is for Veterans, Inc.; amending s. 446.041,
2315 F.S.; providing duties of the Department of Education;
2316 amending s. 446.081, F.S.; providing construction;
2317 amending s. 455.02, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2318 Business and Professional Regulation to waive certain
2319 fees; amending s. 456.024, F.S.; revising licensure
2320 eligibility requirements; providing an exemption from
2321 certain penalties; amending ss. 472.015, 472.016,
2322 493.6105, 493.6107, and 493.6113, F.S.; requiring the
2323 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
2324 waive certain fees; amending ss. 494.00312 and
2325 494.00313, F.S.; requiring the Office of Financial
2326 Regulation to waive certain fees; amending s. 497.140,
2327 F.S.; providing an exemption from a certain fee;
2328 amending s. 497.141, F.S.; providing an exemption from
2329 a certain fee; amending ss. 497.281, 497.368, 497.369,
2330 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, and 497.375, F.S.;



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2331 providing exemptions from certain fees; creating s.
2332 497.393, F.S.; authorizing the licensing authority to
2333 recognize certain military-issued credentials for
2334 purposes of licensure; amending ss. 497.453, 497.466,
2335 and 497.554, F.S.; providing exemptions from certain
2336 fees; amending s. 497.602, F.S.; providing an
2337 exemption from an application fee; authorizing the
2338 licensing authority to recognize certain military-
2339 issued credentials for purposes of licensure; amending
2340 s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2341 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive a
2342 registration fee; amending ss. 501.605, 501.607,
2343 501.609, and 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2344 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
2345 fees for certain licensees; amending s. 517.12, F.S.;
2346 requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to waive
2347 certain fees; amending ss. 527.02 and 539.001, F.S.;
2348 waiving certain licensing fees; amending ss. 559.904
2349 and 559.928, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2350 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
2351 registration fees; amending s. 570.71, F.S.;
2352 prohibiting certain construction or activities that
2353 are incompatible with the mission of a military
2354 installation on certain land under a rural-lands-
2355 protection easement; amending s. 626.171, F.S.;
2356 revising fee waiver qualification requirements for
2357 certain applicants; amending ss. 626.732, 626.7851,
2358 626.8311, 626.8417, and 626.927, F.S.; revising
2359 prelicensure course requirements for certain



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2360 applicants; amending s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an
2361 extension for firefighter certification renewal for
2362 certain persons; amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring
2363 the Division of State Fire Marshal to waive certain
2364 expenses associated with attending the Florida State
2365 Fire College; creating s. 683.147, F.S.; designating
2366 March 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day";
2367 amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; revising the order of
2368 priority given to students seeking enrollment in the
2369 Florida Virtual School; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.;
2370 providing for a character development program that
2371 incorporates the values of the Congressional Medal of
2372 Honor; amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; requiring the State
2373 Board of Education to issue a temporary certificate in
2374 educational leadership to certain persons; revising
2375 certain exemptions from requirements for teacher
2376 certification for certain individuals; amending s.
2377 1012.56, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education
2378 to adopt certain rules; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.;
2379 requiring the State Board of Education to waive
2380 certain fees; providing an effective date.

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to military and veterans affairs;
 3 creating s. 250.483, F.S.; providing requirements
 4 relating to licensure or qualification for a trade,
 5 occupation, or profession of persons ordered into
 6 active duty or state active duty; amending s. 446.041,
 7 F.S.; providing duties of the Department of Education
 8 with respect to veteran outreach efforts; amending s.
 9 446.081, F.S.; providing construction; amending s.
 10 455.02, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and
 11 Professional Regulation to waive certain fees for
 12 certain individuals; amending s. 456.024, F.S.;
 13 revising licensure eligibility requirements;
 14 specifying conditions under which a spouse of a person
 15 serving on active duty in the United States Armed
 16 Forces has a defense to a citation and cause of action
 17 brought due to the unlicensed practice of a health
 18 care profession; amending ss. 472.015, 472.016,
 19 493.6105, 493.6107, and 493.6113, F.S.; requiring the
 20 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
 21 waive certain fees under specified circumstances;
 22 revising formats for certain applications; amending
 23 ss. 494.00312 and 494.00313, F.S.; requiring the
 24 Office of Financial Regulation to waive certain fees
 25 for loan originator licensure; amending s. 497.140,
 26 F.S.; providing an exemption from the special
 27 unlicensed activity fee; amending s. 497.141, F.S.;
 28 conforming a provision to changes made by the act;
 29 amending s. 497.142, F.S.; requiring the licensing

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30 authority to waive fingerprinting requirements for
 31 certain individuals seeking licensure under ch. 497,
 32 F.S.; amending ss. 497.281, 497.368, 497.369, 497.370,
 33 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, and 497.375, F.S.;
 34 providing exemptions from certain fees; creating s.
 35 497.393, F.S.; authorizing the licensing authority to
 36 recognize certain military-issued credentials for
 37 purposes of licensure; amending ss. 497.453, 497.466,
 38 and 497.554, F.S.; providing exemptions from certain
 39 fees; amending s. 497.602, F.S.; providing an
 40 exemption from an application fee for direct
 41 disposers; authorizing the licensing authority to
 42 recognize certain military-issued credentials for
 43 purposes of licensure; amending s. 501.015, F.S.;
 44 requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
 45 Services to waive certain fees for specified health
 46 studios; prescribing the format of the waiver
 47 application; amending ss. 501.605, 501.607, 501.609,
 48 and 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of
 49 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
 50 fees for certain licensees; prescribing the format of
 51 the waiver application; amending s. 517.12, F.S.;
 52 requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to waive
 53 certain fees for certain individuals; amending ss.
 54 527.02 and 539.001, F.S.; requiring the Department of
 55 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
 56 licensing fees regarding licensure for the sale of
 57 liquefied petroleum gas and pawnbroking, respectively,
 58 for certain individuals; amending ss. 559.904 and

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59 559.928, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture
60 and Consumer Services to waive certain registration
61 fees for motor vehicle repair shops and sellers of
62 travel, respectively, under certain circumstances;
63 amending ss. 626.025, 626.171, 626.172, 626.202,
64 626.292, and 626.321, F.S.; requiring the Department
65 of Financial Services to waive certain fingerprinting
66 requirements for certain individuals; amending ss.
67 626.732, 626.7355, 626.7851, 626.8311, and 626.8417,
68 F.S.; revising prelicensure course requirements for
69 certain applicants; amending ss. 626.8732 and
70 626.8734, F.S.; requiring the Department of Financial
71 Services to waive certain fingerprinting requirements
72 for certain applicants; amending ss. 626.927 and
73 626.9272; providing that prelicensure course
74 requirements do not apply to certain applicants;
75 amending s. 626.9912, F.S.; requiring the department
76 to waive certain fingerprinting requirements for
77 certain applicants for a viatical settlement provider
78 license; amending ss. 633.304 and 633.332, F.S.;
79 authorizing the Division of State Fire Marshal to
80 extend the period within which reexamination for
81 certain certifications is not required for certain
82 persons; amending s. 633.412, F.S.; requiring the
83 Department of Financial Services to waive
84 fingerprinting requirements for certain persons;
85 amending s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an extension
86 for firefighter certification renewal for certain
87 persons; amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring the

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89 expenses associated with attending the Florida State
90 Fire College for certain individuals; amending ss.
91 648.34 and 648.355, F.S.; requiring the Department of
92 Financial Services to waive certain fingerprinting
93 requirements for certain applicants; creating s.
94 683.147, F.S.; designating March 25 of each year as
95 "Medal of Honor Day"; authorizing the Governor to
96 issue a proclamation in recognizing such observance;
97 amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; revising the list of
98 students who must be given priority by the Florida
99 Virtual School; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing
100 for a character development program that incorporates
101 the values of recipients of the Congressional Medal of
102 Honor; amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; requiring the
103 Department of Education to issue a temporary
104 certificate in educational leadership to certain
105 persons; revising certain exemptions from requirements
106 for teacher certification for certain individuals;
107 authorizing instructors of junior reserve officer
108 training to receive funding through the Florida
109 Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program; amending
110 s. 1012.56, F.S.; requiring the State Board of
111 Education to adopt certain rules; amending s. 1012.59,
112 F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to waive
113 certain certification fees for certain individuals;
114 providing an effective date.

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116 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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118 Section 1. Section 250.483, Florida Statutes, is created to
119 read:

120 250.483 Active duty; licensure or qualification.-

121 (1) If a member of the Florida National Guard or the United
122 States Armed Forces Reserves seeking licensure or qualification
123 for a trade, occupation, or profession is ordered into state
124 active duty or active duty as defined in this chapter, and his
125 or her period of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical
126 experience is interrupted or the start thereof is delayed, he or
127 she is entitled to licensure or qualification under the laws
128 covering his or her licensure or qualification at the time of
129 entrance into active duty pursuant to subsection (2).

130 (2) A board of examiners or other qualification board
131 regulated under general law shall accept periods of training and
132 practical experience in the Florida National Guard or the United
133 States Armed Forces Reserves in place of the interrupted or
134 delayed periods of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical
135 experience if the board finds the standard and type of work or
136 training performed in the Florida National Guard or the United
137 States Armed Forces Reserves to be substantially the same as the
138 standard and type required under the laws of this state.

139 (3) A member of the National Guard or the United States
140 Armed Forces Reserves must request licensure or qualification
141 pursuant to this section by the respective board of examiners or
142 other qualification board within 6 months after release from
143 active duty with the Florida National Guard or the United States
144 Armed Forces Reserves.

145 Section 2. Present subsections (7) through (12) of section

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146 446.041, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8)
147 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to
148 that section, to read:

149 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.-
150 The department shall:

151 (7) Lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate
152 veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities.

153 Section 3. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081,
154 Florida Statutes, to read:

155 446.081 Limitation.-

156 (4) Nothing in ss. 446.011-446.092 or in any rules adopted
157 or contained in any approved apprentice agreement under such
158 sections invalidates any special provision for veterans,
159 minority persons, or women in the standards, qualifications, or
160 operation of the apprenticeship program which is not otherwise
161 prohibited by any applicable general law, rule, or regulation.

162 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 455.02,
163 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

164 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good
165 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with
166 administrative boards or programs.-

167 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
168 ~~United States~~ now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time
169 of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any of the
170 boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 and was entitled to
171 practice or engage in his or her profession or occupation
172 ~~ocation~~ in the state shall be kept in good standing by the
173 applicable board or program, without registering, paying dues or
174 fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be

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 175 performed, as long as he or she is a member of the United States
 176 ~~Armed Forces of the United States~~ on active duty and for a
 177 period of 2 years after discharge from active duty ~~as a member~~
 178 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he or she is not~~
 179 ~~engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the~~
 180 ~~private sector for profit. A member, during active duty and for~~
 181 a period of 2 years after discharge from active duty, engaged in
 182 his or her licensed profession or occupation in the private
 183 sector for profit in this state must complete all license
 184 renewal provisions except remitting the license renewal fee,
 185 which shall be waived by the department.

(2) A spouse of a member of the ~~Armed Services of the~~
 187 United States Armed Forces who is married to a member during a
 188 period of active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at
 189 the time of death was serving on active duty, who is in good
 190 standing with any of the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165
 191 shall be kept in good standing by the applicable board or
 192 program as described in subsection (1) and shall be exempt from
 193 licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of his or her
 194 absence from the state because of his or her spouse's duties
 195 with the United States Armed Forces. The department or the
 196 appropriate board or program shall waive any license renewal fee
 197 for such spouse when he or she is present in this state because
 198 of such member's active duty and for a surviving spouse of a
 199 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
 200 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and
 202 paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida
 203 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that

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 204 section, to read:
 205 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
 206 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—
 207 (3) (a) A person is eligible for licensure as a health care
 208 practitioner in this state if he or she:
 209 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in
 210 the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve
 211 Forces, or the National Guard;
 212 2. Serves or has served on active duty with the United
 213 States Armed Forces as a health care practitioner in the United
 214 States Public Health Service; or
 215 3. Is a health care practitioner, ~~other than a dentist,~~ in
 216 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
 217 territory of the United States and is the spouse of a person
 218 serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces.
 219
 220 The department shall develop an application form, and each
 221 board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the
 222 application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for
 223 such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care
 224 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.
 225 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or
 226 part IV of chapter 468.
 227 (b) The board, or the department if there is no board,
 228 shall issue a license to practice in this state to a person who:
 229 1. Submits a complete application.
 230 2. If he or she is a member of the United States Armed
 231 Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard,
 232 submits proof that he or she has received an honorable discharge

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233 within 6 months before, or will receive an honorable discharge
234 within 6 months after, the date of submission of the
235 application.

236 3.a. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by
237 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
238 territory of the United States and who has not had disciplinary
239 action taken against him or her in the 5 years preceding the
240 date of submission of the application;

241 b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession
242 for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required
243 to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she
244 submits to the department evidence of military training or
245 experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for
246 licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he
247 or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate
248 examination of a national or regional standards organization if
249 required for licensure in this state; or

250 c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the
251 United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in
252 a profession, ~~excluding dentistry,~~ for which licensure in
253 another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she
254 submits to the department evidence of training or experience
255 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
256 this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has
257 obtained a passing score on the appropriate examination of a
258 national or regional standards organization if required for
259 licensure in this state.

260 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission
261 of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in

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262 a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the
263 United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the
264 practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.

265 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she is
266 applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of the
267 application.

268 6. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background screening
269 pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the profession for
270 which he or she is applying.

271 The department shall verify information submitted by the
272 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
273 Data Bank.

274 (4)

275 ~~(j) An applicant who is issued a temporary professional
276 license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must
277 practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s.
278 466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466.~~

279 (5) The spouse of a person serving on active duty with the
280 United States Armed Forces has a defense to any citation and
281 related cause of action brought under s. 456.065 if the
282 following conditions are met:

283 (a) The spouse holds an active, unencumbered license issued
284 by another state or jurisdiction to provide health care services
285 for which there is no equivalent license in this state.

286 (b) The spouse is providing health care services within the
287 scope of practice of the out-of-state license.

