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An act relating to the practice of professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 373.461, F.S.; providing for the use of the standards of professional practice established by the Real Estate Appraisal Board in connection with the purchase of land to restore Lake Apopka; amending s. 455.271, F.S.; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or one of its boards to reactivate certain inactive licenses; amending s. 468.391, F.S.; exempting certain types of misconduct relating to auction businesses from being penalized as a felony; amending s. 468.4338, F.S.; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by the Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers to reactivate an inactive license; amending s. 468.8317, F.S.; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for an inactive home inspection services license; amending s. 468.8417, F.S.; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by Department of Business and Professional Regulation to reactivate an inactive mold-related services license; amending s. 475.25, F.S.; subjecting a person to discipline for a violation of rule of the Real Estate Appraisal Board;

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amending s. 475.42, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting a person from violating a lawful order or rule of the Real Estate Commission; amending s. 475.615, F.S.; requiring an applicant for registration or certification as a real estate appraiser to pledge to comply with the standards of professional practice established by the Real Estate Appraisal Board; amending s. 475.617, F.S.; authorizing the Real Estate Appraisal Board to approve courses covering subjects equivalent to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice to satisfy the academic course requirements for registration as a trainee appraiser, residential appraiser, or general appraiser; amending s. 475.6175, F.S.; authorizing the Real Estate Appraisal Board to approve courses covering subjects equivalent to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice to satisfy the postlicensure educational requirements for trainee appraisers; amending s. 475.6235, F.S.; requiring an applicant for registration of an appraisal management company to pledge to comply with the standards of professional practice established by the Real Estate Appraisal Board; amending s. 475.624, F.S.; authorizing the Real Estate Appraisal Board to discipline certain appraisers who violate a standard of professional practice established by board rule; amending s. 475.6245, F.S.; authorizing the Real Estate Appraisal Board to discipline an appraisal management company that violates a standard of professional practice

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adopted by board rule; amending s. 475.626, F.S.; deleting provisions subjecting a person to criminal penalties for engaging in certain types of misconduct relating to real estate appraisals; amending s. 475.628, F.S.; authorizing the Real Estate Appraisal Board to adopt rules of standards of professional practice established by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation; amending s. 476.194, F.S.; deleting a provision subjecting a person to criminal penalties for engaging in willful or repeated violations of laws or rules regulating the practice of barbering; amending s. 477.0212, F.S.; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by the Board of Cosmetology to reactivate an inactive cosmetologist's license; amending s. 477.0265, F.S.; deleting a provision subjecting a person to criminal penalties for engaging in willful or repeated violations of laws or rules regulating cosmetology; amending s. 481.217, F.S.; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by the Board of Architecture and Interior Design to reactivate an inactive registered architect or an interior designer license; amending s. 481.315, F.S.; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by the Board of Landscape Architecture to reactivate certain inactive licenses; amending s. 489.116, F.S.; requiring a person to meet certain continuing education requirements as a prerequisite to reactivate an

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inactive certificate or registration with the Construction Industry Licensing Board; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by the Construction Industry Licensing Board to reactivate certain inactive certificates or registrations; amending s. 489.519, F.S.; reducing the maximum amount of continuing education that may be required by the Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board to reactivate certain inactive certificates or registrations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 373.461, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.461 Lake Apopka improvement and management.-

- (5) PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS.-
- (c) The district shall explore the availability of funding from all sources, including any federal, state, regional, and local land acquisition funding programs, to purchase the agricultural lands described in paragraph (a). The Legislature intends It is the Legislature's intent that, if such funding sources can be identified, acquisition of the lands described in paragraph (a) may be undertaken by the district to purchase these properties from willing sellers. However, the purchase price paid for acquisition of such lands that were in active cultivation during 1996 may shall not exceed the highest appraisal obtained by the district for these lands from a state-certified general appraiser following the standards of

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Appraisal Board, including standards for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. This maximum purchase price limitation does shall not include, or apply nor be applicable to, that portion of the purchase price attributable to consideration of income described in paragraph (b), or that portion attributable to related facilities, or closing costs.

Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 455.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

455.271 Inactive and delinquent status.-

not require Before reactivation, an inactive or delinquent licensee, except for a licensee under chapter 473 or chapter 475, to complete more than one renewal cycle of shall meet the same continuing education in order to reactivate a license. requirements, if any, imposed on an active status licensee for all biennial licensure periods in which the licensee was inactive or delinquent. This subsection does not apply to persons regulated under chapter 473.

