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The Committee on Health Policy (Grimsley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section 381.4018, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.4018 Physician workforce assessment and development.-

(3) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—The department shall maximize the use of existing programs under the jurisdiction of the department and other state agencies and coordinate governmental

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and nongovernmental stakeholders and resources in order to develop a state strategic plan and assess the implementation of such strategic plan. In developing the state strategic plan, the department shall:

(f) Develop strategies to maximize federal and state programs that provide for the use of incentives to attract physicians to this state or retain physicians within the state. Such strategies should explore and maximize federal-state partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to practice in federally designated shortage areas. Strategies shall also consider the use of state programs, such as the Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program pursuant to s. 1009.65, which provide for education loan repayment or loan forgiveness and provide monetary incentives for physicians to relocate to underserved areas of the state. To further encourage qualified physicians to relocate to and practice in underserved areas, the department, following federal requirements, shall adopt any rules necessary for the implementation of the Conrad 30 Waiver Program established under s. 214(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 456.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.013 Department; general licensing provisions.-

(1)(a) Any person desiring to be licensed in a profession within the jurisdiction of the department shall apply to the department in writing to take the licensure examination. The application shall be made on a form prepared and furnished by the department. The application form must be available on the World Wide Web and the department may accept electronically

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submitted applications beginning July 1, 2001. The application shall require the social security number and date of birth of the applicant, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c). The form shall be supplemented as needed to reflect any material change in any circumstance or condition stated in the application which takes place between the initial filing of the application and the final grant or denial of the license and which might affect the decision of the department. If an application is submitted electronically, the department may require supplemental materials, including an original signature of the applicant and verification of credentials, to be submitted in a nonelectronic format. An incomplete application shall expire 1 year after initial filing. In order to further the economic development goals of the state, and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department may enter into an agreement with the county tax collector for the purpose of appointing the county tax collector as the department's agent to accept applications for licenses and applications for renewals of licenses. The agreement must specify the time within which the tax collector must forward any applications and accompanying application fees to the department.

Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

- (3)(a) A person is eligible for licensure as a health care practitioner in this state if he or she:
 - 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in



the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard;

- 2. Serves or has served on active duty with the United States Armed Forces as a health care practitioner in the United States Public Health Service; or
- 3. Is a health care practitioner, other than a dentist, in another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States and is the spouse of a person 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.

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

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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.

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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

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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 examination of a national or regional standards organization if required for licensure in this state; or
- c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in a profession, excluding dentistry, for which licensure in another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she submits to the department evidence of 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 examination of a national or regional standards organization if required for licensure in this state.
- 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.
- 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she is applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of the application.



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

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

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

Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 458.309, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

458.309 Rulemaking authority.-

(3) A physician who performs liposuction procedures in which more than 1,000 cubic centimeters of supernatant fat is removed, level 2 procedures lasting more than 5 minutes, and all level 3 surgical procedures in an office setting must register the office with the department unless that office is licensed as a facility under chapter 395. The department shall inspect the physician's office annually unless the office is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or an accrediting organization subsequently approved by the Board of Medicine. The actual costs for registration and inspection or accreditation shall be paid by the person seeking to register and operate the office setting in which office surgery is performed.

Section 5. Section 458.3312, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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458.3312 Specialties.—A physician licensed under this chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified specialist unless the physician has received formal recognition as a specialist from a specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or other recognizing agency that has been approved by the board. However, a physician may indicate the services offered and may state that his or her practice is limited to one or more types of services when this accurately reflects the scope of practice of the physician. A physician may not hold himself or herself out as a board-certified specialist in dermatology unless the recognizing agency, whether authorized in statute or by rule, is triennially reviewed and reauthorized by the Board of Medicine.

Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (7) of section 458.347, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

458.347 Physician assistants.-

- (7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE.
- (d)1. Upon employment as a physician assistant, a licensed physician assistant must notify the department in writing within 30 days after such employment and provide or after any subsequent changes in the supervising physician. The notification must include the full name, Florida medical license number, specialty, and address of a designated the supervising physician. Any subsequent changes to this information must be reported to the department within 30 days after the change. Assignment of a designated supervising physician does not preclude a physician assistant from practicing under the supervision of physicians other than the designated supervising physician.