288 (c) The training or experience required by the out-of-state
289 license is substantially similar to the license requirements to
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291 practice a similar health care profession in this state.
 292 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 293 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 294 472.015 Licensure.—
 295 (3)
 296 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
 297 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 298 Forces;~~7~~ the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran; a
 299 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
 300 on active duty or the spouse of such a member; the surviving
 301 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died
 302 while serving on active duty;~~7~~ or a business entity that has a
 303 majority ownership held by such a veteran, ~~or~~ spouse, or
 304 surviving spouse, if the department receives an application~~7~~ in
 305 a format prescribed by the department. The application format
 306 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
 307 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
 308 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
 309 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:~~7~~
 310 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 311 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 312 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 313 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
 314 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 315 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
 316 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 317 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 318 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 319 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the

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320 veteran at the time of discharge; or
 321 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 322 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 323 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 324 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 325 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 326 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 327 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 328 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 329 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.
 330 Section 7. Section 472.016, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 331 read:
 332 472.016 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with the
 333 board.—
 334 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
 335 ~~United States~~ who is now or in the future on active duty and
 336 who, at the time of becoming such a member of the United States
 337 Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled
 338 to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state
 339 shall be kept in good standing by the board, without
 340 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on
 341 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a
 342 member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on
 343 active duty and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge
 344 from active duty, ~~provided that he or she is not engaged in the~~
 345 ~~practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for~~
 346 profit. A member, during active duty and for a period of 2 years
 347 after discharge from active duty, engaged in the practice of
 348 surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this

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349 state must complete all licensure renewal provisions except
 350 remitting the license renewal fee, which shall be waived by the
 351 department.

352 (2) The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of
 353 members of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~
 354 from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence
 355 from the state because of their spouses' duties with the United
 356 States Armed Forces. The department or the appropriate board or
 357 program shall waive any license renewal fee for the spouse of a
 358 member of the United States Armed Forces when such member is
 359 present in this state because of the member's active duty with
 360 the United States Armed Forces, and for the surviving spouse of
 361 a member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
 362 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

363 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida
 364 Statutes, is amended to read:

365 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

366 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
 367 corporation, shall file with the department a complete
 368 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
 369 except that an ~~the~~ applicant for a Class "D" or Class "C"
 370 license is not required to submit an application fee. An
 371 application fee is not required for an applicant who qualifies
 372 for the fee waiver in s. 493.6107(6). The application fee is not
 373 refundable.

374 (a) The application submitted by any individual, partner,
 375 or corporate officer must be approved by the department before
 376 the individual, partner, or corporate officer assumes his or her
 377 duties.

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378 (b) Individuals who invest in the ownership of a licensed
 379 agency but do not participate in, direct, or control the
 380 operations of the agency are not required to file an
 381 application.

382 ~~(c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined~~
 383 ~~in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class~~
 384 ~~"C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K,"~~
 385 ~~Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI"~~
 386 ~~license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of~~
 387 ~~the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include~~
 388 ~~a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States~~
 389 ~~Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of~~
 390 ~~identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'~~
 391 ~~Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.~~

392 Section 9. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida
 393 Statutes, is amended to read:

394 493.6107 Fees.—

395 (6) The initial application ~~license~~ fee for a veteran, as
 396 defined in s. 1.01, the spouse or surviving spouse of such
 397 veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 398 served on active duty, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such
 399 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
 400 died within the 2 years preceding the initial application, must
 401 ~~shall~~ be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class
 402 "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M,"
 403 Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license in a
 404 format prescribed by the department. The application format must
 405 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
 406 supporting documentation ~~Class "M" or Class "K" license within~~

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407 ~~24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United~~
 408 ~~States Armed Forces.~~ An eligible veteran must include a copy of
 409 his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
 410 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
 411 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
 412 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

413
 414 A licensee seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 415 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 416 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 417 documentation.

418 Section 10. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6113,
 419 Florida Statutes, to read:

420 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.-

421 (7) The department shall waive the respective fees for a
 422 licensee who:

423 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 424 Forces or the spouse of such member;

425 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 426 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 427 expiration date of the license. A licensee who is a former
 428 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
 429 duty within the 2 years preceding the application must have
 430 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
 431 from the United States Armed Forces; or

432 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 433 States Armed Forces who was serving on active duty at the time
 434 of death and died within the 2 years preceding the expiration
 435 date of the license.

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436
 437 A licensee seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 438 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 439 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 440 documentation.

441 Section 11. Subsection (8) is added to section 494.00312,
 442 Florida Statutes, to read:

443 494.00312 Loan originator license.-

444 (8) The office shall waive the fees required by paragraph
 445 (2) (e) for an applicant who:

446 (a) Is or was an active duty member of the United States
 447 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
 448 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
 449 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
 450 from the United States Armed Forces;

451 (b) Is married to a current or former member of the United
 452 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
 453 any period of active duty; or

454 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 455 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 456 the time of death.

457
 458 An applicant seeking such a fee waiver must submit proof, in a
 459 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
 460 of the qualifications in this subsection.

461 Section 12. Subsection (4) is added to section 494.00313,
 462 Florida Statutes, to read:

463 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.-

464 (4) The office shall waive the fees required by paragraph

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465 (1) (b) for a loan originator who:

466 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
467 Forces or the spouse of such member;

468 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
469 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
470 expiration date of the license pursuant to s. 494.00312(7). To
471 qualify for the fee waiver, a loan originator who is a former
472 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
473 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
474 license must have received an honorable discharge upon
475 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or
476 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
477 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
478 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
479 surviving spouse's license expiration date pursuant to s.
480 494.00312(7).

481
482 A loan originator seeking such a fee waiver must submit proof,
483 in a form prescribed by commission rule, that the loan
484 originator meets one of the qualifications in this subsection.

485 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
486 497.140, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
487 497.140 Fees.—

488 (6) (a) 1. The department shall impose, upon initial
489 licensure and each renewal thereof, a special unlicensed
490 activity fee of \$5 per licensee, in addition to all other fees
491 provided for in this chapter. Such fee shall be used by the
492 department to fund efforts to identify and combat unlicensed
493 activity which violates this chapter. Such fee shall be in

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494 addition to all other fees collected from each licensee and
495 shall be deposited in a separate account of the Regulatory Trust
496 Fund; however, the department is not limited to the funds in
497 such an account for combating improper unlicensed activity in
498 violation of this chapter.

499 2. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
500 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
501 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding the
502 application for licensure are exempt from the special unlicensed
503 activity fee associated with initial licensure. To qualify for
504 the fee exemption under this subparagraph, a licensee must
505 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
506 dependent identification card, military service record, military
507 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
508 document that indicates that such member is currently in good
509 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

510 Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 497.141, Florida
511 Statutes, is amended to read:

512 497.141 Licensure; general application procedures.—

513 (4) Before the issuance of any license, the department
514 shall collect such initial fee as specified by this chapter or,
515 where authorized, by rule of the board, unless an applicant is
516 exempted as specified in this chapter. Upon receipt of a
517 completed application and the appropriate fee, and certification
518 by the board that the applicant meets the applicable
519 requirements of law and rules, the department shall issue the
520 license applied for. However, an applicant who is not otherwise
521 qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely
522 based on a passing score on a required examination.

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523 Section 15. Subsection (12) of section 497.142, Florida
524 Statutes, is amended to read:

525 497.142 Licensing; fingerprinting and criminal background
526 checks.—

527 (12) The licensing authority may by rule establish forms,
528 procedures, and fees for the submission and processing of
529 fingerprints required to be submitted in accordance with this
530 chapter. The licensing authority may by rule waive the
531 requirement for submission of fingerprints otherwise required by
532 this chapter if the person has within the preceding 24 months
533 submitted fingerprints to the licensing authority and the
534 licensing authority has obtained a criminal history report
535 utilizing those prior fingerprints. The cost for the fingerprint
536 processing shall be paid to the Department of Law Enforcement
537 and may be borne by the Department of Financial Services, the
538 employer, or the person subject to the background check. The
539 licensing authority shall waive fingerprint requirements if the
540 licensee is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
541 Armed Forces and applies for licensure within 2 years after
542 discharge.

543 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 497.281, Florida
544 Statutes, is amended to read:

545 497.281 Licensure of brokers of burial rights.—

546 (1) (a) No person shall receive compensation to act as a
547 third party to the sale or transfer of three or more burial
548 rights in a 12-month period unless the person pays a license fee
549 as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed \$250
550 and is licensed with the department as a burial rights broker in
551 accordance with this section.

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552 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
553 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
554 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
555 application for licensure are exempt from the initial license
556 fee. To qualify for the license fee exemption, an applicant must
557 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
558 dependent identification card, military service record, military
559 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
560 document that indicates such member is currently in good
561 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

562 Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
563 (3) of section 497.368, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
564 497.368 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by examination;
565 provisional licensure.—

566 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an embalmer shall
567 apply to the licensing authority to take the licensure
568 examination. The licensing authority shall examine each
569 applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the
570 licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual per
571 applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of the
572 examination and who has:

573 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
574 nonrefundable application fee set by the licensing authority not
575 to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
576 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
577 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
578 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
579 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
580 provide a copy of a military identification card, military

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581 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 582 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 583 document that indicates such member is currently in good
 584 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

585 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
 586 internship and has been approved for examination as an embalmer
 587 may qualify for a provisional license to work in a licensed
 588 funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of a
 589 licensed embalmer for a limited period of 6 months as provided
 590 by rule of the licensing authority. The fee for provisional
 591 licensure shall be set by rule of the licensing authority, but
 592 may not exceed \$200, and shall be nonrefundable and in addition
 593 to the fee required in subsection (1). This provisional license
 594 may be renewed no more than one time. A member of the United
 595 States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the
 596 United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the
 597 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
 598 initial provisional licensure fee. To qualify for the initial
 599 provisional licensure fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
 600 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
 601 identification card, military service record, military personnel
 602 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
 603 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
 604 veteran was honorably discharged.

605 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
 606 (5) of section 497.369, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 607 497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by endorsement;
 608 licensure of a temporary embalmer.-

609 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by

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610 endorsement to practice embalming to an applicant who has
 611 remitted an examination fee set by rule of the licensing
 612 authority not to exceed \$200 and who the licensing authority
 613 certifies:

614 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
 615 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
 616 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
 617 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
 618 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
 619 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
 620 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
 621 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
 622 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 623 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 624 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 625 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
 626 discharged.

627 (5) (a) There may be adopted by the licensing authority
 628 rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of
 629 paragraphs (1) (b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to
 630 take the examination required by subsection (4) to be licensed
 631 as a temporary licensed embalmer. A temporary licensed embalmer
 632 may work as an embalmer in a licensed funeral establishment
 633 under the general supervision of a licensed embalmer. Such
 634 temporary license shall expire 60 days after the date of the
 635 next available examination required under subsection (4);
 636 however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the
 637 same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for issuance or
 638 renewal of an embalmer temporary license shall be set by rule of

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639 the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee
640 required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in
641 addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

642 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
643 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
644 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
645 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
646 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
647 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
648 military dependent identification card, military service record,
649 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
650 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
651 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

652 Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 497.370, Florida
653 Statutes, is amended to read:

654 497.370 Embalmers; licensure of an embalmer intern.—

655 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become an embalmer intern
656 shall make application to the licensing authority on forms
657 specified by rule, together with a nonrefundable fee determined
658 by rule of the licensing authority but not to exceed \$200.

659 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
660 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
661 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
662 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
663 To qualify for the application fee exemption under this
664 paragraph, an applicant must provide a copy of a military
665 identification card, military dependent identification card,
666 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
667 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates

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668 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
669 honorably discharged.

670
671 The application shall indicate the name and address of the
672 licensed embalmer under whose supervision the intern will
673 receive training and the name of the licensed funeral
674 establishment or centralized embalming facility where such
675 training is to be conducted. The embalmer intern shall intern
676 under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer who has an
677 active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.

678 Section 20. Section 497.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
679 to read:

680 497.371 Embalmers; establishment of embalmer apprentice
681 program.—

682 (1) The licensing authority adopts rules establishing an
683 embalmer apprentice program. An embalmer apprentice may perform
684 only those tasks, functions, and duties relating to embalming
685 which are performed under the direct supervision of an embalmer
686 who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.
687 An embalmer apprentice is eligible to serve in an apprentice
688 capacity for a period not to exceed 3 years as may be determined
689 by licensing authority rule or for a period not to exceed 5
690 years if the apprentice is enrolled in and attending a course in
691 mortuary science or funeral service education at any mortuary
692 college or funeral service education college or school. An
693 embalmer apprentice shall be issued a license upon payment of a
694 licensure fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not
695 to exceed \$200.

696 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such

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 697 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 698 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 699 application for licensure are exempt from the licensure fee. To
 700 qualify for the licensure fee exemption under this subsection,
 701 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
 702 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 703 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 704 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 705 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
 706 discharged.

707
 708 An applicant for the embalmer apprentice program may not be
 709 issued a license unless the licensing authority determines that
 710 the applicant is of good character and has not demonstrated a
 711 history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or
 712 professional matters.

713 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
 714 (3) of section 497.373, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

715 497.373 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
 716 by examination; provisional license.—

717 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a funeral
 718 director shall apply to the licensing authority to take the
 719 licensure examination. The licensing authority shall examine
 720 each applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule
 721 of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual
 722 per applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of
 723 the examination and who the licensing authority certifies has:

724 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
 725 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing

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 726 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
 727 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
 728 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
 729 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
 730 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
 731 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
 732 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 733 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 734 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 735 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
 736 discharged.

737 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
 738 internship and has been approved for examination as a funeral
 739 director may qualify for a provisional license to work in a
 740 licensed funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of
 741 a licensed funeral director for 6 months as provided by rule of
 742 the licensing authority. However, a provisional licensee may
 743 work under the general supervision of a licensed funeral
 744 director upon passage of the laws and rules examination required
 745 under paragraph (2)(b). The fee for provisional licensure shall
 746 be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed
 747 \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable
 748 and in addition to the fee required by subsection (1). This
 749 provisional license may be renewed no more than one time. A
 750 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
 751 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
 752 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
 753 licensure are exempt from the initial provisional licensure fee.
 754 To qualify for the initial provisional licensure fee exemption,

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755 a licensee must provide a copy of a military identification
 756 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 757 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 758 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 759 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
 760 discharged.

