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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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> Section 4. Subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and subsection (4) of section 605.0410, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

> 605.0410 Records to be kept; rights of member, manager, and person dissociated to information.-

(2) In a member-managed limited liability company, the



following rules apply:

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- (a) Upon reasonable notice, a member may inspect and copy during regular business hours, at a reasonable location specified by the company:
 - 1. The records described in subsection (1); and
- 2. Each other record maintained by the company regarding the company's activities, affairs, financial condition, and other circumstances, to the extent the information is material to the member's rights and duties under the operating agreement or this chapter.
 - (b) The company shall furnish to each member:
- 1. Without demand, any information concerning the company's activities, affairs, financial condition, and other circumstances that the company knows and is material to the proper exercise of the member's rights and duties under the operating agreement or this chapter, except to the extent the company can establish that it reasonably believes the member already knows the information; and
- 2. On demand, other information concerning the company's activities, affairs, financial condition, and other circumstances, except to the extent the demand or information demanded is unreasonable or otherwise improper under the circumstances.
- (c) Within 10 days after receiving a demand pursuant to subparagraph (b)2., the company shall provide to the member who made the demand a record of:
- 1. The information that the company will provide in response to the demand and when and where the company will provide such information.

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- 2. For any demanded information that the company is not providing, the reasons that the company will not provide the information.
- (d) (c) The duty to furnish information under this subsection also applies to each member to the extent the member knows any of the information described in this subsection.
- (3) In a manager-managed limited liability company, the following rules apply:
- (a) The informational rights stated in subsection (2) and the duty stated in paragraph (2)(d) $\frac{(2)(c)}{(c)}$ apply to the managers and not to the members.
- (4) Subject to subsection $(10)\frac{(9)}{(9)}$, on 10 days' demand made in a record received by a limited liability company, a person dissociated as a member may have access to information to which the person was entitled while a member if:
- (a) The information pertains to the period during which the person was a member;
 - (b) The person seeks the information in good faith; and
- (c) The person satisfies the requirements imposed on a member by paragraph (3)(b).

Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 605.1072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

605.1072 Other remedies limited.-

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an appraisal event that:
- (c) Is an interested transaction, unless it has been approved in the same manner as is provided in s. 605.04092 or is fair to the limited liability company as defined in s. 605.04092(1)(c).

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Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 605.1108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 605.1108 Application to limited liability company formed under the Florida Limited Liability Company Act.-(3) For the purpose of applying this chapter to a limited liability company formed before January 1, 2014, under the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, former ss. 608.401-608.705,÷ (a) The company's articles of organization are deemed to be the company's articles of organization under this chapter; and (b) For the purpose of applying s. 605.0102(39), the language in the company's articles of organization designating the company's management structure operates as if that language were in the operating agreement. Section 7. Effective upon this act becoming a law, chapter 608, Florida Statutes, consisting of sections 608.401, 608.402, 608.403, 608.404, 608.405, 608.406, 608.407, 608.408, 608.4081, 608.4082, 608.409, 608.4101, 608.411, 608.4115, 608.415, 608.416, 608.4211, 608.422, 608.4225, 608.4226, 608.4227, 608.4228, 608.4229, 60<u>8.423, 608.4231, 608.4232, 608.4235,</u> 608.4236, 608.4237, 608.4238, 608.425, 608.426, 608.4261, 608.427, 608.428, 608.431, 608.432, 608.433, 608.434, 608.4351, 608.4352, 608.4353, 608.4354, 608.4355, 608.4356, 608.4357, 608.43575, 608.4358, 608.43585, 608.4359, 608.43595, 608.438, 608.4381, 608.4382, 608.4383, 608.439, 608.4401, 608.4402, 608.4403, 608.4404, 608.441, 608.4411, 608.4421, 608.4431, 608.444, 608.445, 608.446, 608.447, 608.448, 608.4481, 608.4482, 608.4483, 608.449, 608.4491, 608.4492, 608.4493, 608.4511, 608.452, 608.455, 608.4<u>61, 608.462, 608.463, 608.471, 608.501,</u>