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2. The designated supervising physician must be a physician designated by the facility or the practice as the primary contact and supervising physician for physician assistants in a practice where physician assistants are supervised by multiple supervising physicians. The designated supervising physician shall maintain a list of all approved supervising physicians at the practice or facility which includes the name of each supervising physician and his or her area of practice. The list must be kept current and must be provided to the department in a timely manner upon written request.

Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (7) of section 459.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 459.022 Physician assistants.-
- (7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE.
- (d) 1. Upon employment as a physician assistant, a licensed physician assistant must notify the department in writing within 30 days after such employment and provide or after any subsequent changes in the supervising physician. The notification must include the full name, Florida medical license number, specialty, and address of a designated the supervising physician. Any subsequent changes to this information must be reported to the department within 30 days after the change. Assignment of a designated supervising physician does not preclude a physician assistant from practicing under the supervision of physicians other than the designated supervising physician.
- 2. The designated supervising physician must be a physician designated by the facility or the practice as the primary contact and supervising physician for physician assistants in a

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Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 460.408, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

460.408 Continuing chiropractic education.

- (1) The board shall require licensees to periodically demonstrate their professional competence as a condition of renewal of a license by completing up to 40 contact classroom hours of continuing education. For purposes of this subsection, term "contact classroom hour" means a presentation in which the persons presenting and the persons attending the course are present on site. Up to 10 general credit continuing education hours may be completed online in place of contact classroom hours, as determined by board rule. Online continuing education courses must be competency based and must use the Sharable Content Objective Reference Model standard or more stringent standards, as determined by the board.
- (a) Continuing education courses sponsored by chiropractic colleges whose graduates are eligible for examination under any provision of this chapter may be approved upon review by the board if all other requirements of board rules setting forth criteria for course approval are met.
- (b) The board shall approve those courses that build upon the basic courses required for the practice of chiropractic

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medicine, and the board may also approve courses in adjunctive modalities. Courses that consist of instruction in the use, application, prescription, recommendation, or administration of a specific company's brand of products or services are not eligible for approval.

Section 9. Section 460.4166, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 10. Section 463.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

463.006 Licensure and certification by examination.

- (1) Any person desiring to be a licensed practitioner pursuant to this chapter shall apply to the department to take the licensure and certification examinations. The department shall license examine each applicant who the board determines has:
- (a) Completed the application forms as required by the board, remitted an application fee for certification not to exceed \$250, remitted an examination fee for certification not to exceed \$250, and remitted a an examination fee for licensure not to exceed \$325, all as set by the board.
- (b) Submitted proof satisfactory to the department that she or he:
 - 1. Is at least 18 years of age.
- 2. Has graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry approved by rule of the board.
 - 3. Is of good moral character.
- 3.4. Has successfully completed at least 110 hours of transcript-quality coursework and clinical training in general and ocular pharmacology as determined by the board, at an institution that:

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- 272 a. Has facilities for both didactic and clinical 273 instructions in pharmacology; and
 - b. Is accredited by a regional or professional accrediting organization that is recognized and approved by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation or the United States Department of Education.
 - 4.5. Has completed at least 1 year of supervised experience in differential diagnosis of eye disease or disorders as part of the optometric training or in a clinical setting as part of the optometric experience.
 - 5. Has obtained a passing score, as established by rule of the board, on the licensure examination of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry or a similar nationally recognized examination approved by the board.
 - (2) The examination shall consist of the appropriate subjects, including applicable state laws and rules and general and ocular pharmacology with emphasis on the use and side effects of ocular pharmaceutical agents. The board may by rule substitute a national examination as part or all of the examination and may by rule offer a practical examination in addition to the written examination.
 - (2) (3) Each applicant who successfully passes the examination and otherwise meets the requirements of this chapter is entitled to be licensed as a practitioner and to be certified to administer and prescribe ocular pharmaceutical agents in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular conditions.
 - Section 11. Section 463.0061, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 463.0061 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fees.-