761 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
 762 (5) of section 497.374, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

763 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
 764 by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.—

765 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
 766 endorsement to practice funeral directing to an applicant who
 767 has remitted a fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
 768 exceed \$200 and who:

769 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
 770 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
 771 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
 772 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
 773 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
 774 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
 775 nonrefundable application fee. To qualify for the exemption, an
 776 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
 777 military dependent identification card, military service record,
 778 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
 779 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
 780 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

781 (5) There may be adopted rules authorizing an applicant who
 782 has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and who is
 783 awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required by

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784 subsection (4) to obtain a license as a temporary funeral
 785 director. A licensed temporary funeral director may work as a
 786 funeral director in a licensed funeral establishment under the
 787 general supervision of a funeral director licensed under
 788 subsection (1) or s. 497.373. Such license shall expire 60 days
 789 after the date of the next available examination required under
 790 subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed
 791 one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee
 792 for initial issuance or renewal of a temporary license under
 793 this subsection shall be set by rule of the licensing authority
 794 but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection
 795 shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in
 796 subsection (1). A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
 797 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 798 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 799 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
 800 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
 801 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
 802 military dependent identification card, military service record,
 803 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
 804 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
 805 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

806 Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 807 497.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

808 497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director
 809 intern.—

810 (1)(a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director
 811 intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed
 812 by rule of the licensing authority, together with a

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813 nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
 814 exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
 815 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 816 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 817 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
 818 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
 819 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 820 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 821 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 822 document that indicates such member is currently in good
 823 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

824 Section 24. Section 497.393, Florida Statutes, is created
 825 to read:

826 497.393 Licensure; military-issued credentials for
 827 licensure.—The licensing authority shall recognize military-
 828 issued credentials relating to funeral and cemetery services for
 829 purposes of licensure as a funeral director or embalmer.

830 Section 25. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section
 831 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

832 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and
 833 criteria; renewal; reports.—

834 (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

835 (n) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
 836 fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed
 837 \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's
 838 spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who
 839 separated from service within the 2 years preceding application
 840 for licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify
 841 for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a

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842 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
 843 identification card, military service record, military personnel
 844 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
 845 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
 846 veteran was honorably discharged.

847 Section 26. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
 848 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

849 497.466 Preneed sales agents, license required; application
 850 procedures and criteria; appointment of agents; responsibility
 851 of preneed licensee.—

852 (2) PRENEED SALES AGENT LICENSE; APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

853 (h) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
 854 fee of \$150 if made through the department's online licensing
 855 system or \$175 if made using paper forms. Payment of either fee
 856 shall entitle the applicant to one initial appointment without
 857 payment of further fees by the preneed sales agent or the
 858 appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales agent license is
 859 issued. The licensing authority may from time to time increase
 860 such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of the United States
 861 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
 862 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
 863 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
 864 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
 865 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
 866 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 867 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 868 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 869 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
 870 discharged.

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871 Section 27. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
872 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
873 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.—
874 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—Licensure as a monument
875 establishment sales agent shall be by submission of an
876 application for licensure to the department on a form prescribed
877 by rule.

878 (e) The monument establishment sales agent application
879 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority
880 may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but
881 not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
882 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
883 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
884 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
885 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
886 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
887 dependent identification card, military service record, military
888 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
889 document that indicates such member is currently in good
890 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

891 Section 28. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) and subsection
892 (4) of section 497.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
893 497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing
894 procedures and criteria; regulation.—

895 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—
896 (i) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
897 fee of \$300. The licensing authority may from time to time
898 increase the fee by rule but not to exceed more than \$500. A
899 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,

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900 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
901 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
902 licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for
903 the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy
904 of a military identification card, military dependent
905 identification card, military service record, military personnel
906 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
907 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
908 veteran was honorably discharged.

909 (4) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Upon approval of the application
910 by the licensing authority, the license shall be issued. The
911 licensing authority shall recognize military-issued credentials
912 relating to funeral and cemetery services for purposes of
913 licensure as a direct disposer.

914 Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
915 Statutes, is amended to read:

916 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
917 fees.—Each health studio shall:

918 (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the
919 department at the time of registration for each of the health
920 studio's business locations.

921 (a) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
922 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
923 Forces; ~~7~~ the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran; a
924 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
925 on active duty; the spouse of such a member; the surviving
926 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
927 member died while serving on active duty; ~~7~~ or a business entity
928 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran, ~~7~~ ~~or~~ spouse, ~~7~~

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929 or surviving spouse, if the department receives an application,
 930 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
 931 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
 932 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
 933 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
 934 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver: ~~;~~

935 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 936 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 937 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 938 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

939 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 940 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
 941 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 942 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 943 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 944 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 945 veteran at the time of discharge; or

946 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 947 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 948 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 949 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 950 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 951 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 952 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 953 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 954 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

955 (b) The department shall waive the registration renewal fee
 956 for a registrant who:

957 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed

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958 Forces or the spouse of such member;

959 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
 960 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
 961 date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a
 962 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
 963 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
 964 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
 965 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

966 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 967 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
 968 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the date of
 969 renewal.

970
 971 A registrant seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 972 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 973 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 974 documentation.

975 Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
 976 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

977 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and
 978 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

979 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be
 980 verified and accompanied by:

981 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
 982 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
 983 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
 984 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces; ~~;~~ the
 985 spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran; a current member
 986 of the United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty;

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987 ~~the spouse of such a member; the surviving spouse of a member of~~
 988 ~~the United States Armed Forces if such member died while serving~~
 989 ~~on active duty;~~ or a business entity that has a majority
 990 ownership held by such a veteran, ~~or~~ spouse, or surviving
 991 spouse, if the department receives an application, in a format
 992 prescribed by the department. The application format must
 993 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
 994 supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the~~
 995 ~~veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed~~
 996 ~~Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:
 997 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 998 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 999 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1000 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
 1001 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 1002 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
 1003 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1004 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1005 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1006 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1007 veteran at the time of discharge; or
 1008 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1009 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1010 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1011 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1012 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1013 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1014 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1015 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was

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1016 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.
 1017 Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 1018 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 1019 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—
 1020 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be
 1021 verified and be accompanied by:
 1022 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
 1023 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
 1024 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
 1025 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
 1026 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall
 1027 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged
 1028 veteran of the United States Armed Forces; the spouse or
 1029 surviving spouse of such a veteran; a current member of the
 1030 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty; the
 1031 spouse of such a member; the surviving spouse of a member of the
 1032 United States Armed Forces if the member died while serving on
 1033 active duty; or a business entity that has a majority ownership
 1034 held by such a veteran, ~~or~~ spouse, or surviving spouse, if the
 1035 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
 1036 the department. The application format must include the
 1037 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1038 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
 1039 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
 1040 qualify for the waiver:
 1041 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1042 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1043 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1044 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

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1045 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 1046 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
 1047 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1048 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1049 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1050 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1051 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1052 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1053 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1054 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1055 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1056 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1057 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1058 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1059 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1060 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1061 Section 32. Subsection (5) is added to section 501.609,
 1062 Florida Statutes, to read:

1063 501.609 License renewal.—

1064 (5) The department shall waive the annual fee to renew for
 1065 a licensee who:

1066 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1067 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1068 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1069 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1070 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a licensee who is a
 1071 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
 1072 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
 1073 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon

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1074 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or
 1075 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1076 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1077 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1078 renewal.

1079 A licensee seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 1080 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1081 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1082 documentation.

1084 Section 33. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1085 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
 1086 to that subsection, to read:

1087 507.03 Registration.—

1088 (3)

1089 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
 1090 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 1091 Forces; ~~;~~ the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran; a
 1092 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
 1093 on active duty; the spouse of such a member; the surviving
 1094 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
 1095 member died while serving on active duty; ~~;~~ or a business entity
 1096 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran, ~~or~~ spouse,
 1097 or surviving spouse, if the department receives an application ~~,~~
 1098 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
 1099 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
 1100 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
 1101 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
 1102 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: ~~;~~

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1103 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1104 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1105 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1106 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1107 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 1108 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
 1109 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1110 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1111 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1112 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1113 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1114 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1115 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1116 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1117 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1118 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1119 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1120 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1121 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1122 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1123 (c) The department shall waive the biennial fee to renew
 1124 for a registrant who:

1125 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1126 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1127 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
 1128 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1129 expiration date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who
 1130 is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served
 1131 on active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date

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1132 of the registration must have received an honorable discharge
 1133 upon separation or discharge from the United States Armed
 1134 Forces; or

1135 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 1136 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
 1137 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

1138
 1139 A registrant seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 1140 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1141 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1142 documentation.

1143 Section 34. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 517.12,
 1144 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1145 517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons,
 1146 intermediaries, and investment advisers.—

1147 (10)(a) An applicant for registration shall pay an
 1148 assessment fee of \$200, in the case of a dealer or investment
 1149 adviser, or \$50, in the case of an associated person. An
 1150 associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the
 1151 cost for the fingerprints to be processed by the office. Such
 1152 fee shall be determined by rule of the commission. Such fees
 1153 become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments
 1154 provided for under s. 517.131(1) until such time as the
 1155 Securities Guaranty Fund satisfies the statutory limits, and are
 1156 not returnable in the event that registration is withdrawn or
 1157 not granted.

1158 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee required
 1159 by paragraph (a) of an associated person for an applicant who:

1160 1. Is or was an active duty member of the United States

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1161 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
 1162 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
 1163 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
 1164 from the United States Armed Forces;

1165 2. Is married to a current or former member of the United
 1166 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
 1167 any period of active duty; or

1168 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 1169 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
 1170 time of death.

1171

1172 An applicant seeking such a fee waiver must submit proof, in a
 1173 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
 1174 of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1175 (11) (a) If the office finds that the applicant is of good
 1176 repute and character and has complied with the provisions of
 1177 this chapter and the rules made pursuant hereto, it shall
 1178 register the applicant. The registration of each dealer,
 1179 investment adviser, and associated person expires on December 31
 1180 of the year the registration became effective unless the
 1181 registrant has renewed his or her registration on or before that
 1182 date. Registration may be renewed by furnishing such information
 1183 as the commission may require, together with payment of the fee
 1184 required in paragraph (10) (a) subsection (10) for dealers,
 1185 investment advisers, or associated persons and the payment of
 1186 any amount lawfully due and owing to the office pursuant to any
 1187 order of the office or pursuant to any agreement with the
 1188 office. Any dealer, investment adviser, or associated person who
 1189 has not renewed a registration by the time the current

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1190 registration expires may request reinstatement of such
 1191 registration by filing with the office, on or before January 31
 1192 of the year following the year of expiration, such information
 1193 as may be required by the commission, together with payment of
 1194 the fee required in paragraph (10) (a) subsection (10) for
 1195 dealers, investment advisers, or associated persons and a late
 1196 fee equal to the amount of such fee. Any reinstatement of
 1197 registration granted by the office during the month of January
 1198 shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.

1199 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee required
 1200 by paragraph (10) (a) of an associated person for a registrant
 1201 renewing his or her registration who:

1202 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1203 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1204 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
 1205 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1206 expiration date of the registration pursuant to paragraph (a).
 1207 To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a former
 1208 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
 1209 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
 1210 registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
 1211 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1212 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 1213 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
 1214 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1215 surviving spouse's registration expiration date pursuant to
 1216 paragraph (a).

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1218 A registrant seeking such a fee waiver must submit proof, in a

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1219 form prescribed by commission rule, that the registrant meets
 1220 one of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1221 Section 35. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1222 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
 1223 to that subsection, to read:

1224 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

1225 (3)

1226 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
 1227 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 1228 Forces;7 the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran; a
 1229 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
 1230 on active duty; the spouse of such a member; the surviving
 1231 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
 1232 member died while serving on active duty;7 or a business entity
 1233 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran, ~~or~~ spouse
 1234 , or surviving spouse, if the department receives an
 1235 application~~7~~ in a format prescribed by the department. The
 1236 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1237 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
 1238 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1239 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver;7

1240 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1241 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1242 Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
 1243 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1244 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 1245 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
 1246 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1247 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department

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1248 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1249 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1250 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1251 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1252 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1253 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1254 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1255 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1256 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1257 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1258 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1259 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1260 (c) The department shall waive license renewal fees for a
 1261 licensee who:

1262 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1263 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1264 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
 1265 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
 1266 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
 1267 licensee who is a former member of the United States Armed
 1268 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
 1269 the annual renewal date must have received an honorable
 1270 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States
 1271 Armed Forces; or

1272 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 1273 Armed Forces if such member was serving on active duty at the
 1274 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1275 surviving spouse's renewal.

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1277 A licensee seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 1278 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1279 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1280 documentation.

1281 Section 36. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 1282 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
 1283 added to that subsection, to read:

1284 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—
 1285 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—
 1286 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
 1287 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
 1288 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
 1289 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300
 1290 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
 1291 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1292 States Armed Forces; the spouse or surviving spouse of such a
 1293 veteran; a current member of the United States Armed Forces who
 1294 has served on active duty; the spouse of such a member; the
 1295 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1296 if the member died while serving on active duty; ~~or a business~~
 1297 ~~entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran, or~~
 1298 ~~spouse, or surviving spouse, if the agency receives an~~
 1299 ~~application, in a format prescribed by the agency. The~~
 1300 ~~application format must include the applicant's signature, under~~
 1301 ~~penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60~~
 1302 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1303 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: ~~;~~
 1304 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
 1305 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of

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1306 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1307 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
 1308 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 1309 to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by
 1310 the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable
 1311 form of identification as specified by the Department of
 1312 Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1313 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1314 veteran at the time of discharge; or
 1315 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that
 1316 a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran holds a
 1317 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
 1318 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,
 1319 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
 1320 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
 1321 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
 1322 or surviving spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the
 1323 veteran at the time of discharge.
 1324 (g) The agency shall waive license renewal fees for a
 1325 licensee who:
 1326 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1327 Forces or the spouse of such member;
 1328 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
 1329 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
 1330 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
 1331 licensee who is a former member of the United States Armed
 1332 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
 1333 the annual renewal date must have received an honorable
 1334 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States

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1335 Armed Forces; or
 1336 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 1337 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
 1338 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

1339
 1340 A licensee seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 1341 prescribed by the agency, including the applicant's signature,
 1342 under penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1343 Section 37. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1344 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is
 1345 added to that subsection, to read:

1346 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
 1347 application; exemption.—

1348 (3)
 1349 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
 1350 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 1351 Forces; ~~the spouse~~ or surviving spouse of such a veteran; a
 1352 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
 1353 on active duty; the spouse of such a member; the surviving
 1354 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
 1355 member died while serving on active duty; ~~or a business entity~~
 1356 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran, ~~or spouse,~~
 1357 or surviving spouse, if the department receives an application
 1358 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
 1359 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
 1360 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
 1361 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
 1362 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:
 1363

1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his

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1364 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1365 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1366 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1367 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 1368 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
 1369 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1370 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1371 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1372 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1373 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1374 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1375 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1376 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1377 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1378 of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
 1379 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1380 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1381 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1382 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1383 (c) The department shall waive registration renewal fees
 1384 for a registrant who:

1385 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1386 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1387 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
 1388 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
 1389 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
 1390 registrant who is a former member of the United States Armed
 1391 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
 1392 the biennial renewal date must have received an honorable

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1393 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States
 1394 Armed Forces; or

1395 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 1396 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
 1397 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1399 A registrant seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 1400 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1401 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1402 documentation.