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Section 8. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, subsection (3) of section 15.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15.16 Reproduction of records; admissibility in evidence; electronic receipt and transmission of records; certification; acknowledgment.-

(3) The Department of State may cause to be received electronically any records that are required to be filed with it pursuant to chapter 55, chapter 117, chapter 118, chapter 495, chapter 605, chapter 606, chapter 607, chapter 608, chapter 610, chapter 617, chapter 620, chapter 621, chapter 679, chapter 713, or chapter 865, through facsimile or other electronic transfers, for the purpose of filing such records. The originals of all such electronically transmitted records must be executed in the manner provided in paragraph (5)(b). The receipt of such electronic transfer constitutes delivery to the department as required by law. The department may use electronic transmissions for purposes of notice in the administration of chapters 55, 117, 118, 495, 605, 606, 607, 608, 610, 617, 620, 621, 679, and 713 and s. 865.09. The Department of State may collect e-mail addresses for purposes of notice and communication in the performance of its duties and may require filers and registrants to furnish such e-mail addresses when presenting documents for filing.

Section 9. Effective upon this act becoming a law and

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operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, subsections (1) and (2) of section 48.062, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 48.062 Service on a limited liability company.

- (1) Process against a limited liability company, domestic or foreign, may be served on the registered agent designated by the limited liability company under chapter 605 or chapter 608. A person attempting to serve process pursuant to this subsection may serve the process on any employee of the registered agent during the first attempt at service even if the registered agent is a natural person and is temporarily absent from his or her office.
- (2) If service cannot be made on a registered agent of the limited liability company because of failure to comply with chapter 605 or chapter 608 or because the limited liability company does not have a registered agent, or if its registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be served, process against the limited liability company, domestic or foreign, may be served:
- (a) On a member of a member-managed limited liability company;
- (b) On a manager of a manager-managed limited liability company; or
- (c) If a member or manager is not available during regular business hours to accept service on behalf of the limited liability company, he, she, or it may designate an employee of the limited liability company to accept such service. After one attempt to serve a member, manager, or designated employee has been made, process may be served on the person in charge of the limited liability company during regular business hours.

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Section 10. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 213.758, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 213.758 Transfer of tax liabilities.-
- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (c) "Insider" means:
- 1. Any person included within the meaning of insider as used in s. 726.102; or
- 2. A manager of, a managing member of, or a person who controls a transferor that is, a limited liability company, or a relative as defined in s. 726.102 of any such persons.

Section 11. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, subsection (1) of section 220.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.02 Legislative intent.-

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this code to impose a tax upon all corporations, organizations, associations, and other artificial entities which derive from this state or from any other jurisdiction permanent and inherent attributes not inherent in or available to natural persons, such as perpetual life, transferable ownership represented by shares or certificates, and limited liability for all owners. It is intended that any limited liability company that is classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes and is defined in and organized pursuant to formed under chapter 605 608 or qualified to do business in this state as a foreign limited liability company not be subject to the tax imposed by this code. It is the intent of the Legislature to subject such

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corporations and other entities to taxation hereunder for the privilege of conducting business, deriving income, or existing within this state. This code is not intended to tax, and shall not be construed so as to tax, any natural person who engages in a trade, business, or profession in this state under his or her own or any fictitious name, whether individually as a proprietorship or in partnership with others, or as a member or a manager of a limited liability company classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes; any estate of a decedent or incompetent; or any testamentary trust. However, a corporation or other taxable entity which is or which becomes partners with one or more natural persons shall not, merely by reason of being a partner, exclude from its net income subject to tax its respective share of partnership net income. This statement of intent shall be given preeminent consideration in any construction or interpretation of this code in order to avoid any conflict between this code and the mandate in s. 5, Art. VII of the State Constitution that no income tax be levied upon natural persons who are residents and citizens of this state.