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- (1) Any person desiring to be a licensed practitioner pursuant to this chapter shall apply to the department. The department shall issue a license by endorsement to any applicant who, upon applying to the department on forms furnished by the department and remitting a nonrefundable application fee set by the board not to exceed \$250 and a licensure fee not to exceed \$325, the board certifies:
- (a) Has graduated from an accredited school or college of optometry accredited by a regional or professional accrediting organization that is recognized and approved by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation or the United States Department of Education.
- (b) Has obtained an overall passing score, as established by rule of the board, on the licensure examination of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry or a similar nationally recognized examination approved by the board.
- (c) Has submitted evidence of an active, licensed practice of optometry in another jurisdiction, for at least 5 of the immediately preceding 7 years, or evidence of successful completion of a board-approved clinical competency examination within the year preceding the filing of an application for licensure. For purposes of this paragraph, "active licensed practice of optometry" means the practice of optometry by optometrists, including those employed by any federal or state governmental entity in community or public health.
- (d) Has successfully completed the clinical skills portion of the examination developed by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. In addition to an overall passing score on the clinical skills portion, an applicant must obtain a score of 75

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percent or better on each of the biomicroscopy, binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy, and dilated biomicroscopy and noncontact fundus lens evaluation skills individually.

- (e) Has successfully completed a written examination on applicable general laws and rules governing the practice of optometry.
- (f) Has obtained a passing score on either the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease examination in the Patient Assessment and Management portion of the examination developed by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry or the standalone Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease examination developed by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.
- (2) The applicant shall submit evidence of completing a total of at least 30 hours of board-approved continuing education for the 2 calendar years immediately preceding application.
- (3) The department may not issue a license by endorsement to any applicant who is under investigation in any jurisdiction for an act or offense which would constitute a violation of this chapter until such time as the investigation is complete, at which time the provisions of s. 463.016 shall apply. Furthermore, the department may not issue an unrestricted license to any individual who has committed any act or offense in any jurisdiction constituting the basis for disciplining an optometrist pursuant to s. 463.016. If the board finds that an individual has committed an act or offense constituting the basis for disciplining an optometrist pursuant to s. 463.016, the board may enter an order imposing one or more of the terms set forth in subsection (4).

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(4) If the board determines that an applicant for licensure by endorsement has failed to satisfy the appropriate requirements in this section, it may enter an order that requires one or more of the following actions: (a) A refusal to certify to the department an application for licensure or certification; (b) A certification to the department of an application for licensure or certification with restrictions on the scope of practice of the licensee; or (c) A certification to the department of an application for licensure or certification with a probationary period subject to conditions specified by the board, including, but not limited to, requiring the optometrist to submit to treatment, attend continuing education courses, submit to reexamination, or work under the supervision of another licensed optometrist. Section 12. Section 464.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 464.006 Rulemaking authority.—The board may has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this part conferring duties upon it and establish standards of care. Section 13. Section 464.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 464.202 Duties and powers of the board.—The board shall maintain, or contract with or approve another entity to maintain, a state registry of certified nursing assistants. The registry must consist of the name of each certified nursing

assistant in this state; other identifying information defined

by board rule; certification status; the effective date of

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certification; other information required by state or federal law; information regarding any crime or any abuse, neglect, or exploitation as provided under chapter 435; and any disciplinary action taken against the certified nursing assistant. The registry shall be accessible to the public, the certificateholder, employers, and other state agencies. The board shall adopt by rule testing procedures for use in certifying nursing assistants and shall adopt rules regulating the practice of certified nursing assistants, including discipline and establishing standards of care, and specifying the scope of practice authorized and the level of supervision required for the practice of certified nursing assistants. The board may contract with or approve another entity or organization to provide the examination services, including the development and administration of examinations. The board shall require that the contract provider offer certified nursing assistant applications via the Internet, and may require the contract provider to accept certified nursing assistant applications for processing via the Internet. The board shall require the contract provider to provide the preliminary results of the certified nursing examination on the date the test is administered. The provider shall pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the board in evaluating the provider's application and performance during the delivery of services, including examination services and procedures for maintaining the certified nursing assistant registry. Section 14. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 464.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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464.203 Certified nursing assistants; certification



requirement.-

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- (1) The board shall issue a certificate to practice as a certified nursing assistant to any person who demonstrates a minimum competency to read and write and successfully passes the required background screening pursuant to s. 400.215. If the person has successfully passed the required background screening pursuant to s. 400.215 or s. 408.809 within 90 days before applying for a certificate to practice and the person's background screening results are not retained in the clearinghouse created under s. 435.12, the board shall waive the requirement that the applicant successfully pass an additional background screening pursuant to s. 400.215. The person must also meet one of the following requirements:
- (c) Is currently certified in another state or territory or the District of Columbia; is listed on that state's certified nursing assistant registry; and has not been found to have committed abuse, neglect, or exploitation in that state.

Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 464.204, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

464.204 Denial, suspension, or revocation of certification; disciplinary actions.-

- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the board may impose disciplinary sanctions as specified in subsection (2):
- (a) Obtaining or attempting to obtain certification or an exemption, or possessing or attempting to possess certification or a letter of exemption, by bribery, misrepresentation, deceit, or through an error of the board.
 - (b) Intentionally Violating any provision of this chapter,



446 chapter 456, or the rules adopted by the board. 447 Section 16. Subsection (7) is added to section 465.019, Florida Statutes, to read: 448 449 465.019 Institutional pharmacies; permits. 450 (7) An institutional pharmacy must pass an onsite 451 inspection by the department as a prerequisite to the issuance 452 of an initial permit or a permit for a change of location. The 453 inspection must be completed within 90 days before the issuance 454 of the permit. 455 Section 17. Section 465.0193, Florida Statutes, is amended 456 to read: 457 465.0193 Nuclear pharmacy permits.—Any person desiring a 458 permit to operate a nuclear pharmacy shall apply to the 459 department. If the board certifies that the application complies 460 with applicable law, the department shall issue the permit. No 461 permit shall be issued unless a duly licensed and qualified 462 nuclear pharmacist is designated as being responsible for 463 activities described in s. 465.0126. A nuclear pharmacy must 464 pass an onsite inspection by the department as a prerequisite to 465 the issuance of an initial permit or a permit for a change of 466 location. The inspection must be completed within 90 days before 467 the issuance of the permit. The permittee shall notify the 468 department within 10 days of any change of the licensed 469 pharmacist responsible for the compounding and dispensing of 470 nuclear pharmaceuticals. 471 Section 18. Section 465.0195, Florida Statutes, is created 472 to read:

465.0195 Pharmacy or outsourcing facility; sterile

compounding permit.—Before a pharmacy or outsourcing facility

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located in this state dispenses, creates, delivers, ships, or mails, in any manner, a compounded sterile product, the pharmacy or outsourcing facility must hold a sterile compounding permit.

- (1) An application for a sterile compounding permit shall be submitted on a form furnished by the board. The board may require such information as it deems reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.
- (2) If the board certifies that the application complies with applicable laws and rules of the board governing pharmacies, the department shall issue the permit.
- (3) A pharmacy or outsourcing facility must pass an onsite inspection by the department as a prerequisite to the issuance of an initial permit or a permit for a change of location. The inspection must be completed within 90 days before the issuance of the permit. The board may adopt by rule standards for conducting an onsite inspection for issuance of a sterile compounding permit.
- (4) A permit may not be issued unless a licensed pharmacist is designated to undertake the professional supervision of the compounding and dispensing of all drugs dispensed by the permittee.
- (5) A permittee must notify the department within 10 days after any change of the licensed pharmacist under subsection (4). Each permittee that employs or otherwise uses registered pharmacy technicians shall have a written policy and procedures manual specifying those duties, tasks, and functions that a registered pharmacy technician is authorized to perform.
- (6) The board may adopt by rule standards of practice for sterile compounding. In adopting such rules, the board shall

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give due consideration to the standards and requirements provided in chapter 797 of the United States Pharmacopeia, or other professionally accepted standards deemed authoritative by the board. In adopting such rules for an outsourcing facility, the board shall consider the standards and requirements of current good manufacturing practices as set forth by federal law and any other professionally accepted standards deemed authoritative by the board.

(7) All provisions relating to pharmacy permits found in ss. 465.022 and 465.023 apply to permits issued pursuant to this section.

Section 19. Section 465.0196, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

465.0196 Special pharmacy permits.—Any person desiring a permit to operate a special pharmacy shall apply to the department for a special pharmacy permit. If the board certifies that the application complies with the applicable laws and rules of the board governing the practice of the profession of pharmacy, the department shall issue the permit. A special pharmacy must pass an onsite inspection by the department as a prerequisite to the issuance of an initial permit or a permit for a change of location. The inspection must be completed within 90 days before the issuance of the permit. A permit may not be issued unless a licensed pharmacist is designated to undertake the professional supervision of the compounding and dispensing of all drugs dispensed by the pharmacy. The licensed pharmacist shall be responsible for maintaining all drug records and for providing for the security of the area in the facility in which the compounding, storing, and dispensing of medicinal

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Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 465.0197, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

465.0197 Internet pharmacy permits.

(2) An Internet pharmacy must obtain a permit under this section to sell medicinal drugs to persons in this state. An Internet pharmacy must pass an onsite inspection by the department as a prerequisite to the issuance of an initial permit or a permit for a change of location. The inspection must be completed within 90 days before the issuance of the permit.