1403 Section 38. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 1404 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
 1405 added to that subsection, to read:

1406 559.928 Registration.—

1407 (2)

1408 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
 1409 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 1410 Forces; ~~7~~ the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran; a
 1411 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
 1412 on active duty; the spouse of such a member; the surviving
 1413 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
 1414 member died while serving on active duty; ~~7~~ or a business entity
 1415 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran, ~~or~~ spouse,
 1416 or surviving spouse, if the department receives an application ~~7~~
 1417 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
 1418 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
 1419 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
 1420 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
 1421 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: ~~7~~

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1422 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1423 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1424 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1425 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1426 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
 1427 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
 1428 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1429 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1430 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1431 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1432 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1433 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1434 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1435 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1436 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1437 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1438 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1439 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1440 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1441 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1442 (d) The department shall waive the registration renewal fee
 1443 for a registrant who:

1444 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1445 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1446 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
 1447 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
 1448 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
 1449 registrant who is a former member of the United States Armed
 1450 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding

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1451 the annual registration renewal date must have received an
 1452 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
 1453 States Armed Forces; or

1454 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 1455 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
 1456 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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 1458 A registrant seeking such a waiver must apply in a format
 1459 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1460 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1461 documentation.

1462 Section 39. Subsection (2) of section 626.025, Florida
 1463 Statutes, is amended to read:

1464 626.025 Consumer protections.—To transact insurance, agents
 1465 shall comply with consumer protection laws, including the
 1466 following, as applicable:

1467 (2) Fingerprinting requirements for resident and
 1468 nonresident agents, as required under s. 626.171 or s. 626.202.
 1469 The department shall waive the fingerprinting requirement for an
 1470 agent who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1471 States Armed Forces and applies for licensure within 2 years
 1472 after discharge.

1473 Section 40. Subsections (4) and (6) of section 626.171,
 1474 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1475 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
 1476 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
 1477 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

1478 (4) An applicant for a license as an agent, customer
 1479 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing

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1480 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary must submit a set of
 1481 the individual applicant's fingerprints, or, if the applicant is
 1482 not an individual, a set of the fingerprints of the sole
 1483 proprietor, majority owner, partners, officers, and directors,
 1484 to the department and must pay the fingerprint processing fee
 1485 set forth in s. 624.501. Fingerprints shall be used to
 1486 investigate the applicant's qualifications pursuant to s.
 1487 626.201. The fingerprints shall be taken by a law enforcement
 1488 agency, designated examination center, or other department-
 1489 approved entity. The department shall require all designated
 1490 examination centers to have fingerprinting equipment and to take
 1491 fingerprints from any applicant or prospective applicant who
 1492 pays the applicable fee. The department may not approve an
 1493 application for licensure as an agent, customer service
 1494 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
 1495 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary if fingerprints have
 1496 not been submitted. The department shall waive fingerprint
 1497 requirements for an applicant who is an honorably discharged
 1498 veteran of the United States Armed Forces and applies for
 1499 licensure within 2 years after discharge.

1500 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
 1501 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
 1502 ~~separated from service~~ retired within 24 months before
 1503 application for licensure, are exempt from the application
 1504 filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must
 1505 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 1506 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 1507 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~
 1508 ~~document~~, or a separation document that indicates such members

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1509 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing
 1510 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

1511 Section 41. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
 1512 626.172, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1513 626.172 Application for insurance agency license.—

1514 (2) An application for an insurance agency license must be
 1515 signed by an individual required to be listed in the application
 1516 under paragraph (a). An insurance agency may permit a third
 1517 party to complete, submit, and sign an application on the
 1518 insurance agency's behalf; however, the insurance agency is
 1519 responsible for ensuring that the information on the application
 1520 is true and correct and is accountable for any misstatements or
 1521 misrepresentations. The application for an insurance agency
 1522 license must include:

1523 (f) The fingerprints of each of the following:

1524 1. A sole proprietor;

1525 2. Each individual required to be listed in the application
 1526 under paragraph (a); and

1527 3. Each individual who directs or participates in the
 1528 management or control of an incorporated agency whose shares are
 1529 not traded on a securities exchange.

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1531 Fingerprints must be taken by a law enforcement agency or other
 1532 entity approved by the department and must be accompanied by the
 1533 fingerprint processing fee specified in s. 624.501. Fingerprints
 1534 must be processed in accordance with s. 624.34. However,
 1535 fingerprints need not be filed for an individual who is
 1536 currently licensed and appointed under this chapter. The
 1537 department shall waive fingerprint requirements for an applicant

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1538 who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 1539 Armed Forces and applies for licensure within 2 years after
 1540 discharge. This paragraph does not apply to corporations whose
 1541 voting shares are traded on a securities exchange.

1542 Section 42. Section 626.202, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1543 to read:

1544 626.202 Fingerprinting requirements.—If there is a change
 1545 in ownership or control of any entity licensed under this
 1546 chapter, or if a new partner, officer, or director is employed
 1547 or appointed, a set of fingerprints of the new owner, partner,
 1548 officer, or director must be filed with the department or office
 1549 within 30 days after the change. The acquisition of 10 percent
 1550 or more of the voting securities of a licensed entity is
 1551 considered a change of ownership or control. The fingerprints
 1552 must be taken by a law enforcement agency or other department-
 1553 approved entity and be accompanied by the fingerprint processing
 1554 fee in s. 624.501. The department shall waive the fingerprinting
 1555 requirement if the owner, partner, officer, or director is an
 1556 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 1557 and is employed or appointed within 2 years after discharge.

1558 Section 43. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 1559 626.292, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1560 626.292 Transfer of license from another state.—

1561 (2) To qualify for a license transfer, an individual
 1562 applicant must meet the following requirements:

1563 (c) The individual must submit a completed application for
 1564 this state which is received by the department within 90 days
 1565 after the date the individual became a resident of this state,
 1566 along with payment of the applicable fees set forth in s.

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1567 624.501 and submission of the following documents:

1568 1. A certification issued by the appropriate official of
 1569 the applicant's home state identifying the type of license and
 1570 lines of authority under the license and stating that, at the
 1571 time the license from the home state was canceled, the applicant
 1572 was in good standing in that state or that the state's Producer
 1573 Database records, maintained by the National Association of
 1574 Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates, or subsidiaries,
 1575 indicate that the agent or all-lines adjuster is or was licensed
 1576 in good standing for the line of authority requested.

1577 2. A set of the applicant's fingerprints in accordance with
 1578 s. 626.171(4). The department shall waive the fingerprinting
 1579 requirement for an applicant who is an honorably discharged
 1580 veteran of the United States Armed Forces and applies for a
 1581 license transfer within 2 years after discharge.

1582 Section 44. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 1583 626.321, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1584 626.321 Limited licenses.—

1585 (1) The department shall issue to a qualified applicant a
 1586 license as agent authorized to transact a limited class of
 1587 business in any of the following categories of limited lines
 1588 insurance:

1589 (c) *Travel insurance*.—License covering only policies and
 1590 certificates of travel insurance which are subject to review by
 1591 the office. Policies and certificates of travel insurance may
 1592 provide coverage for risks incidental to travel, planned travel,
 1593 or accommodations while traveling, including, but not limited
 1594 to, accidental death and dismemberment of a traveler; trip or
 1595 event cancellation, interruption, or delay; loss of or damage to

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1596 personal effects or travel documents; damages to travel
 1597 accommodations; baggage delay; emergency medical travel or
 1598 evacuation of a traveler; or medical, surgical, and hospital
 1599 expenses related to an illness or emergency of a traveler. Such
 1600 policy or certificate may be issued for terms longer than 90
 1601 days, but, other than a policy or certificate providing coverage
 1602 for air ambulatory services only, each policy or certificate
 1603 must be limited to coverage for travel or use of accommodations
 1604 of no longer than 90 days. The license may be issued only:

1605 1. To a full-time salaried employee of a common carrier or
 1606 a full-time salaried employee or owner of a transportation
 1607 ticket agency and may authorize the sale of such ticket policies
 1608 only in connection with the sale of transportation tickets, or
 1609 to the full-time salaried employee of such an agent. Such policy
 1610 may not be for more than 48 hours or more than the duration of a
 1611 specified one-way trip or round trip.

1612 2. To an entity or individual that is:

1613 a. The developer of a timeshare plan that is the subject of
 1614 an approved public offering statement under chapter 721;

1615 b. An exchange company operating an exchange program
 1616 approved under chapter 721;

1617 c. A managing entity operating a timeshare plan approved
 1618 under chapter 721;

1619 d. A seller of travel as defined in chapter 559; or

1620 e. A subsidiary or affiliate of any of the entities
 1621 described in sub-subparagraphs a.-d.

1622 3. To a full-time salaried employee of a licensed general
 1623 lines agent or a business entity that offers travel planning
 1624 services if insurance sales activities authorized by the license

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1625 are in connection with, and incidental to, travel.

1626 a. A license issued to a business entity that offers travel
1627 planning services must encompass each office, branch office, or
1628 place of business making use of the entity's business name in
1629 order to offer, solicit, and sell insurance pursuant to this
1630 paragraph.

1631 b. The application for licensure must list the name,
1632 address, and phone number for each office, branch office, or
1633 place of business that is to be covered by the license. The
1634 licensee shall notify the department of the name, address, and
1635 phone number of any new location that is to be covered by the
1636 license before the new office, branch office, or place of
1637 business engages in the sale of insurance pursuant to this
1638 paragraph. The licensee shall notify the department within 30
1639 days after the closing or terminating of an office, branch
1640 office, or place of business. Upon receipt of the notice, the
1641 department shall delete the office, branch office, or place of
1642 business from the license.

1643 c. A licensed and appointed entity is directly responsible
1644 and accountable for all acts of the licensee's employees and
1645 parties with whom the licensee has entered into a contractual
1646 agreement to offer travel insurance.

1647
1648 A licensee shall require each individual who offers policies or
1649 certificates under subparagraph 2. or subparagraph 3. to receive
1650 initial training from a general lines agent or an insurer
1651 authorized under chapter 624 to transact insurance within this
1652 state. For an entity applying for a license as a travel
1653 insurance agent, the fingerprinting requirement of this section

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1654 applies only to the president, secretary, and treasurer and to
1655 any other officer or person who directs or controls the travel
1656 insurance operations of the entity. The department shall waive
1657 the fingerprinting requirement for an individual who is an
1658 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1659 who has been discharged within the previous 2 years.

1660 Section 45. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida
1661 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
1662 (6) is added to that section, to read:

1663 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1664 instruction.—

1665 (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1666 applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1667 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran.

1668 Section 46. Subsection (13) is added to section 626.7355,
1669 Florida Statutes, to read:

1670 626.7355 Temporary license as customer representative
1671 pending examination.—

1672 (13) Evidence of prelicensure customer representative
1673 educational course enrollment is not required for an applicant
1674 who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
1675 Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran.

1676 Section 47. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended
1677 to read:

1678 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1679 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except
1680 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified
1681 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the
1682 date the application for a license is filed with the department

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1683 he or she has:

1684 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life
1685 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the
1686 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1687 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1688 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1689 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1690 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life
1691 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the
1692 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1693 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter

1694 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1695 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as Chartered
1696 Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College of
1697 Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLMI)
1698 from the Life Management Institute;

1699 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another
1700 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state
1701 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1702 the state; or

1703 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1704 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who
1705 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
1706 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1707 employment with the department or office.

1708
1709 The successful completion of prelicensure coursework required by
1710 subsection (1) is not required for an applicant who is an
1711 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces

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1712 or the spouse of such a veteran.

1713 Section 48. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended
1714 to read:

1715 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1716 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,
1717 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be
1718 qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately
1719 preceding the date the application for license is filed with the
1720 department he or she has:

1721 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in health
1722 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
1723 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
1724 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
1725 engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida
1726 Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the
1727 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et
1728 seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by
1729 employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

1730 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1731 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health
1732 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
1733 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
1734 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
1735 engaging in the business of insurance;

1736 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a
1737 Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare
1738 Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant
1739 (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;
1740 Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton

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1741 School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance
1742 Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;

1743 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another
1744 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state
1745 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1746 Florida; or

1747 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1748 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who
1749 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
1750 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1751 employment with the department or office.

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1753 The successful completion of prelicensure coursework required by
1754 subsection (1) is not required for an applicant who is an
1755 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1756 or the spouse of such a veteran.

1757 Section 49. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,
1758 Florida Statutes, to read:

1759 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.—

1760 (7) The successful completion of prelicensure coursework
1761 required by paragraph (3) (a) is not required for an applicant
1762 who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
1763 Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran.

1764 Section 50. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
1765 626.8732, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1766 626.8732 Nonresident public adjuster's qualifications,
1767 bond.—

1768 (2) The applicant shall furnish the following with his or
1769 her application:

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1770 (a) A complete set of his or her fingerprints. The
1771 applicant's fingerprints must be certified by an authorized law
1772 enforcement officer. The department may not authorize an
1773 applicant to take the required examination or issue a
1774 nonresident public adjuster's license to the applicant until the
1775 department has received a report from the Florida Department of
1776 Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative
1777 to the existence or nonexistence of a criminal history report
1778 based on the applicant's fingerprints. The department shall
1779 waive the fingerprinting requirement for an applicant who is an
1780 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1781 and applies for licensure within 2 years after discharge.

1782 Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
1783 626.8734, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1784 626.8734 Nonresident all-lines adjuster license
1785 qualifications.—

1786 (2) The applicant must furnish the following with his or
1787 her application:

1788 (a) A complete set of his or her fingerprints. The
1789 applicant's fingerprints must be certified by an authorized law
1790 enforcement officer. The department shall waive the
1791 fingerprinting requirement for an applicant who is an honorably
1792 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces and applies
1793 for licensure within 2 years after discharge.

1794 Section 52. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,
1795 Florida Statutes, to read:

1796 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.—

1797 (7) Successful completion of prelicensure coursework is not
1798 required for an individual who is an honorably discharged

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1799 veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such
1800 a veteran.

1801 Section 53. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.9272,
1802 Florida Statutes, to read:

1803 626.9272 Licensing of nonresident surplus lines agents.—

1804 (7) Successful completion of prelicensure coursework is not
1805 required for an applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran
1806 of the United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a
1807 veteran.