Section 12. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 220.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.03 Definitions.-

(1) SPECIFIC TERMS.—When used in this code, and when not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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(e) "Corporation" includes all domestic corporations; foreign corporations qualified to do business in this state or actually doing business in this state; joint-stock companies; limited liability companies, under chapter 605 608; common-law declarations of trust, under chapter 609; corporations not for profit, under chapter 617; agricultural cooperative marketing associations, under chapter 618; professional service corporations, under chapter 621; foreign unincorporated associations, under chapter 622; private school corporations, under chapter 623; foreign corporations not for profit which are carrying on their activities in this state; and all other organizations, associations, legal entities, and artificial persons which are created by or pursuant to the statutes of this state, the United States, or any other state, territory, possession, or jurisdiction. The term "corporation" does not include proprietorships, even if using a fictitious name; partnerships of any type, as such; limited liability companies that are taxable as partnerships for federal income tax purposes; state or public fairs or expositions, under chapter 616; estates of decedents or incompetents; testamentary trusts; or private trusts.

Section 13. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section 220.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.13 "Adjusted federal income" defined.-

(2) For purposes of this section, a taxpayer's taxable income for the taxable year means taxable income as defined in s. 63 of the Internal Revenue Code and properly reportable for

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federal income tax purposes for the taxable year, but subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph (1)(b) with respect to the deductions provided by ss. 172 (relating to net operating losses), 170(d)(2) (relating to excess charitable contributions), 404(a)(1)(D) (relating to excess pension trust contributions), 404(a)(3)(A) and (B) (to the extent relating to excess stock bonus and profit-sharing trust contributions), and 1212 (relating to capital losses) of the Internal Revenue Code, except that, subject to the same limitations, the term:

(j) "Taxable income," in the case of a limited liability company, other than a limited liability company classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, as defined in and organized pursuant to chapter 605 608 or qualified to do business in this state as a foreign limited liability company or other than a similar limited liability company classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes and created as an artificial entity pursuant to the statutes of the United States or any other state, territory, possession, or jurisdiction, if such limited liability company or similar entity is taxable as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, means taxable income determined as if such limited liability company were required to file or had filed a federal corporate income tax return under the Internal Revenue Code;

Section 14. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, section 310.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

310.181 Corporate powers.—All the rights, powers, and liabilities conferred or imposed by the laws of Florida relating to corporations for profit organized under part I of chapter 607

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or under former chapter 608 before January 1, 1976, or to corporations organized under chapter 621 apply to corporations organized pursuant to s. 310.171.

Section 15. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, subsection (9) of section 440.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

440.02 Definitions.-When used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(9) "Corporate officer" or "officer of a corporation" means any person who fills an office provided for in the corporate charter or articles of incorporation filed with the Division of Corporations of the Department of State or as authorized or required under part I of chapter 607. The term "officer of a corporation" includes a member owning at least 10 percent of a limited liability company as defined in and organized pursuant to created and approved under chapter 605 608.

Section 16. Subsection (37) of section 605.0102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 605.0102 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (37) "Majority-in-interest" means those members who hold more than 50 percent of the then-current percentage or other interest in the profits of the limited liability company owned by all of its members and who have the right to vote; however, as used in ss. 605.1001-605.1072, the term means:
- (a) In the case of a limited liability company with only one class or series of members, the holders of more than 50 percent of the then-current percentage or other interest in the profits of the company owned by all of its members who have the

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right to approve the a merger, interest exchange, or conversion, as applicable, under the organic law or the organic rules of the company; and

(b) In the case of a limited liability company having more than one class or series of members, the holders in each class or series of more than 50 percent of the then-current percentage or other interest in the profits of the company owned by all of the members of that class or series who have the right to approve a merger, interest exchange, or conversion, as applicable, under the organic law or the organic rules of the company, unless the company's organic rules provide for the approval of the transaction in a different manner.

Section 17. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, subsection (3) of section 605.0401, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

605.0401 Becoming a member.

- (3) After formation of a limited liability company, a person becomes a member:
 - (a) As provided in the operating agreement;
- (b) As the result of a merger, interest exchange, conversion, or domestication under ss. 605.1001-605.1072, as applicable;
 - (c) With the consent of all the members; or
 - (d) As provided in s. 605.0701(3).