Section 21. Subsection (4) of section 466.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

466.006 Examination of dentists.

- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law in chapter 456 pertaining to the clinical dental licensure examination or national examinations, to be licensed as a dentist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete the following:
- (a) A written examination on the laws and rules of the state regulating the practice of dentistry;
- (b) 1. A practical or clinical examination, which shall be the American Dental Licensing Examination produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, that is administered in this state and graded by dentists licensed in this state and employed by the department

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for just such purpose, provided that the board has attained, and continues to maintain thereafter, representation on the board of directors of the American Board of Dental Examiners, the examination development committee of the American Board of Dental Examiners, and such other committees of the American Board of Dental Examiners as the board deems appropriate by rule to assure that the standards established herein are maintained organizationally. A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in this state and graded by dentists who are licensed in this state is valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published.

- 2.a. As an alternative to the requirements of subparagraph 1., an applicant may submit scores from an American Dental Licensing Examination previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state after October 1, 2011, and such examination results shall be recognized as valid for the purpose of licensure in this state. A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination administered out-of-state shall be the same as the passing score for the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in this state and graded by dentists who are licensed in this state. The examination results are valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published. The applicant must have completed the examination after October 1, 2011.
- b. This subparagraph may not be given retroactive application.
- 3. If the date of an applicant's passing American Dental Licensing Examination scores from an examination previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state under

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subparagraph 2. is older than 365 days, then such scores shall nevertheless be recognized as valid for the purpose of licensure in this state, but only if the applicant demonstrates that all of the following additional standards have been met:

- a.(I) The applicant completed the American Dental Licensing Examination after October 1, 2011.
- (II) This sub-subparagraph may not be given retroactive application;
- b. The applicant graduated from a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other dental accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education. Provided, however, if the applicant did not graduate from such a dental school, the applicant may submit proof of having successfully completed a full-time supplemental general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation of at least 2 consecutive academic years at such accredited sponsoring institution. Such program must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation;
- c. The applicant currently possesses a valid and active dental license in good standing, with no restriction, which has never been revoked, suspended, restricted, or otherwise disciplined, from another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
 - d. The applicant submits proof that he or she has never

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been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, or the American Association of Dental Boards Clearinghouse. This subsubparagraph does not apply if the applicant successfully appealed to have his or her name removed from the data banks of these agencies;

- e.(I) In the 5 years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure in this state, the applicant must submit proof of having been consecutively engaged in the fulltime practice of dentistry in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or, if the applicant has been licensed in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for less than 5 years, the applicant must submit proof of having been engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry since the date of his or her initial licensure.
- (II) As used in this section, "full-time practice" is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each and every year in the consecutive 5-year period or, where applicable, the period since initial licensure, and must include any combination of the following:
- (A) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care.
- (B) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.
 - (C) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate

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- (III) The board shall develop rules to determine what type of proof of full-time practice is required and to recoup the cost to the board of verifying full-time practice under this section. Such proof must, at a minimum, be:
 - (A) Admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding;
 - (B) Submitted in writing;
- (C) Submitted by the applicant under oath with penalties of perjury attached;
- (D) Further documented by an affidavit of someone unrelated to the applicant who is familiar with the applicant's practice and testifies with particularity that the applicant has been engaged in full-time practice; and
- (E) Specifically found by the board to be both credible and admissible.
- (IV) An affidavit of only the applicant is not acceptable proof of full-time practice unless it is further attested to by someone unrelated to the applicant who has personal knowledge of the applicant's practice. If the board deems it necessary to assess credibility or accuracy, the board may require the applicant or the applicant's witnesses to appear before the board and give oral testimony under oath;
- f. The applicant must submit documentation that he or she has completed, or will complete, prior to licensure in this state, continuing education equivalent to this state's requirements for the last full reporting biennium;
 - g. The applicant must prove that he or she has never been