1808 Section 54. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section
1809 626.9912, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1810 626.9912 Viatical settlement provider license required;
1811 application for license.—

1812 (3) In the application, the applicant must provide all of
1813 the following:

1814 (e) With respect to each individual identified under
1815 paragraph (d):

1816 1. A sworn biographical statement on forms adopted by the
1817 commission and supplied by the office.

1818 2. A set of fingerprints on forms prescribed by the
1819 commission, certified by a law enforcement officer, and
1820 accompanied by the fingerprinting fee specified in s. 624.501.
1821 The department shall waive the fingerprinting requirement for an
1822 applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1823 States Armed Forces and applies for licensure within 2 years
1824 after discharge.

1825 3. Authority for release of information relating to the
1826 investigation of the individual's background.

1827 Section 55. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section

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1828 633.304, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1829 633.304 Fire suppression equipment; license to install or
1830 maintain.—

1831 (4)

1832 (a) Such licenses and permits shall be issued by the
1833 division for 2 years beginning January 1, 2000, and each 2-year
1834 period thereafter and expiring December 31 of the second year.
1835 All licenses or permits issued will expire on December 31 of
1836 each odd-numbered year. The failure to renew a license or permit
1837 by December 31 of the second year will cause the license or
1838 permit to become inoperative. The holder of an inoperative
1839 license or permit may not engage in any activities for which a
1840 license or permit is required by this section. A license or
1841 permit which is inoperative because of the failure to renew it
1842 shall be restored upon payment of the applicable fee plus a
1843 penalty equal to the applicable fee, if the application for
1844 renewal is filed no later than the following March 31. If the
1845 application for restoration is not made before the March 31st
1846 deadline, the fee for restoration shall be equal to the original
1847 application fee and the penalty provided for herein, and, in
1848 addition, the State Fire Marshal shall require reexamination of
1849 the applicant. The period within which reexamination is not
1850 required may, in the discretion of the department, be extended
1851 to 12 months after discharge from military service if the
1852 military service does not exceed 3 years, but not more than 6
1853 years from the date of issue or renewal, if applicable, for
1854 licenses or permits held by an honorably discharged veteran of
1855 the United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran.
1856 A qualifying veteran and the spouse of such veteran are not

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1857 subject to the penalty fee. The fee for a license or permit
 1858 issued for 1 year or less shall be prorated at 50 percent of the
 1859 applicable fee for a biennial license or permit.

1860 Section 56. Subsection (1) of section 633.332, Florida
 1861 Statutes, is amended to read:

1862 633.332 Certificate; expiration; renewal; inactive
 1863 certificate; continuing education.—

1864 (1) Certificates shall expire every 2 years at midnight on
 1865 June 30. All certificates must be renewed every 2 years. The
 1866 failure to renew a certificate before June 30 shall cause the
 1867 certificate to become inoperative, and it is unlawful thereafter
 1868 for a person to engage, offer to engage, or hold herself or
 1869 himself out as engaging in contracting under the certificate
 1870 unless the certificate is restored or reissued. A certificate
 1871 which is inoperative because of failure to renew shall be
 1872 restored on payment of the proper renewal fee if the application
 1873 for restoration is made within 90 days after June 30. If the
 1874 application for restoration is not made within the 90-day
 1875 period, the fee for restoration must be equal to the original
 1876 application fee, and, in addition, the State Fire Marshal must
 1877 require examination or reexamination of the applicant. The
 1878 period within which reexamination is not required may, in the
 1879 discretion of the department, be extended to 12 months after
 1880 discharge from military service if the military service does not
 1881 exceed 3 years, but not more than 6 years from the date of issue
 1882 or renewal, if applicable, for certificates held by an honorably
 1883 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
 1884 spouse of such a veteran.

1885 Section 57. Subsection (3) of section 633.412, Florida

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1886 Statutes, is amended to read:

1887 633.412 Firefighters; qualifications for certification.—A
 1888 person applying for certification as a firefighter must:

1889 (3) Submit a set of fingerprints to the division with a
 1890 current processing fee. The fingerprints will be forwarded to
 1891 the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and
 1892 forwarded by the Department of Law Enforcement to the Federal
 1893 Bureau of Investigation for national processing. The department
 1894 shall waive the fingerprinting requirement for an applicant who
 1895 is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 1896 Forces and applies for certification within 2 years after
 1897 discharge.

1898 Section 58. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1899 to read:

1900 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter
 1901 certifications.—

1902 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his
 1903 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she
 1904 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter
 1905 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:

1906 (a) Be active as a firefighter.

1907 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor
 1908 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year
 1909 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,
 1910 which proof must be registered in an electronic database
 1911 designated by the division.

1912 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
 1913 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course
 1914 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed

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1915 by rule.

1916 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,

1917 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course

1918 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.

1919 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or

1920 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4

1921 years he or she must:

1922 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or

1923 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of

1924 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.

1925 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified

1926 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as

1927 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety

1928 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment

1929 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.

1930 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"

1931 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a

1932 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within

1933 a 4-year period.

1934 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the

1935 certificate or separation from employment.

1936 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer

1937 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements

1938 of this section.

1939 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,

1940 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer

1941 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the

1942 following grounds exists:

1943 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could

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1944 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to

1945 the division.

1946 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any

1947 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

1948 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate

1949 issued by the division.

1950

1951 The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be

1952 extended for an honorably discharged veteran of the United

1953 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran to 12 months

1954 after discharge from military service if the military service

1955 does not exceed 3 years, but in no event more than 6 years from

1956 the date of issue or renewal, if applicable.

1957 Section 59. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,

1958 Florida Statutes, to read:

1959 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire

1960 College.—

1961 (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental

1962 expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire

1963 College for an active duty member of the United States Armed

1964 Forces, the spouse of such a member who was serving on active

1965 duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding

1966 the spouse attending the college, an honorably discharged

1967 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or

1968 surviving spouse of such a veteran.

1969 Section 60. Subsection (4) of section 648.34, Florida

1970 Statutes, is amended to read:

1971 648.34 Bail bond agents; qualifications.—

1972 (4) The applicant shall furnish, with his or her

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1973 application, a complete set of his or her fingerprints and a
 1974 recent credential-sized, fullface photograph of the applicant.
 1975 The applicant's fingerprints shall be certified by an authorized
 1976 law enforcement officer. The department shall not authorize an
 1977 applicant to take the required examination until the department
 1978 has received a report from the Department of Law Enforcement and
 1979 the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to the existence or
 1980 nonexistence of a criminal history report based on the
 1981 applicant's fingerprints. The department shall waive the
 1982 fingerprinting requirement for an applicant who is an honorably
 1983 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces and applies
 1984 for licensure within 2 years after discharge.

1985 Section 61. Subsection (4) of section 648.355, Florida
 1986 Statutes, is amended to read:

1987 648.355 Temporary limited license as limited surety agent
 1988 or professional bail bond agent; pending examination.—

1989 (4) The applicant shall furnish, with the application for
 1990 temporary license, a complete set of the applicant's
 1991 fingerprints and a recent credential-sized, fullface photograph
 1992 of the applicant. The applicant's fingerprints shall be
 1993 certified by an authorized law enforcement officer. The
 1994 department shall not issue a temporary license under this
 1995 section until the department has received a report from the
 1996 Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of
 1997 Investigation relative to the existence or nonexistence of a
 1998 criminal history report based on the applicant's fingerprints.
 1999 The department shall waive the fingerprinting requirement for an
 2000 applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 2001 States Armed Forces and applies for licensure within 2 years

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2002 after discharge.

2003 Section 62. Section 683.147, Florida Statutes, is created
 2004 to read:

2005 683.147 Medal of Honor Day.—

2006 (1) March 25 of each year is designated as "Medal of Honor
 2007 Day."

2008 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation
 2009 designating March 25 as "Medal of Honor Day" and calling upon
 2010 public officials, schools, private organizations, and all
 2011 residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and
 2012 honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who
 2013 distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and
 2014 gallantry during wartime, at considerable risk to their own
 2015 lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed
 2016 Forces.

2017 Section 63. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 2018 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2019 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

2020 (1)

2021 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to provide
 2022 students with technology-based educational opportunities to gain
 2023 the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The school shall
 2024 serve any student in the state who meets the profile for success
 2025 in this educational delivery context and shall give priority to:
 2026 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order to
 2027 meet their educational goals, such as home education students
 2028 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not
 2029 have access to higher-level courses.

2030 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain a

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2031 high school diploma at least one semester early.

2032 3. Students who are children of an active duty member of
 2033 the United States Armed Forces who is not stationed in this
 2034 state whose home of record or state of legal residence is
 2035 Florida.

2036
 2037 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall
 2038 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on
 2039 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission
 2040 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for
 2041 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and
 2042 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high
 2043 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.

2044 Section 64. Subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida
 2045 Statutes, is amended to read:

2046 1003.42 Required instruction.—

2047 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
 2048 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
 2049 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
 2050 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
 2051 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
 2052 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
 2053 approved methods of instruction, the following:

2054 (a) The history and content of the Declaration of
 2055 Independence, including national sovereignty, natural law, self-
 2056 evident truth, equality of all persons, limited government,
 2057 popular sovereignty, and inalienable rights of life, liberty,
 2058 and property, and how they form the philosophical foundation of
 2059 our government.

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2060 (b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the
 2061 provisions of the Constitution of the United States and
 2062 amendments thereto, with emphasis on each of the 10 amendments
 2063 that make up the Bill of Rights and how the constitution
 2064 provides the structure of our government.

2065 (c) The arguments in support of adopting our republican
 2066 form of government, as they are embodied in the most important
 2067 of the Federalist Papers.

2068 (d) Flag education, including proper flag display and flag
 2069 salute.

2070 (e) The elements of civil government, including the primary
 2071 functions of and interrelationships between the Federal
 2072 Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school
 2073 districts, and special districts.

2074 (f) The history of the United States, including the period
 2075 of discovery, early colonies, the War for Independence, the
 2076 Civil War, the expansion of the United States to its present
 2077 boundaries, the world wars, and the civil rights movement to the
 2078 present. American history shall be viewed as factual, not as
 2079 constructed, shall be viewed as knowable, teachable, and
 2080 testable, and shall be defined as the creation of a new nation
 2081 based largely on the universal principles stated in the
 2082 Declaration of Independence.

2083 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
 2084 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
 2085 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
 2086 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
 2087 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
 2088 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an

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2089 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
 2090 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
 2091 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
 2092 democratic values and institutions.

2093 (h) The history of African Americans, including the history
 2094 of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to
 2095 the development of slavery, the passage to America, the
 2096 enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of
 2097 African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall
 2098 include the contributions of African Americans to American
 2099 society.

2100 (i) The elementary principles of agriculture.

2101 (j) The true effects of all alcoholic and intoxicating
 2102 liquors and beverages and narcotics upon the human body and
 2103 mind.

2104 (k) Kindness to animals.

2105 (l) The history of the state.

2106 (m) The conservation of natural resources.

2107 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
 2108 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
 2109 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
 2110 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
 2111 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
 2112 prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal
 2113 health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and
 2114 abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7
 2115 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse
 2116 component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition
 2117 of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating

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2118 violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy
 2119 relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and
 2120 abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating
 2121 violence and abuse.

2122 (o) Such additional materials, subjects, courses, or fields
 2123 in such grades as are prescribed by law or by rules of the State
 2124 Board of Education and the district school board in fulfilling
 2125 the requirements of law.

2126 (p) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United
 2127 States.

2128 (q) The study of women's contributions to the United
 2129 States.

2130 (r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the
 2131 United States economy.

2132 (s) A character-development program in the elementary
 2133 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which
 2134 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the
 2135 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten
 2136 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or
 2137 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that
 2138 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The
 2139 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of
 2140 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for
 2141 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;
 2142 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
 2143 and cooperation. The character-development curriculum for grades
 2144 9 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on
 2145 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization
 2146 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and

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2147 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;
 2148 conflict resolution, workplace ethics, and workplace law;
 2149 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that
 2150 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

2151 (t) In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that
 2152 veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our
 2153 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
 2154 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,
 2155 Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional
 2156 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
 2157 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

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2159 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
 2160 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
 2161 character development program that incorporates the values of
 2162 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
 2163 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
 2164 other schoolwide character-building and veteran awareness
 2165 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

2166 Section 65. Subsection (4) of section 1012.55, Florida
 2167 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection
 2168 (1) of that section, to read:

2169 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

2170 (1)

2171 (e)1. The department shall issue a 3-year temporary
 2172 certificate in educational leadership under s. 1012.56(7) to an
 2173 individual who:

2174 a. Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational
 2175 Leadership Examination;

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2176 b. Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military
 2177 officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years;
 2178 c. Was honorably discharged or has retired from the United
 2179 States Armed Forces; and

2180 d. Is employed full time in a position for which an
 2181 educator certificate is required in a Florida public school,
 2182 state-supported school, or nonpublic school that has a Level II
 2183 program approved under s. 1012.562.

2184 2. A Level II program approved under s. 1012.562 must
 2185 accept an applicant who holds a temporary certificate as
 2186 required under subparagraph 1. The department shall issue a
 2187 permanent certification as a school principal to an individual
 2188 who holds a temporary certificate issued under subparagraph 1.
 2189 and successfully completes the Level II program.

2190 (4) A commissioned or noncommissioned military officer who
 2191 is an instructor of junior reserve officer training shall be
 2192 exempt from requirements for teacher certification, except for
 2193 the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32, if he or she
 2194 meets the following qualifications:

2195 (a) Is retired from active military duty, pursuant to
 2196 chapter 102 of Title 10 U.S.C.

2197 (b) Satisfies criteria established by the appropriate
 2198 military service for certification by the service as a junior
 2199 reserve officer training instructor.

2200 (c) Has an exemplary military record.

2201

2202 If such instructor is assigned instructional duties other than
 2203 junior reserve officer training, he or she shall hold the
 2204 certificate required by law and rules of the state board for the

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2205 type of service rendered. An instructor of junior reserve
 2206 officer training under this subsection may receive funding
 2207 through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program
 2208 established in s. 1012.71.

2209 Section 66. Subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida
 2210 Statutes, is amended to read:

2211 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

2212 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

2213 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional
 2214 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant
 2215 who fulfills one of the following:

2216 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).
 2217 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6 through
 2218 12:

2219 a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a)-(h).
 2220 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of
 2221 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.
 2222 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the
 2223 advanced degree.
 2224 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the teacher's
 2225 performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part on
 2226 student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized
 2227 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International
 2228 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate
 2229 examination.