Section 18. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 605.04074, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

605.04074 Agency rights of members and managers.-

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- (1) In a member-managed limited liability company, the following rules apply:
- (a) Except as provided in subsection (3), each member is an agent of the limited liability company for the purpose of its activities and affairs, and. an act of a member, including signing an agreement or instrument of transfer in the name of the company for apparently carrying on in the ordinary course of the company's activities and affairs or activities and affairs of the kind carried on by the company, binds the company unless the member had no authority to act for the company in the particular matter and the person with whom the member was dealing knew or had notice that the member lacked authority.

Section 19. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 605.04091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

605.04091 Standards of conduct for members and managers.-

- (2) The duty of loyalty is limited to:
- (b) Refraining from dealing with the company in the conduct or winding up of the company's activities and affairs as, or on behalf of, a person having an interest adverse to the company, except to the extent that a transaction satisfies the requirements of s. 605.04092 this section; and

Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 605.0712, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 605.0712 Other claims against a dissolved limited liability company.-
- (3) A claim that is not barred by this section, s. 608.0711_{r} or another statute limiting actions_r may be enforced:

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- (a) Against a dissolved limited liability company, to the extent of its undistributed assets; and
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in s. 605.0713, if assets of the limited liability company have been distributed after dissolution, against a member or transferee to the extent of that person's proportionate share of the claim or of the company's assets distributed to the member or transferee after dissolution, whichever is less, but a person's total liability for all claims under this subsection may not exceed the total amount of assets distributed to the person after dissolution.

Section 21. Subsection (2) of section 605.0805, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

605.0805 Proceeds and expenses.-

(2) If a derivative action under s. 608.0802 is successful in whole or in part, the court may award the plaintiff reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorney fees and costs, from the recovery of the limited liability company.

Section 22. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015 subsection (2) of section 606.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

606.06 Uniform business report.—The department may use the uniform business report:

(2) As a substitute for any annual report or renewal filing required by chapters 495, 605, 607, 608, 609, 617, 620, 621, and 865.

Section 23. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 607.1108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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607.1108 Merger of domestic corporation and other business entity.-

- (2) Pursuant to a plan of merger complying and approved in accordance with this section, one or more domestic corporations may merge with or into one or more other business entities formed, organized, or incorporated under the laws of this state or any other state, the United States, foreign country, or other foreign jurisdiction, if:
- (c) Each domestic limited liability company that is a party to the merger complies with the applicable provisions of chapter 605 608.

Section 24. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 607.1109, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

607.1109 Articles of merger.

- (1) After a plan of merger is approved by each domestic corporation and other business entity that is a party to the merger, the surviving entity shall deliver to the Department of State for filing articles of merger, which shall be executed by each domestic corporation as required by s. 607.0120 and by each other business entity as required by applicable law, and which shall set forth:
- (d) A statement that the plan of merger was approved by each domestic limited liability company that is a party to the merger in accordance with the applicable provisions of chapter 605 608.

Section 25. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, subsection (7) of

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section 607.11101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

607.11101 Effect of merger of domestic corporation and other business entity.-When a merger becomes effective:

(7) The shares, partnership interests, interests, obligations, or other securities, and the rights to acquire shares, partnership interests, interests, obligations, or other securities, of each domestic corporation and other business entity that is a party to the merger shall be converted into shares, partnership interests, interests, obligations, or other securities, or rights to such securities, of the surviving entity or any other domestic corporation or other business entity or, in whole or in part, into cash or other property as provided in the plan of merger, and the former holders of shares, partnership interests, interests, obligations, or other securities, or rights to such securities, shall be entitled only to the rights provided in the plan of merger and to their appraisal rights, if any, under s. 605.1006, ss. 605.1061-605.1072, ss. 607.1301-607.1333, ss. 608.4351-608.43595, ss. 620.2114-620.2124, or other applicable law.