Section 3. Section 468.391, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.391 Penalty.—Any auctioneer, apprentice, or auction business or any owner or manager thereof, or, in the case of corporate ownership, any substantial stockholder of the corporation owning the auction business, who operates without an active license or engages in an act that is grounds for disciplinary action violates any provision of the prohibited acts listed under s. 468.389(1)(c), (e), (f), (h), or (i)

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commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 4. Section 468.4338, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.4338 Reactivation; continuing education.—The council shall prescribe by rule continuing education requirements for reactivating a license. The continuing education requirements for reactivating a license may not exceed more than one renewal cycle of continuing education exceed 10 classroom hours for each year the license was inactive.

Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 468.8317, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8317 Inactive license.-

(2) A license that <u>becomes</u> has become inactive may be reactivated upon application to the department. The department may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements <u>for as a condition of</u> reactivating a license. The <u>rules may not require</u> more than one renewal cycle of continuing education <u>in order to reactivate</u> requirements for reactivating a license may not exceed 14 hours for each year the license was inactive.

Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 468.8417, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8417 Inactive license.-

(2) A license that <u>becomes</u> has become inactive may be reactivated upon application to the department. The department may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements as a condition of reactivating a license. The <u>rules may not require</u> more than one renewal cycle of continuing education <u>in order to</u> reactivate requirements for reactivating a license may not

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175 exceed 14 hours for each year the license was inactive.

Section 7. Paragraph (t) of subsection (1) of section 475.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.25 Discipline.

- (1) The commission may deny an application for licensure, registration, or permit, or renewal thereof; may place a licensee, registrant, or permittee on probation; may suspend a license, registration, or permit for a period not exceeding 10 years; may revoke a license, registration, or permit; may impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or separate offense; and may issue a reprimand, and any or all of the foregoing, if it finds that the licensee, registrant, permittee, or applicant:
- (t) Has violated any standard of professional practice adopted by rule of the Real Estate Appraisal Board, including standards for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal or other provision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, as defined in s. 475.611, as approved and adopted by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation, as defined in s. 475.611. This paragraph does not apply to a real estate broker or sales associate who, in the ordinary course of business, performs a comparative market analysis, gives a broker price opinion, or gives an opinion of value of real estate. However, in no event may this comparative market analysis, broker price opinion, or opinion of value of real estate may not be referred to as an appraisal, as defined in s. 475.611.

Section 8. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 475.42, Florida Statutes, is amended, and present paragraphs (f)

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through (o) of that subsection are redesignated as paragraphs (e) through (n), respectively, to read:

475.42 Violations and penalties.-

- (1) VIOLATIONS.-
- (c) A person may not violate any lawful order or rule of the commission which is binding upon her or him.

Section 9. Subsection (5) of section 475.615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.615 Qualifications for registration or certification.-

(5) At the time of filing an application for registration or certification, the applicant must sign a pledge <u>indicating</u> that upon becoming registered or certified, the person will comply with the standards of professional practice adopted by board rule, including standards for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal. The applicant to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice upon registration or certification and must also indicate in writing that she or he understands the types of misconduct for which disciplinary proceedings may be initiated. The application <u>expires</u> shall expire 1 year after the date <u>it is</u> received by the department.

Section 10. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 475.617, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

475.617 Education and experience requirements.-

(1) To be registered as a trainee appraiser, an applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the board that she or he has successfully completed at least 100 hours of approved academic courses in subjects related to real estate appraisal, which shall include coverage of the Uniform Standards of

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Professional Appraisal Practice, or its equivalent, adopted by board rule, from a nationally recognized or state-recognized appraisal organization, career center, accredited community college, college, or university, state or federal agency or commission, or proprietary real estate school that holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451. The board may increase the required number of hours to not more than 125 hours. A classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of each 60-minute segment. Past courses may be approved on an hour-for-hour basis.

- (2) To be certified as a residential appraiser, an applicant must present satisfactory evidence to the board that she or he has met the minimum education and experience requirements prescribed by rule of the board. The board shall prescribe by rule education and experience requirements that meet or exceed the following real property appraiser qualification criteria adopted on February 20, 2004, by the Appraisal Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation:
- (a) Has at least 2,500 hours of experience obtained over a 24-month period in real property appraisal as defined by rule.
- (b) Has successfully completed at least 200 classroom hours, inclusive of examination, of approved academic courses in subjects related to real estate appraisal, which <u>must shall</u> include a 15-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice course, or its equivalent, adopted by board <u>rule</u>, from a nationally recognized or state-recognized appraisal organization, career center, accredited community college, college, or university, state or federal agency or commission, or proprietary real estate school that holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451. A classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of

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each 60-minute segment. Past courses may be approved by the board and substituted on an hour-for-hour basis.