2230 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional
 2231 education competency examination required by state board rule.

2232 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a)-(h) and
 2233 completes a professional preparation and education competence

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2234 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8)(c).
 2235 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly
 2236 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation
 2237 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing
 2238 score on the professional education competency examination in
 2239 order to be awarded a professional certificate.

2240 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to
 2241 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in
 2242 paragraphs (2)(a)-(f) and completes the subject area content
 2243 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates
 2244 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and
 2245 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the
 2246 Department of Education at the level required for the subject
 2247 area specialization in state board rule.

2248 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year
 2249 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional
 2250 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's
 2251 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for
 2252 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language
 2253 impairment.

2254 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years
 2255 and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph
 2256 (2)(g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of
 2257 employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are
 2258 employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time
 2259 period may continue to be employed through the end of the school
 2260 year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall
 2261 not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a
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2263 position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond
 2264 this time period if the individual has not met the requirement
 2265 of paragraph (2) (g). At least 1 year before an individual's
 2266 temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall
 2267 electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or
 2268 her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by
 2269 which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be
 2270 completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
 2271 allow the department to extend the validity period of a
 2272 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the
 2273 professional certificate, not including the requirement in
 2274 paragraph (2) (g), were not completed due to the serious illness
 2275 or injury of the applicant, the military service of an
 2276 applicant's spouse, or other extraordinary extenuating
 2277 circumstances. The rules must authorize the department to extend
 2278 the validity period of a temporary certificate ~~or~~ for 1 year if
 2279 the ~~temporary~~ certificateholder is rated effective or highly
 2280 effective based solely on a student learning growth formula
 2281 approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s.
 2282 1012.34(8). The department shall reissue the temporary
 2283 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the
 2284 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of
 2285 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school
 2286 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab
 2287 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or
 2288 the governing authority of a private school.

2289 Section 67. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.59,
 2290 Florida Statutes, to read:
 2291 1012.59 Certification fees.-

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2292 (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial
 2293 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area
 2294 examination fees and certification and certification renewal
 2295 fees for:

2296 (a) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a reserve
 2297 component thereof who is serving or has served on active duty or
 2298 the spouse of such a member.

2299 (b) The surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 2300 Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on
 2301 active duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years
 2302 preceding the spouse's application for certification or
 2303 certification renewal or registration for an examination.

2304 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 2305 Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who
 2306 served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such
 2307 a veteran.

2308 Section 68. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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Bill Number (if applicable)

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SB 1884

Bill Number (if applicable)

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The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

BILL: CS/SB 1598

INTRODUCER: Judiciary Committee and Senator Passidomo

SUBJECT: Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation

DATE: January 31, 2018

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Davis</u>	<u>Cibula</u>	<u>JU</u>	Fav/CS
2.	<u>Sanders</u>	<u>Ryon</u>	<u>MS</u>	Favorable
3.	_____	_____	<u>RC</u>	_____

Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

I. Summary:

CS/SB 1598 creates the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act. The act establishes a framework for resolving child custody and visitation issues when a parent is deployed in military or other forms of national service. In addition to providing definitions for the act, the bill:

- Requires parents to communicate about custody and visitation issues upon learning of an upcoming deployment.
- Addresses custody issues that arise when someone receives notice of deployment and during deployment by permitting an out-of-court agreement. If the parents do not reach an agreement, an expedited resolution of custody arrangement is available in court.
- Provides that no permanent custody order can be issued before or during deployment unless the servicemember consents.
- Governs termination of a temporary custody arrangement upon the servicemember's return from deployment.

The bill repeals s. 61.13002, F.S., pertaining to temporary time-sharing modification and child support modification due to military service. Repealing the current statute will prevent any conflicts between that section and the new act.

II. Present Situation:

Background

As military parents are deployed to serve around the world, complex child custody issues have arisen. These custody issues affect both the welfare of children and the ability of military members to serve their country. The Department of Defense has indicated that a significant number of deployed servicemembers are single parents and that related child custody and visitation issues have detrimentally impacted them and the overall war effort as these parents struggle to complete their missions.¹

The sole federal statutory scheme that protects single-parent servicemembers is the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)² which generally governs the legal rights of a deployed servicemember. If military service materially affects a servicemember's ability to participate in his or her legal proceedings, a judge is required to grant a stay of the proceeding, even a custody proceeding. However, these mandatory stays only cover the first 90 day period after a member is deployed. When that time period ends, stays are discretionary with the court. The stays are then often overridden when the court tries to resolve custody issues for the children involved in the legal proceedings. The SCRA does not provide procedures for a temporary custody arrangement and does not provide courts with any guidance on how to balance the best interests of the child with the servicemembers' interests.³

Under the principle of federalism,⁴ the authority to resolve child custody and visitation issues resides with the states. As a result, many states have adopted differing approaches to deal with custody issues during a deployment. Because military families are often moving from one state to another and because one parent might live in one state and the other parent might live in a different state after divorce, custody issues have become very complex.⁵

Florida Law

Section 61.13002, F.S., addresses temporary time-sharing modifications and child support modifications due to military service. The statute allows for the filing of a petition or motion for modification of time-sharing and parental responsibility when a parent is activated, deployed, or temporarily assigned to military service and that parent's ability to comply with time-sharing is materially affected.⁶ Generally, the court may not issue an order or modify a previous judgment or order that changes time-sharing as it existed on the date the parent was activated, deployed, or temporarily assigned.⁷ However, the court may enter a temporary order to modify or amend

¹ Uniform Law Commission, The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, *Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act Summary*, <http://uniformlaws.org/ActSummary.aspx?title=Deployed%20Parents%20Custody%20and%20Visitation%20Act> (last visited Jan. 23, 2018).

² 50 U.S.C. 3901–4043.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Federalism is defined as the legal relationship and distribution of power between federal and state governments. BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY (10th ed. 2014).

⁵ *Supra*, note 1.

⁶ Section 61.13002(1), F.S.

⁷ *Id.*

time-sharing if there is clear and convincing evidence that the temporary modification is in the best interests of the child.⁸

If a temporary order is entered, the court may address support by either:

- Ordering temporary support from the servicemember to the other parent;
- Requiring the servicemember to enroll the child as a military dependent for benefits available to military dependents; or
- Suspending, abating, or reducing the child support obligation of the nonservicemember until the previous order in effect is reinstated.⁹

The law allows a deployed parent on orders in excess of 90 days to designate a person or persons to exercise time-sharing with the child on the parent's behalf.¹⁰ This is limited to a family member, stepparent, or relative of the child by marriage.¹¹ The other parent may only object on the basis that the designee's time-sharing is not in the best interest of the child.¹² The law excludes permanent change of station moves by servicemembers.¹³

The law also requires the court to:

- Allow the servicemember to testify by telephone, video, webcam, affidavit, or other means if a motion is filed and the servicemember is unable to appear in person;¹⁴ and
- Reinstate the time-sharing order previously in effect upon the servicemember's return.¹⁵

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 61.13002, F.S., the current statute dealing with temporary time-sharing modification and child support modification due to military service, discussed in the Present Situation above, is repealed.

The bill creates the “Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act.” This is modeled after the Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act developed in 2012 by the Uniform Law Commission.¹⁶ The model act has been adopted by 13 states: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia.¹⁷

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Section 61.13002(6), F.S.

¹⁰ Section 61.13002(2), F.S.

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ Section 61.13002(7), F.S.

¹⁴ Section 61.13002(5), F.S.

¹⁵ Section 61.13002(4), F.S.

¹⁶ The Uniform Law Commission, also known as the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, was established in 1892. The organization provides states with non-partisan legislation that is designed to promote uniform state laws in areas where uniformity is practical. <http://www.uniformlaws.org/Narrative.aspx?title=About%20the%20ULC>

¹⁷ Uniform Law Commission, The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, *Legislative Fact Sheet – Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act*, [http://uniformlaws.org/LegislativeFactSheet.aspx?title=Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act](http://uniformlaws.org/LegislativeFactSheet.aspx?title=Deployed%20Parents%20Custody%20and%20Visitation%20Act).

In general terms, the act provide definitions, contains provisions that apply to custody matters of servicemembers, custody issues that arise in light of and during deployment, expedited resolution of a custody arrangement in court, and termination of temporary custody arrangement upon a return from deployment.

Definitions (s. 61.703, F.S.)

The bill defines familiar terms used in the act, such as "adult," "child," and "court." The bill also defines multiple terms that are unique to the act:

"Servicemember" means a member of a uniformed service.

"Uniformed service" means active and reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, United States Merchant Marine, commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service, commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Guard of a state or territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.

"Deployment" means the movement or mobilization of a servicemember for more than 90 days but less than 18 months pursuant to uniformed service orders that

- Are designated as unaccompanied;
- Do not authorize dependent travel; or
- Otherwise do not permit the movement of family members to the location to which the servicemember is deployed.

"Custodial responsibility" is used as an umbrella term for all powers and duties relating to caretaking authority and decisionmaking authority for a child. The term includes physical custody, legal custody, parenting time, right to access, visitation, and authority to grant limited contact with a child.

"Caretaking authority" means the right to live with and care for a child on a day-to-day basis. The term includes physical custody, parenting time, right to access, and visitation.

"Decisionmaking authority" means the power to make important decisions regarding a child, including decisions regarding the child's education, religious training, health care, extracurricular activities, and travel. The term does not include the power to make decisions that necessarily accompany a grant of caretaking authority.

"Close and substantial relationship" means a relationship in which a significant bond exists between a child and a nonparent.

"Nonparent" means an individual other than a deploying parent or other parent.

"Limited contact" means the authority of a nonparent to visit a child for a limited time. The term includes authority to take the child to a place other than the child's residence.

Remedies for Noncompliance (s. 61.705, F.S.)

If a court finds that a party acts in bad faith or intentionally fails to comply with the act or a court order issued under the act, in addition to other remedies authorized by general law, the court may assess reasonable attorney fees and costs against the party and order other appropriate relief.

Jurisdiction (s. 61.707, F.S.)

The bill allows any court with jurisdiction under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA)¹⁸ to issue an order regarding custodial responsibility. For purposes of the UCCJEA, the residence of the deploying parent does not change due to that deployment if:

- A court has issued a temporary order regarding custodial responsibility;
- A court has issued a permanent order regarding custodial responsibility before notice of deployment and the parents modify that order by temporary agreement; or
- A court in another state has issued a temporary order regarding custodial responsibility as a result of impending or current deployment.

The bill does not prevent a court from exercising temporary emergency jurisdiction under the UCCJEA.

Notice Requirement for Deploying Parent (s. 61.709, F.S.)

The bill requires a deploying parent to notify the other parent of a pending deployment no later than 7 days after receiving notice of the deployment, unless he or she is reasonably prevented from doing so, in which case the deploying parent must provide notice as soon as is reasonably possible. The bill also requires the deploying parent to notify the other parent of a plan fulfilling each parent's share of custodial responsibility during deployment as soon as reasonably possible after notice of deployment. The bill allows this notice to be provided to the issuing court if a court order prohibits disclosure of the address or contact information of the other parent. If the address of the other parent is available to the issuing court, the court shall forward the notice to the other parent, and keep confidential the address or contact information of the other parent. The bill does not require this notice if both parents are living in the same residence and have actual notice of the deployment or plan.

Duty to Notify of change of Address (s. 61.711, F.S.)

The bill requires an individual granted custodial responsibility during deployment to notify the deploying parent, any other individual with custodial responsibility of a child, and the court of any change of mailing address or residence, unless a court order prohibits disclosure of the address.

¹⁸ The UCCJEA is a uniform law adopted by all states, except Massachusetts, that limits the state with jurisdiction over child custody to one, which avoids competing custody orders. It also provides enforcement provisions for child custody orders and the ability to exercise emergency jurisdiction if needed.

General Consideration in Custody Proceeding of Parent's Service (s. 61.713, F.S.)

A court is prohibited from considering a parent's past deployment or possible future deployment when determining the best interest of the child in a custodial responsibility proceeding.

Form of Custodial Responsibility Agreement (s. 61.721, F.S.)

Parents may enter into a temporary custodial responsibility agreement during deployment. The written agreement must be signed by both parents and any nonparent who is granted custodial responsibility. If feasible, the agreement must:

- Identify the destination, duration, and conditions of deployment;
- Specify the allocation of caretaking authority, any decisionmaking authority that accompanies that caretaking authority among the parties to the agreement and any grant of limited contact to a nonparent;
- Provide a process to resolve any dispute that may arise;
- Specify the frequency, duration, and means, including electronic, by which the deploying parent will have contact with the child, any role to be played by the other parent or nonparent in facilitating that contact, and allocate any costs of that contact;
- Acknowledge the agreement does not modify any existing child support obligation and that changing the terms of the obligation during deployment requires modification in the appropriate court;
- Provide that the agreement will terminate according to the act after the deploying parent returns from deployment; and
- Specify which parent is required to file the agreement, if the agreement must be filed with a court that has entered an order relating to custody or child support of the child.

Nature of Authority Created by Custodial Responsibility Agreement (s. 61.723, F.S.)

An agreement granting custodial responsibility during deployment is temporary and terminates after the deploying parent returns, unless the agreement has been terminated before that time by court order or modification. The custodial responsibility agreement does not create an independent, continuing right to caretaking authority, decisionmaking authority, or limited contact. A nonparent has standing to enforce the agreement until it is terminated.

Modification of Agreement (s. 61.725, F.S.)

The bill allows the parents of a child to modify an agreement granting custodial responsibility by mutual consent. If an agreement is modified before deployment of a deploying parent, the modification must be in writing and signed by both parents and any nonparent granted custodial responsibility under the modified agreement. If the agreement is modified during deployment of a deploying parent, the modification must be agreed to in some record by both parents and any nonparent granted custodial responsibility.

Power of Attorney (s. 61.727, F.S.)

A deploying parent, by power of attorney, may grant all or part of custodial responsibility to an adult nonparent for the period of deployment if no other parent possesses custodial

responsibility, or if a court order currently in effect prohibits contact between the child and the other parent. The deploying parent may revoke the power of attorney by signing a revocation of the power of attorney.

Filing Custodial Responsibility Agreement or Power of Attorney with Court (s. 61.729, F.S.)

The bill requires any agreement or power of attorney be filed within reasonable time with a court that has entered an order in effect relating to custody or child support. The case number and heading of the pending case must be provided to the court with the agreement or power of attorney.