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convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession in any jurisdiction;

- h. The applicant must successfully pass a written examination on the laws and rules of this state regulating the practice of dentistry and must successfully pass the computerbased diagnostic skills examination; and
- i. The applicant must submit documentation that he or she has successfully completed the National Board of Dental Examiners dental examination.
- Section 22. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 466.007, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

466.007 Examination of dental hygienists.-

- (4) Effective July 1, 2012, to be licensed as a dental hygienist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete the following:
- (b) A practical or clinical examination approved by the board. The examination shall be the Dental Hygiene Examination produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) or its successor entity, if any, if the board finds that the successor entity's clinical examination meets or exceeds the provisions of this section. The board shall approve the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination if the board has attained and continues to maintain representation on the ADEX House of Representatives, the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination Development Committee, and such other ADEX Dental Hygiene committees as the board deems appropriate through rulemaking to ensure that the standards established in this section are maintained

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organizationally. The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the examination produced by its successor entity is a comprehensive examination in which an applicant must demonstrate skills within the dental hygiene scope of practice on a live patient and any other components that the board deems necessary for the applicant to successfully demonstrate competency for the purpose of licensure. The ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination or the examination by the successor entity administered in this state shall be graded by dentists and dental hygienists licensed in this state who are employed by the department for this purpose.

(6) (a) A passing score on the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination administered out of state shall be considered the same as a passing score for the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination administered in this state and graded by licensed dentists and dental hygienists.

Section 23. Subsections (9) through (15) are added to section 466.017, Florida Statutes, to read:

466.017 Prescription of drugs; anesthesia.-

- (9) Any adverse incident that occurs in an office maintained by a dentist must be reported to the department. The required notification to the department must be submitted in writing by certified mail and postmarked within 48 hours after the incident occurs.
- (10) A dentist practicing in this state must notify the board in writing by certified mail within 48 hours of any mortality or other adverse incident that occurs in the dentist's outpatient facility. A complete written report must be filed with the board within 30 days after the mortality or other adverse incident.

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- (11) For purposes of notification to the department pursuant to this section, the term "adverse incident" means any mortality that occurs during or as the result of a dental procedure, or an incident that results in a temporary or permanent physical or mental injury that requires hospitalization or emergency room treatment of a dental patient which occurred during or as a direct result of the use of anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, pediatric moderate sedation, oral sedation, minimal sedation(anxiolysis), nitrous oxide, or local anesthesia.
- (12) Any certified registered dental hygienist administering local anesthesia must notify the board, in writing by registered mail within 48 hours of any adverse incident that was related to or the result of the administration of local anesthesia. A complete written report must be filed with the board within 30 days after the mortality or other adverse incident.
- (13) A failure by the dentist or dental hygienist to timely and completely comply with all the reporting requirements in this section is the basis for disciplinary action by the board pursuant to s. 466.028(1).
- (14) The department shall review each incident and determine whether it involved conduct by a health care professional subject to disciplinary action, in which case s. 456.073 applies. Disciplinary action, if any, shall be taken by the board under which the health care professional is licensed.
- (15) The board may adopt rules to administer this section. Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 466.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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466.031 "Dental laboratory" defined.—The term "dental laboratory" as used in this chapter:

(1) Includes any person, firm, or corporation who performs for a fee of any kind, gratuitously, or otherwise, directly or through an agent or employee, by any means or method, or who in any way supplies or manufactures artificial substitutes for the natural teeth, or who furnishes, supplies, constructs, or reproduces or repairs any prosthetic denture, bridge, or appliance to be worn in the human mouth, or who provides onsite consultation during dental procedures, or who in any way holds itself out as a dental laboratory.

Section 25. Section 466.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

466.036 Information; periodic inspections; equipment and supplies.—The department may require from the applicant for a registration certificate to operate a dental laboratory any information necessary to carry out the purpose of this chapter, including proof that the applicant has the equipment and supplies necessary to operate as determined by rule of the department, and shall require periodic inspection of all dental laboratories operating in this state at least once each biennial registration period. Such inspections shall include, but not be limited to, inspection of sanitary conditions, equipment, supplies, and facilities on the premises. The department shall specify dental equipment and supplies that are not permitted in a registered dental laboratory.

Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 468.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

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(1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this part who has met the requirements under this part, including education requirements as set forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor and necessary credentials from the Board of Certification. An athletic trainer must work within his or her scope of practice as established in the rules adopted by the board under s. 468.705. An individual who is licensed as an athletic trainer may not otherwise provide, offer to provide, or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services beyond his or her scope of practice, or that he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from providing.

Section 27. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 468.707 Licensure requirements.—Any person desiring to be licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board, to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The department shall license each applicant who:
- (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the required fees.
- (2) For a person who applies on or after July 1, 2016, Has submitted to background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135. The board may require a background screening for an applicant whose license has expired or who is undergoing disciplinary action.
- (3)(a) Has obtained a baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university professional athletic training degree

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program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the national examination to be certified by the Board of Certification; or-

- (b) (4) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree and has completed the Board of Certification internship requirements and If graduated before 2004, has a current certification from the Board of Certification.
- (4) (5) Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.
- (5) (6) Has completed any other requirements as determined by the department and approved by the board.

Section 28. Subsection (3) of section 468.711, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.-
- (3) If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, the licensee must be currently certified by the Board of Certification or its successor agency and maintain that certification in good standing without lapse.

Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 468.723, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prevent or restrict:
- (2) An athletic training student acting under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this

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subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately available to the athletic training student and able to intervene on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must be in accordance with rules adopted by the board the standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor.

Section 30. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 468.803, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

468.803 License, registration, and examination requirements.-

- (1) The department shall issue a license to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics, or a registration for a resident to practice orthotics or prosthetics, to qualified applicants. Licenses shall be granted independently in orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics, but a person may be licensed in more than one such discipline, and a prosthetistorthotist license may be granted to persons meeting the requirements for both a prosthetist and an orthotist license. Registrations shall be granted independently in orthotics or prosthetics, and a person may be registered in both fields at the same time or jointly in orthotics and prosthetics as a dual registration.
- (3) A person seeking to attain the required orthotics or prosthetics experience in this state must be approved by the board and registered as a resident by the department. Although a registration may be held in both practice fields, for independent registrations, the board shall not approve a second registration until at least 1 year after the issuance of the

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first registration. Notwithstanding subsection (2), an applicant for independent registrations who has been approved by the board and registered by the department in one practice field may apply for registration in the second practice field without an additional state or national criminal history check during the period in which the first registration is valid. Each independent registration or dual registration is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance unless otherwise revoked by the department upon recommendation of the board. The board shall set a registration fee not to exceed \$500 to be paid by the applicant. A registration may be renewed once by the department upon recommendation of the board for a period no longer than 1 year, as such renewal is defined by the board by rule. The registration renewal fee shall not exceed one-half the current registration fee. To be considered by the board for approval of registration as a resident, the applicant must have:

- (a) A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited college or university recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and a certificate in orthotics from a program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by the board; or
- (b) A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited college or university recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a

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minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and a certificate in prosthetics from a program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by the board; or

- (c) A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited college or university recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and a dual certificate in both orthotics and prosthetics from a program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by the board.
- (4) The department may develop and administer a state examination for an orthotist or a prosthetist license, or the board may approve the existing examination of a national standards organization. The examination must be predicated on a minimum of a baccalaureate-level education and formalized specialized training in the appropriate field. Each examination must demonstrate a minimum level of competence in basic scientific knowledge, written problem solving, and practical clinical patient management. The board shall require an examination fee not to exceed the actual cost to the board in developing, administering, and approving the examination, which fee must be paid by the applicant. To be considered by the board for examination, the applicant must have:
 - (a) For an examination in orthotics:
 - 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate

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- 2. An approved orthotics internship of 1 year of qualified experience, as determined by the board, or an orthotic residency program or a dual residency program recognized by the board.
 - (b) For an examination in prosthetics:
- 1. A Bachelor of Science or higher-level postgraduate degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics from a regionally accredited college or university recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and a certificate in prosthetics from a program recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or its equivalent, as determined by the board; and
- 2. An approved prosthetics internship of 1 year of qualified experience, as determined by the board, or a prosthetic residency program or dual residency program recognized by the board.

Section 31. Subsection (5) of section 480.033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

480.033 Definitions.—As used in this act:

(5) "Apprentice" means a person approved by the board to

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study colonic irrigation massage under the instruction of a licensed massage therapist practicing colonic irrigation.