- (3) To be certified as a general appraiser, an applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the board that she or he has met the minimum education and experience requirements prescribed by rule of the board. The board shall prescribe education and experience requirements that meet or exceed the following real property appraiser qualification criteria adopted on February 20, 2004, by the Appraisal Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation:
- (a) Has at least 3,000 hours of experience obtained over a 30-month period in real property appraisal as defined by rule.
- (b) Has successfully completed at least 300 classroom hours, inclusive of examination, of approved academic courses in subjects related to real estate appraisal, which <u>must shall</u> include a 15-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice course, or its equivalent, adopted by board <u>rule</u>, from a nationally recognized or state-recognized appraisal organization, career center, accredited community college, college, or university, state or federal agency or commission, or proprietary real estate school that holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451. A classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of each 60-minute segment. Past courses may be approved by the board and substituted on an hour-for-hour basis.

Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 475.6175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.6175 Registered trainee appraiser; postlicensure education required.—

(1) The board shall prescribe postlicensure educational

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requirements in order for a person to maintain a valid registration as a registered trainee appraiser. If prescribed, the postlicensure educational requirements consist of one or more courses which total no more than the total educational hours required to qualify as a state certified residential appraiser. Such courses must be in subjects related to real estate appraisal and shall include coverage of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, or its equivalent, adopted by board rule. Such courses are provided by a nationally or state-recognized appraisal organization, career center, accredited community college, college, or university, state or federal agency or commission, or proprietary real estate school that holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451.

Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 475.6235, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.6235 Registration of appraisal management companies required.—

(4) At the time of filing an application for registration of an appraisal management company, each person listed in paragraph (2)(f) must sign a pledge to comply with the standards of professional practice adopted by board rule, including standards for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal. Each person Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice upon registration and must also indicate in writing that she or he understands the types of misconduct for which disciplinary proceedings may be initiated. The application expires shall expire 1 year after the date it is received by the department.

Section 13. Subsection (14) of section 475.624, Florida

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320 Statutes, is amended to read:

475.624 Discipline of appraisers.—The board may deny an application for registration or certification of an appraiser; may investigate the actions of any appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this part; may reprimand or impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or separate offense against any such appraiser; and may revoke or suspend, for a period not to exceed 10 years, the registration, license, or certification of any such appraiser, or place any such appraiser on probation, if the board finds that the registered trainee, licensee, or certificateholder:

(14) Has violated any standard <u>of professional practice</u>, <u>including standards</u> for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal, adopted by board rule or other provision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

Section 14. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section 475.6245, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.6245 Discipline of appraisal management companies.-

- (1) The board may deny an application for registration of an appraisal management company; may investigate the actions of any appraisal management company registered under this part; may reprimand or impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or separate offense against any such appraisal management company; and may revoke or suspend, for a period not to exceed 10 years, the registration of any such appraisal management company, or place any such appraisal management company on probation, if the board finds that the appraisal management company or any person listed in s. 475.6235(2)(f):
 - (n) Has instructed an appraiser to violate any standard of

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professional practice adopted by board rule, including standards for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal or other provision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

Section 15. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 475.626, Florida Statutes, are amended, and present paragraphs (d) through (h) of that subsection are redesignated as paragraphs (b) through (f), respectively, to read:

475.626 Violations and penalties.-

- (1) A person may not:
- (b) Violate any lawful order or rule of the board which is binding upon her or him.
- (c) If a registered trainee appraiser or a licensed or certified appraiser, commit any conduct or practice set forth in s. 475.624.

Section 16. Section 475.628, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.628 Professional standards for appraisers registered, licensed, or certified under this part.—The board shall adopt rules establishing standards of professional practice that meet or exceed nationally recognized standards of appraisal practice, including standards adopted by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation. Each appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this part must shall comply with the rules adopted by the board Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. Statements on appraisal standards that are which may be issued for the purpose of clarification, interpretation, explanation, or elaboration through the Appraisal Foundation are shall also be binding on any appraiser registered, licensed, or

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Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 476.194, Florida

Statutes, is amended to read:

476.194 Prohibited acts.—

(1) A It is unlawful for any person may not to:

(a) Engage in the practice of barbering without an active license as a barber issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter act by the department.

(b) Engage in willful or repeated violations of this act or of any of the rules adopted by the board.

(b) (c) Hire or employ any person to engage in the practice of barbering unless the such person holds a valid license as a barber.