Proceeding for Temporary Custody Order, Testimony (ss. 61.733 and 61.735, F.S.)

A court may issue a temporary order granting custodial responsibility after a deploying parent receives notice of deployment, unless prohibited by the SCRA. A court may not issue a permanent order granting custodial responsibility without the consent of the deploying parent.

Either parent may file a motion regarding custodial responsibility of a child during deployment. The motion must be filed in a pending proceeding for custodial responsibility in a court with jurisdiction, if a pending proceeding does not exist in a court with jurisdiction, the motion must be filed as a new action. If a motion to grant custodial responsibility is filed before a deploying parent deploys, the court must conduct an expedited hearing. The bill allows for testimony by electronic means unless the court finds good cause to require in-person testimony.

Effect of Prior Judicial Order or Agreement (s. 61.737, F.S.)

A prior judicial order granting custodial responsibility is binding on the court unless circumstances meet the requirements authorized by general law to modify a judicial order regarding custodial responsibility. The court must enforce a prior written agreement between the parties, unless the court finds that the agreement is not in the best interest of the child.

Grant of Caretaking Authority to Nonparent (s. 61.739, F.S.)

A court may, upon the request of a deploying parent, if it is in the best interests of the child, grant caretaking authority to a nonparent who is an adult family member of the child or an adult with whom the child has a close and substantial relationship. Unless agreed to by the other parent, the grant of caretaking authority may not exceed the amount of time granted to the deploying parent under a permanent custody order, or in the absence of a permanent custody order, the amount of time the deploying parent habitually cared for the child before being notified of deployment.

If the deploying parent is unable to exercise decisionmaking authority, a court may grant part of that authority to a nonparent, but must specify the decisionmaking powers granted.

Grant of Limited Contact (s. 61.741, F.S.)

A court must grant limited contact to a nonparent who is a family member of the child or an individual with whom the child has a close and substantial relationship on motion of a deploying parent unless the court finds that limited contact with a nonparent would not be in the best interest of the child.

Nature of Authority Created by Temporary Custody Order (s. 61.743, F.S.)

Any grant of authority to a nonparent is temporary and terminates after the deploying parent returns from deployment unless the grant has been terminated before then by a court order. A nonparent granted caretaking authority, decisionmaking authority, or limited contact has standing to enforce the grant until it is terminated by court order or under the act.

Content of Temporary Custody Order (s. 61.745, F.S.)

An order granting custodial responsibility, when applicable, must:

- Designate the order as temporary and provide for termination after the deploying parent returns from deployment;
- Identify the destination, duration, and conditions of the deployment;
- Specify the allocation of caretaking authority, decisionmaking authority, or limited contact among the deploying parent, the other parent, and any nonparent.
- Provide a process to resolve any dispute that may arise;
- Provide for liberal communication between the deploying parent and the child during deployment, including through electronic means, unless it is not in the best interest of the child, and allocate any costs of communication;
- Provide for liberal contact between the deploying parent and the child during the time the deploying parent is on leave or otherwise available, unless it is not in the best interest of the child; and
- Provide for reasonable contact between the deploying parent and the child after the parent's return from deployment until the temporary order is terminated, even if the time of contact exceeds the time the deploying parent spent with the child before entry of the temporary order.

Order for Child Support (s. 61.747, F.S.)

The court may enter a temporary order for child support authorized by general law if the court has jurisdiction and has issued an order granting caretaking authority or an agreement granting caretaking authority has been issued.

Modifying or Terminating a Grant of Custodial Responsibility or Limited Contact to Nonparent (s. 61.749, F.S.)

The bill allows a court to modify or terminate a temporary grant of custodial responsibility on the motion of a deploying parent, other parent, or any nonparent granted caretaking authority if the modification or termination is in the best interest of the child. A modification is temporary and terminates after the deploying parent returns from deployment unless the grant has been

terminated before then by court order. The court must terminate a grant of limited contact on motion of a deploying parent.

Procedure for Terminating a Temporary Agreement Granting Custodial Responsibility (s. 61.761, F.S.)

The bill details the procedure for terminating a temporary agreement granting custodial responsibility. The procedure provides that, after a deploying parent returns from deployment, a deploying parent and the other parent may file an agreement to terminate a temporary order for custodial responsibility. After an agreement to terminate has been filed, it must terminate on the date specified on the agreement or on the date the agreement is signed by the deploying parent and the other parent if the agreement to terminate does not specify a date.

In the absence of an agreement to terminate, a temporary agreement granting custodial responsibility terminates 60 days after the deploying parent gives notice of return from deployment to the other parent. If a temporary agreement granting custodial responsibility was filed with a court, an agreement to terminate must be filed with the court within a reasonable time after the deploying parent and other parent sign the agreement. A proceeding to prevent termination of a temporary order for custodial responsibility is governed by general law.

Visitation Before Termination of Temporary Grant of Custodial Responsibility (s. 61.763, F.S.)

The bill requires a court to issue a temporary order granting the deploying parent reasonable contact with the child from the time he or she returns from deployment until a temporary agreement or order is terminated, even if contact exceeds the time the deploying parent spent with the child before deployment unless it is not in the best interest of the child.

Applicability (61.773, F.S.)

The act does not affect the validity of temporary court orders entered before July 1, 2018.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2018.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court rendered a decision¹⁹ in a case that pitted the rights of a mother against the visitation rights of the children's grandparents. The Court emphasized its history of recognizing "the fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children." The Court further stated that the Due Process Clause prohibits a state from infringing on the fundamental right of a parent to make child rearing decisions. This legislation permits a deployed parent to delegate or assign his or her custodial rights to a non-parent. It could be argued that this assignment does not diminish the rights of the non-deployed parent because it is an assignment, not an expansion, of the deployed parent's existing rights.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 61.703, 61.773, 61.705, 61.707, 61.709, 61.711, 61.713, 61.723, 61.725, 61.727, 61.729, 61.733, 61.735, 61.737, 61.739, 61.741, 61.743, 61.745, 61.747, 61.749, 61.761, 61.763, and 61.771.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

CS by Judiciary on January 25, 2018:

The committee substitute repeals s. 61.13002, F.S., the current statute pertaining to temporary time-sharing modification and child support modification due to military

¹⁹ *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57, 66 (2000).

service. This section is discussed above in the Present Situation under Florida Law.
Repealing this provision will avoid any conflict between the new act and existing law.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Passidomo

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to deployed parent custody and
 3 visitation; repealing s. 61.13002, F.S., relating to
 4 temporary time-sharing modification and child support
 5 modification due to military service; creating part IV
 6 of ch. 61, F.S., entitled "Uniform Deployed Parents
 7 Custody and Visitation Act"; providing definitions;
 8 providing remedies for noncompliance; authorizing a
 9 court to issue certain custodial orders only under
 10 certain jurisdiction; providing notice requirements;
 11 providing requirements for proceeding for custodial
 12 responsibility of a child of a servicemember;
 13 providing requirements for agreement forms,
 14 termination, modification, power of attorney, and
 15 filing; providing requirements for temporary orders of
 16 custodial responsibility; authorizing electronic
 17 testimony in a proceeding for temporary custody;
 18 providing for the effect of any prior judicial order
 19 or agreement; authorizing a court to grant caretaking
 20 authority or limited contact to a nonparent under
 21 certain conditions; providing for the termination of a
 22 grant of authority; providing requirements for an
 23 order of temporary custody; authorizing a court to
 24 enter a temporary order for child support under
 25 certain circumstances; authorizing a court to modify
 26 or terminate a temporary grant of custodial
 27 responsibility; providing procedures for termination
 28 of a temporary custodial responsibility agreement;
 29 providing for visitation; providing construction;

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30 providing applicability; providing an effective date.
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 32 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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 34 Section 1. Section 61.13002, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
 35 Section 2. Part IV of chapter 61, Florida Statutes,
 36 consisting of sections 61.703-61.773, Florida Statutes, is
 37 created and entitled "Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and
 38 Visitation Act."
 39 61.703 Definitions.—As used in this part:
 40 (1) "Adult" means an individual who has attained 18 years
 41 of age or who has had the disability of nonage removed under
 42 chapter 743.
 43 (2) "Caretaking authority" means the right to live with and
 44 care for a child on a day-to-day basis. The term includes
 45 physical custody, parenting time, right to access, and
 46 visitation.
 47 (3) "Child" means:
 48 (a) An individual who has not attained 18 years of age and
 49 who has not had the disability of nonage removed under chapter
 50 743; or
 51 (b) An adult son or daughter by birth or adoption, or
 52 designated by general law, who is the subject of a court order
 53 concerning custodial responsibility.
 54 (4) "Close and substantial relationship" means a
 55 relationship in which a significant bond exists between a child
 56 and a nonparent.
 57 (5) "Court" means the court of legal jurisdiction.
 58 (6) "Custodial responsibility" includes all powers and

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59 duties relating to caretaking authority and decisionmaking
 60 authority for a child. The term includes physical custody, legal
 61 custody, parenting time, right to access, visitation, and
 62 authority to grant limited contact with a child.

63 (7) "Decisionmaking authority" means the power to make
 64 important decisions regarding a child, including decisions
 65 regarding the child's education, religious training, health
 66 care, extracurricular activities, and travel. The term does not
 67 include the power to make decisions that necessarily accompany a
 68 grant of caretaking authority.

69 (8) "Deploying parent" means a servicemember who is
 70 deployed or has been notified of impending deployment and is:

71 (a) A parent of a child; or

72 (b) An individual who has custodial responsibility for a
 73 child.

74 (9) "Deployment" means the movement or mobilization of a
 75 servicemember for more than 90 days but less than 18 months
 76 pursuant to uniformed service orders that:

77 (a) Are designated as unaccompanied;

78 (b) Do not authorize dependent travel; or

79 (c) Otherwise do not permit the movement of family members
 80 to the location to which the servicemember is deployed.

81 (10) "Family member" means a sibling, aunt, uncle, cousin,
 82 stepparent, or grandparent of a child or an individual
 83 recognized to be in a familial relationship with a child.

84 (11) "Limited contact" means the authority of a nonparent
 85 to visit a child for a limited time. The term includes authority
 86 to take the child to a place other than the child's residence.

87 (12) "Nonparent" means an individual other than a deploying

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88 parent or other parent.

89 (13) "Other parent" means an individual who, in addition to
 90 a deploying parent, is:

91 (a) A parent of a child; or

92 (b) An individual who has custodial responsibility for a
 93 child.

94 (14) "Record" means information that is created in a
 95 tangible medium or stored in an electronic or other medium and
 96 is retrievable in perceivable form.

97 (15) "Return from deployment" means the conclusion of a
 98 servicemember's deployment as specified in uniformed service
 99 orders.

100 (16) "Servicemember" means a member of a uniformed service.

101 (17) "Sign" means, with the intent to authenticate or adopt
 102 a record, to:

103 (a) Execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or

104 (b) Attach to or logically associate with the record an
 105 electronic symbol, sound, or process.

106 (18) "State" means a state of the United States, the
 107 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
 108 Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the
 109 jurisdiction of the United States.

110 (19) "Uniformed service" means any of the following:

111 (a) Active and reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air
 112 Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States.

113 (b) The United States Merchant Marine.

114 (c) The commissioned corps of the United States Public
 115 Health Service.

116 (d) The commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and

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117 Atmospheric Administration.

118 (e) The National Guard of a state or territory of the
 119 United States, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia.

120 61.705 Remedies for noncompliance.—In addition to other
 121 remedies authorized by general law, if a court finds that a
 122 party to a proceeding acts in bad faith or intentionally fails
 123 to comply with this part or a court order issued under this
 124 part, the court may assess reasonable attorney fees and costs
 125 against the party, and order other appropriate relief.

126 61.707 Jurisdiction.—

127 (1) A court may issue an order regarding custodial
 128 responsibility only if the court has jurisdiction under the
 129 Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

130 (2) For purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction
 131 and Enforcement Act, the residence of the deploying parent does
 132 not change by reason of the deployment if:

133 (a) A court has issued a temporary order regarding
 134 custodial responsibility.

135 (b) A court has issued a permanent order regarding
 136 custodial responsibility before notice of deployment and the
 137 parents modify that order temporarily by agreement.

138 (c) A court in another state has issued a temporary order
 139 regarding custodial responsibility as a result of impending or
 140 current deployment.

141 (3) This section does not prevent a court from exercising
 142 temporary emergency jurisdiction under the Uniform Child Custody
 143 Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

144 61.709 Notice requirement for deploying parent.—

145 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), and

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146 subject to subsection (2), a deploying parent shall notify in a
 147 record to the other parent:

148 (a) A pending deployment not later than 7 days after
 149 receiving notice of deployment unless he or she is reasonably
 150 prevented from doing so by the circumstances of service, in
 151 which case the deploying parent shall provide notice as soon as
 152 reasonably possible.

153 (b) A plan fulfilling each parent's share of custodial
 154 responsibility during deployment provided as soon as reasonably
 155 possible after notice of deployment is given under paragraph
 156 (a).

157 (2) If a court order prohibits disclosure of the address or
 158 contact information of the other parent, notice pursuant to
 159 subsection (1) must be provided to the issuing court. If the
 160 address of the other parent is available to the issuing court,
 161 the court shall forward the notice to the other parent. The
 162 court shall keep confidential the address or contact information
 163 of the other parent.

164 (3) Notice pursuant to subsection (1) is not required if
 165 both parents are living in the same residence and have actual
 166 notice of the deployment or plan.

167 (4) In a proceeding regarding custodial responsibility, a
 168 court may consider the reasonableness of a parent's efforts to
 169 comply with this section.

170 61.711 Duty to notify of change of address.—

171 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), an
 172 individual granted custodial responsibility during deployment
 173 must notify the deploying parent and any other individual with
 174 custodial responsibility of a child of any change of mailing

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175 address or residence until the grant is terminated. The
 176 individual must provide the notice to any court that has issued
 177 a custody or child support order concerning the child.

178 (2) If a court order prohibits disclosure of the address or
 179 contact information of an individual to whom custodial
 180 responsibility has been granted, notice pursuant to subsection
 181 (1) must be provided to the issuing court. The court shall keep
 182 confidential the mailing address or residence of the individual
 183 granted custodial responsibility.

184 61.713 General consideration in custody proceeding of
 185 parent's service.-In a proceeding for custodial responsibility
 186 of a child of a servicemember, a court may not consider a
 187 parent's past deployment or possible future deployment in
 188 determining the best interest of the child.