Section 26. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 621.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 621.12 Identification with individual shareholders or individual members.-
 - (2) The name shall also contain:
- (b) 1. In the case of a professional corporation, the words "professional association" or the abbreviation "P.A."; or
 - 2. In the case of a professional limited liability company

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formed before January 1, 2014, the words "professional limited company" or "professional limited liability company," the abbreviation "P.L." or "P.L.L.C." or the designation "PL" or "PLLC," in lieu of the words "limited company" or "limited liability company," or the abbreviation "L.C." or "L.L.C." or the designation "LC" or "LLC" as otherwise required under s. 605.0112 or former s. 608.406.

3. In the case of a professional limited liability company formed on or after January 1, 2014, the words "professional limited liability company," the abbreviation "P.L.L.C." or the designation "PLLC," in lieu of the words "limited liability company," or the abbreviation "L.L.C." or the designation "LLC" as otherwise required under s. 605.0112.

Section 27. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, subsection (1) of section 636.204, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

636.204 License required.-

(1) Before doing business in this state as a discount medical plan organization, an entity must be a corporation, a limited liability company, or a limited partnership, incorporated, organized, formed, or registered under the laws of this state or authorized to transact business in this state in accordance with chapter 605, part I of chapter 607, chapter 608, chapter 617, chapter 620, or chapter 865, and must be licensed by the office as a discount medical plan organization or be licensed by the office pursuant to chapter 624, part I of this chapter, or chapter 641.

Section 28. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, subsection (1) of

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section 655.0201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

655.0201 Service of process, notice, or demand on financial institutions.-

(1) Process against any financial institution authorized by federal or state law to transact business in this state may be served in accordance with chapter 48, chapter 49, chapter 605, or part I of chapter 607, or chapter 608, as appropriate.

Section 29. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (c) of subsection (11) of section 658.2953, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

658.2953 Interstate branching.-

- (11) DE NOVO INTERSTATE BRANCHING BY STATE BANKS.-
- (c) An out-of-state bank may establish and maintain a de novo branch or acquire a branch in this state upon compliance with chapter 605 or part I of chapter 607 or chapter 608 relating to doing business in this state as a foreign business entity, including maintaining a registered agent for service of process and other legal notice pursuant to s. 655.0201.

Section 30. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, section 694.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

694.16 Conveyances by merger or conversion of business entities.—As to any merger or conversion of business entities prior to June 15, 2000, the title to all real estate, or any interest therein, owned by a business entity that was a party to a merger or a conversion is vested in the surviving entity without reversion or impairment, notwithstanding the requirement of a deed which was previously required by s. 607.11101, former



504 s. 608.4383, former s. 620.204, former s. 620.8904, or former s. 620.8906. 505

Section 31. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 1, 2015, paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section 1002.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.395 Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.-

- (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (f) "Eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization" means a state university; or an independent college or university that is eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program, located and chartered in this state, is not for profit, and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; or is a charitable organization that:
- 1. Is exempt from federal income tax pursuant to s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 2. Is a Florida entity formed under chapter 605, chapter 607, chapter 608, or chapter 617 and whose principal office is located in the state; and
 - 3. Complies with subsections (6) and (16).

Section 28. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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dissociate; amending s. 605.04073, F.S.; requiring certain conditions for members of a limited liability company, without a meeting, to take certain actions requiring the vote or consent of the members; amending s. 605.0410, F.S.; requiring a limited liability company to provide a record of certain information within a specified period to a member who makes a demand; amending s. 605.1072, F.S.; deleting a provision providing an exception to the limitation of remedies for appraisal events under specified circumstances; amending s. 605.1108, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that, for a limited liability company formed before a specified date, certain language in the company's articles of organization operates as if it were in the operating agreement; repealing chapter 608, F.S., relating to the Florida Limited Liability Company Act; amending ss. 15.16, 48.062, 213.758, 220.02, 220.03, 220.13, 310.181, 440.02, 605.0401, 605.04074, 605.04091, 606.06, 607.1108, 607.1109, 607.11101, 621.12, 636.204, 655.0201, 658.2953, 694.16, and 1002.395, F.S.; conforming provisions to the repeal of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act; providing retroactive applicability; amending ss. 605.0102, 605.0712, and 605.0805, F.S.; revising a definition; conforming cross-references; providing effective dates.