(c) (d) Obtain or attempt to obtain a license for money other than the required fee or any other thing of value or by

- (d) (e) Own, operate, maintain, open, establish, conduct, or have charge of, either alone or with another person or persons, a barbershop:
- 1. That Which is not licensed under the provisions of this chapter; or
- 2. In which a person not licensed as a barber is permitted to perform services.
- $\underline{\text{(e)}}_{\text{(f)}}$ Use or attempt to use a license to practice barbering $\underline{\text{which}}$ $\underline{\text{when said license}}$ is suspended or revoked.
- Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 477.0212, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 477.0212 Inactive status.-

fraudulent misrepresentations.

(2) The board shall <u>adopt</u> promulgate rules relating to

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licenses that which have become inactive and for the renewal of inactive licenses. The rules may not require more than one renewal cycle of continuing education in order to reactivate a license. The board shall prescribe by rule a fee not to exceed \$50 for the reactivation of an inactive license and a fee not to exceed \$50 for the renewal of an inactive license.

Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 477.0265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.0265 Prohibited acts.-

- (1) A It is unlawful for any person may not to:
- (a) Engage in the practice of cosmetology or a specialty without an active license as a cosmetologist or registration as a specialist issued by the department $\underline{\text{under}}$ $\underline{\text{pursuant to the}}$ $\underline{\text{provisions of}}$ this chapter.
- (b) Own, operate, maintain, open, establish, conduct, or have charge of, either alone or with another person or persons, a cosmetology salon or specialty salon:
- 1. That Which is not licensed under the provisions of this chapter; or
- 2. In which a person not licensed or registered as a cosmetologist or a specialist is permitted to perform cosmetology services or any specialty.
- (c) Engage in willful or repeated violations of this chapter or of any rule adopted by the board.
- (c) (d) Permit an employed person to engage in the practice of cosmetology or of a specialty unless such person holds a valid, active license as a cosmetologist or registration as a specialist.
 - (d) (e) Obtain or attempt to obtain a license or

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registration for money, other than the required fee, or any other thing of value or by fraudulent misrepresentations.

- (e) (f) Use or attempt to use a license to practice cosmetology or a registration to practice a specialty, which license or registration is suspended or revoked.
- $\underline{\text{(f)}}$ Advertise or imply that skin care services or body wrapping, as performed under this chapter, have any relationship to the practice of massage therapy as defined in s. 480.033(3), except those practices or activities defined in s. 477.013.
- $\underline{\text{(g)}}$ (h) In the practice of cosmetology, use or possess a cosmetic product containing a liquid nail monomer containing any trace of methyl methacrylate (MMA).

Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 481.217, Florida statutes, is amended to read:

481.217 Inactive status.—

(1) The board may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements as a condition of reactivating a license. The <u>rules</u> may not require more than one renewal cycle of continuing education <u>in order to reactivate</u> requirements for reactivating a license for a registered architect <u>or interior designer may not exceed 12 contact hours for each year the license was inactive.</u> The minimum continuing education requirement for reactivating a license for a registered interior designer shall be those of the most recent biennium plus one-half of the requirements in s. 481.215 for each year or part thereof during which the license was inactive. The board may shall only approve continuing education for an interior designer which that builds upon the basic knowledge of interior design.

Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 481.315, Florida

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465 Statutes, is amended to read:

481.315 Inactive status.-

(1) A license that has become inactive or delinquent may be reactivated under this section upon application to the department and payment of any applicable biennial renewal or delinquency fee, or both, and a reactivation fee. The board may not require a licensee to complete more than one renewal cycle of continuing education requirements in order to reactivate a license. The board may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements as a condition of reactivating the license. The continuing education requirements for reactivating a license may not exceed 12 classroom hours for each year the license was inactive.

Section 22. Subsections (3) and (6) of section 489.116, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

489.116 Inactive and delinquent status; renewal and cancellation notices.—

- (3) An inactive status certificateholder or registrant may change to active status at any time, if provided the certificateholder or registrant meets all requirements for active status, pays any additional licensure fees necessary to equal those imposed on an active status certificateholder or registrant, and pays any applicable late fees, and meets all continuing education requirements prescribed by the board.
- (6) The board may not require an inactive certificateholder or registrant to complete more than one renewal cycle of shall comply with the same continuing education for reactivating a certificate or registration requirements, if any, that are imposed on an active status certificateholder or registrant.

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Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 489.519, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.519 Inactive status.-

(1) A certificate or registration that <u>becomes</u> has become inactive may be reactivated under s. 489.517 upon application to the department. The board may <u>not require a licensee to complete</u> more than one renewal cycle of <u>prescribe</u>, by rule, continuing education <u>in order to reactivate requirements as a condition of reactivating</u> a certificate or registration. The continuing education requirements for reactivating a certificate or registration may not exceed 12 classroom hours for each year the certificate or registration was inactive.

Section 24. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.