189 61.721 Form of custodial responsibility agreement.-

190 (1) The parents of a child may enter into a temporary
 191 agreement granting custodial responsibility during deployment.

192 (2) The agreement must be in writing and signed by both
 193 parents and any nonparent granted custodial responsibility.

194 (3) Subject to subsection (4), the agreement, if feasible,
 195 must:

196 (a) Identify the destination, duration, and conditions of
 197 the deployment that is the basis for the agreement.

198 (b) Specify the allocation of caretaking authority among
 199 the deploying parent, the other parent, and any nonparent.

200 (c) Specify any decisionmaking authority that accompanies a
 201 grant of caretaking authority.

202 (d) Specify any grant of limited contact to a nonparent.

203 (e) Provide a process to resolve any dispute that may arise

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204 if custodial responsibility is shared by the other parent and a
 205 nonparent, or by other nonparents.

206 (f) Specify the frequency, duration, and means, including
 207 electronic means, by which the deploying parent will have
 208 contact with the child, any role to be played by the other
 209 parent or nonparent in facilitating the contact, and the
 210 allocation of any costs of contact.

211 (g) Specify contact between the deploying parent and child
 212 during the time the deploying parent is on leave or is otherwise
 213 available.

214 (h) Acknowledge that the agreement does not modify any
 215 existing child support obligation and that changing the terms of
 216 the obligation during deployment requires modification in the
 217 appropriate court.

218 (i) Provide that the agreement will terminate according to
 219 the procedures under this part after the deploying parent
 220 returns from deployment.

221 (j) Specify which parent is required to file the agreement
 222 if the agreement must be filed pursuant to s. 61.729.

223 (4) The omission of any item in subsection (3) does not
 224 invalidate the agreement.

225 61.723 Nature of authority created by custodial
 226 responsibility agreement.-

227 (1) An agreement granting custodial responsibility during
 228 deployment is temporary and terminates after the deploying
 229 parent returns from deployment unless the agreement has been
 230 terminated before that time by court order or modification under
 231 s. 61.725. The agreement does not create an independent,
 232 continuing right to caretaking authority, decisionmaking

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233 authority, or limited contact for an individual granted
 234 custodial responsibility.

235 (2) A nonparent granted caretaking authority,
 236 decisionmaking authority, or limited contact by agreement has
 237 standing to enforce the agreement until it is terminated by
 238 court order or under s. 61.761, or modified under s. 61.725.

239 61.725 Modification of agreement.—

240 (1) The parents of a child may modify an agreement granting
 241 custodial responsibility by mutual consent.

242 (2) If an agreement is modified before deployment of a
 243 deploying parent, the modification must be in writing and signed
 244 by both parents and any nonparent granted custodial
 245 responsibility under the modified agreement.

246 (3) If an agreement is modified during deployment of a
 247 deploying parent, the modification must be agreed to in a record
 248 by both parents and any nonparent granted custodial
 249 responsibility.

250 61.727 Power of attorney.—A deploying parent may, by power
 251 of attorney, grant all or part of custodial responsibility to an
 252 adult nonparent for the period of deployment if no other parent
 253 possesses custodial responsibility, or if a court order
 254 currently in effect prohibits contact between the child and the
 255 other parent. The deploying parent may revoke the power of
 256 attorney by signing a revocation of the power of attorney.

257 61.729 Filing custodial responsibility agreement or power
 258 of attorney with court.—An agreement or power of attorney must
 259 be filed within a reasonable time with a court that has entered
 260 an order in effect relating to custodial responsibility or child
 261 support concerning the child who is the subject of the agreement

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262 or power. The case number and heading of the pending case
 263 concerning custodial responsibility or child support must be
 264 provided to the court with the agreement or power.

265 61.733 Proceeding for temporary custody order.—

266 (1) After a deploying parent receives notice of deployment
 267 and until the deployment terminates, a court may issue a
 268 temporary order granting custodial responsibility unless
 269 prohibited by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Title 50,
 270 Appendix U.S.C. ss. 501 et seq. A court may not issue a
 271 permanent order granting custodial responsibility without the
 272 consent of the deploying parent.

273 (2) (a) At any time after a deploying parent receives notice
 274 of deployment, either parent may file a motion regarding
 275 custodial responsibility of a child during deployment. The
 276 motion must be filed in a pending proceeding for custodial
 277 responsibility in a court with jurisdiction under s. 61.707 or,
 278 if a pending proceeding does not exist in a court with
 279 jurisdiction under s. 61.707, the motion must be filed in a new
 280 action for granting custodial responsibility during deployment.

281 (b) If a motion to grant custodial responsibility is filed
 282 under paragraph (a) before a deploying parent deploys, the court
 283 shall conduct an expedited hearing.

284 61.735 Testimony by electronic means.—In a proceeding for a
 285 temporary custody order, a party or witness who is not
 286 reasonably able to appear in person may appear, provide
 287 testimony, and present evidence by electronic means unless the
 288 court finds good cause to require in-person testimony.

289 61.737 Effect of prior judicial order or agreement.—In a
 290 proceeding for a temporary grant of custodial responsibility:

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291 (1) A prior judicial order granting custodial
 292 responsibility in the event of deployment is binding on the
 293 court unless circumstances meet the requirements authorized by
 294 general law for modifying a judicial order regarding custodial
 295 responsibility.

296 (2) The court shall enforce a prior written agreement
 297 between the parents for granting custodial responsibility in the
 298 event of deployment, including an agreement for custodial
 299 responsibility during deployment, unless the court finds that
 300 the agreement is not in the best interest of the child.

301 61.739 Grant of caretaking authority to nonparent.-

302 (1) Upon the motion of a deploying parent and in accordance
 303 with general law, if it is in the best interest of the child, a
 304 court may grant caretaking authority to a nonparent who is an
 305 adult family member of the child or an adult with whom the child
 306 has a close and substantial relationship.

307 (2) Unless a grant of caretaking authority to a nonparent
 308 is agreed to by the other parent, the grant is limited to an
 309 amount of time that may not exceed:

310 (a) The amount of time granted to the deploying parent
 311 under a permanent custody order; however, the court may add
 312 travel time necessary to transport the child; or

313 (b) In the absence of a permanent custody order that is
 314 currently in effect, the amount of time the deploying parent
 315 habitually cared for the child before being notified of
 316 deployment; however, the court may add travel time necessary to
 317 transport the child.

318 (3) If the deploying parent is unable to exercise
 319 decisionmaking authority, a court may grant part of that

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320 authority to a nonparent who is an adult family member of the
 321 child or an adult with whom the child has a close and
 322 substantial relationship. If a court grants the authority to a
 323 nonparent, the court shall specify the decisionmaking powers
 324 granted.

325 61.741 Grant of limited contact.-A court shall grant
 326 limited contact to a nonparent who is a family member of the
 327 child or an individual with whom the child has a close and
 328 substantial relationship on motion of a deploying parent and in
 329 accordance with general law unless the court finds that limited
 330 contact with a nonparent would not be in the best interest of
 331 the child.

332 61.743 Nature of authority created by temporary custody
 333 order.-

334 (1) A grant of authority is temporary and terminates after
 335 the deploying parent returns from deployment unless the grant
 336 has been terminated before that time by court order. The grant
 337 does not create an independent, continuing right to caretaking
 338 authority, decisionmaking authority, or limited contact to an
 339 individual granted temporary custody.

340 (2) A nonparent granted caretaking authority,
 341 decisionmaking authority, or limited contact has standing to
 342 enforce the grant until it is terminated by court order or under
 343 this part.

344 61.745 Content of temporary custody order.-An order
 345 granting custodial responsibility, when applicable, must:

346 (1) Designate the order as temporary and provide for
 347 termination after the deploying parent returns from deployment.

348 (2) Identify, to the extent feasible, the destination,

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349 duration, and conditions of the deployment.

350 (3) Specify the allocation of caretaking authority,
 351 decisionmaking authority, or limited contact among the deploying
 352 parent, the other parent, and any nonparent.

353 (4) Provide a process to resolve any dispute that may arise
 354 if the order divides caretaking or decisionmaking authority
 355 between individuals, or grants caretaking authority to one
 356 individual and limited contact to another individual.

357 (5) Provide for liberal communication between the deploying
 358 parent and the child during deployment, including through
 359 electronic means, unless it is not in the best interest of the
 360 child, and allocate any costs of communication.

361 (6) Provide for liberal contact between the deploying
 362 parent and the child during the time the deploying parent is on
 363 leave or otherwise available, unless it is not in the best
 364 interest of the child.

365 (7) Provide for reasonable contact between the deploying
 366 parent and the child after the parent's return from deployment
 367 until the temporary order is terminated, even if the time of
 368 contact exceeds the time the deploying parent spent with the
 369 child before entry of the temporary order.

370 61.747 Order for child support.-If a court has issued an
 371 order granting caretaking authority, or an agreement granting
 372 caretaking authority has been executed, the court may enter a
 373 temporary order for child support authorized by general law if
 374 the court has jurisdiction under the Uniform Interstate Family
 375 Support Act.

376 61.749 Modifying or terminating grant of custodial
 377 responsibility or limited contact to nonparent.-

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378 (1) Except for an agreement under s. 61.723, or as
 379 otherwise provided in subsection (2), and consistent with the
 380 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Title 50, Appendix U.S.C. ss.
 381 501 et seq., a court may modify or terminate a temporary grant
 382 of custodial responsibility on motion of a deploying parent,
 383 other parent, or any nonparent granted caretaking authority if
 384 the modification or termination is consistent with this part and
 385 is in the best interest of the child. A modification is
 386 temporary and terminates after the deploying parent returns from
 387 deployment, unless the grant has been terminated before that
 388 time by court order.

389 (2) The court shall terminate a grant of limited contact on
 390 motion of a deploying parent.

391 61.761 Procedure for terminating temporary agreement
 392 granting custodial responsibility.-

393 (1) After a deploying parent returns from deployment, a
 394 deploying parent and the other parent may file with the court an
 395 agreement to terminate a temporary order for custodial
 396 responsibility.

397 (2) After an agreement has been filed, it shall terminate:

398 (a) On the date specified on an agreement to terminate
 399 under subsection (1); or

400 (b) On the date the agreement is signed by the deploying
 401 parent and the other parent if the agreement to terminate does
 402 not specify a date.

403 (3) In the absence of an agreement to terminate under (1),
 404 a temporary agreement granting custodial responsibility
 405 terminates 60 days after the deploying parent gives notice of
 406 return from deployment to the other parent.

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407 (4) If a temporary agreement granting custodial
408 responsibility was filed with a court pursuant to s. 61.729, an
409 agreement to terminate must be filed with the court within a
410 reasonable time after the deploying parent and other parent sign
411 the agreement. The case number and heading of the case
412 concerning custodial responsibility or child support must be
413 provided to the court with the agreement to terminate.

414 (5) A proceeding seeking to prevent termination of a
415 temporary order for custodial responsibility is governed by
416 general law.

417 61.763 Visitation before termination of temporary grant of
418 custodial responsibility.—From the time a deploying parent
419 returns from deployment until a temporary agreement or order for
420 custodial responsibility is terminated, the court shall issue a
421 temporary order granting the deploying parent reasonable contact
422 with the child even if the time of contact exceeds the time the
423 deploying parent spent with the child before deployment unless
424 it is not in the best interest of the child.

425 61.771 Relation to electronic signatures in Global and
426 National Commerce Act.—This act modifies, limits, or supersedes
427 the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act,
428 15 U.S.C. s. 7001 et seq., but does not modify, limit, or
429 supersede s. 101(c) of that act, 15 U.S.C. s. 7001(c), or
430 authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in
431 s. 103(b) of that act, 15 U.S.C. s. 7003(b).

432 61.773 Applicability.—This act does not affect the validity
433 of a temporary court order concerning custodial responsibility
434 during deployment entered before July 1, 2018.

435 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

APPEARANCE RECORD

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11:31:55 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Gibson
11:32:19 AM Roll Call- CAA, Lois Graham
11:32:32 AM Quorum is announced
11:32:39 AM Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Broxson
11:33:02 AM Chair Gibson with opening comments
11:33:23 AM Tab 3-CS/SB 1598 - Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation by Judiciary and Senator Passidomo
11:33:36 AM Senator Passidomo explains the bill
11:34:56 AM Chair Gibson calls for questions
11:35:07 AM Chair Gibson calls for appearance forms
11:35:10 AM Stephen Marchbanks, Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative waives in support
11:35:19 AM Chair Gibson calls for debate
11:35:23 AM Senator Passidomo closes on bill
11:35:28 AM Roll call
11:35:43 AM CS/SB 1598 reported favorably
11:35:54 AM Tab 2 - SB 1884 -Military and Veterans Affairs by Senator Broxson
11:36:07 AM Senator Broxson explains the bill
11:36:18 AM Senator Broxson withdraws strike-all amendment Barcode 138944
11:37:17 AM Without objection Chair Gibson withdraws amendment and calls for questions
11:37:29 AM Appearance Forms
11:37:36 AM Bobby Carbonell, Veterans Florida waives in support
11:37:40 AM Holly Sagues, Executive Director Government Affairs, Florida Virtual School waives in support
11:37:48 AM Stephen Marchbanks, waives in support
11:37:50 AM Dan B. Hendrickson, Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative, waives in support
11:38:01 AM Washington Sanchez, Vice President, TVLC, waives in support
11:38:04 AM Chair Gibson asks question regarding TVLC
11:38:16 AM Mr. Washington responds
11:38:34 AM Kimberly Renspie, Deputy Legislative Affairs Director, representing CFO Patronis, waives in support
11:38:49 AM Senator Broxson waives close
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11:39:05 AM SB 1884 reported favorably
11:39:28 AM Tab 1- SB 700 Strategic Fuel Reserve by Senator Farmer
11:39:35 AM Senator Torres explains the bill
11:40:15 AM Amendment Barcode 370114
11:40:20 AM Senator Torres explains the amendment
11:40:54 AM Chair Gibson calls for questions on bill
11:40:58 AM Chair Gibson calls for questions on the amendment
11:41:09 AM Amendment adopted
11:41:16 AM Chair Gibson calls for questions on amended bill
11:41:20 AM Senator Gainer with question

11:41:45 AM Senator Torres responds
11:41:57 AM Senator Gainer with comment
11:42:12 AM Senator Stargel with question
11:42:24 AM Senator Torres responds
11:42:55 AM Chair Gibson in debate
11:43:18 AM Senator Torres waives close
11:43:21 AM Roll call
11:43:39 AM CS/SB 700 reported favorably
11:43:54 AM Senator Taddeo moves to adjourn - meeting adjourned