Section 32. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 480.041, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

480.041 Massage therapists; qualifications; licensure; endorsement.-

- (1) Any person is qualified for licensure as a massage therapist under this act who:
- (a) Is at least 18 years of age or has received a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma;
- (b) Has completed a course of study at a board-approved massage school or has completed an apprenticeship program that meets standards adopted by the board; and
- (c) Has received a passing grade on a national an examination designated administered by the board department.
- (2) Every person desiring to be examined for licensure as a massage therapist shall apply to the department in writing upon forms prepared and furnished by the department. Such applicants shall be subject to the provisions of s. 480.046(1). Applicants may take an examination administered by the department only upon meeting the requirements of this section as determined by the board.
- (8) A person issued a license as a massage apprentice before July 1, 2018, may continue that apprenticeship and perform massage therapy as authorized under that license until its expiration. Upon completion of the apprenticeship, before July 1, 2021, a massage apprentice may apply to the board for full licensure and be granted a license if all other applicable

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Section 33. Section 480.042, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 34. Subsection (3) of section 480.046, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

480.046 Grounds for disciplinary action by the board.-

- (3) The board may shall have the power to revoke or suspend the license of a massage establishment licensed under this act, or to deny subsequent licensure of such an establishment, if the establishment is owned by an individual or entity who has had a prior establishment license revoked, in any either of the following cases:
- (a) Upon proof that a license has been obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.
- (b) Upon proof that the holder of a license is guilty of fraud or deceit or of gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the operation of the establishment so licensed.
- (c) Upon proof that the owner of the massage establishment or any individual or individuals providing massage therapy services within the establishment, in the aggregate or individually, have had three convictions of, or pleas of guilty or nolo contendere to, or dismissals of a criminal action after a successful completion of a pretrial intervention, diversion, or substance abuse program for any misdemeanor or felony, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction related to prostitution and related acts as defined in s. 796.07, which occurred at or within the establishment.
- (5) An establishment may not apply for relicensure if disciplined under this section unless there is a change in



1026 ownership. 1027 Section 35. Subsection (3) of section 490.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1028 1029 490.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter: 1030 (3) (a) Prior to July 1, 1999, "doctoral-level psychological education" and "doctoral degree in psychology" mean a Psy.D., an 1031 1032 Ed.D. in psychology, or a Ph.D. in psychology from: 1033 1. An educational institution which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had institutional 1034 1035 accreditation from an agency recognized and approved by the 1036 United States Department of Education or was recognized as a member in good standing with the Association of Universities and 1037 1038 Colleges of Canada; and 1039 2. A psychology program within that educational institution 1040 which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had 1041 programmatic accreditation from an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education or was 1042 1043 comparable to such programs. (b) Effective July 1, 1999, "doctoral-level psychological 1044 1045 education" and "doctoral degree in psychology" mean a Psy.D., an 1046 Ed.D. in psychology, or a Ph.D. in psychology from: 1047 (a) $\frac{1}{1}$. An educational institution that which, at the time 1048 the applicant was enrolled and graduated, had institutional 1049 accreditation from an agency recognized and approved by the 1050 United States Department of Education or was recognized as a 1051 member in good standing with the Association of Universities and 1052 Colleges of Canada; and 1053 (b) 2. A psychology program within that educational 1054 institution which, at the time the applicant was enrolled and

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Section 36. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 490.005, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

490.005 Licensure by examination.

- (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a psychologist shall apply to the department to take the licensure examination. The department shall license each applicant who the board certifies has:
- (b) Submitted proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant has:
- 1. Received doctoral-level psychological education, as defined in s. 490.003(3); or
- 2. Received the equivalent of a doctoral-level psychological education, as defined in s. 490.003(3), from a program at a school or university located outside the United States of America and Canada, which was officially recognized by the government of the country in which it is located as an institution or program to train students to practice professional psychology. The burden of establishing that the requirements of this provision have been met shall be upon the applicant;
- 3. Received and submitted to the board, prior to July 1, 1999, certification of an augmented doctoral-level psychological education from the program director of a doctoral-level psychology program accredited by a programmatic agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of



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- 4. Received and submitted to the board, prior to August 31, 2001, certification of a doctoral-level program that at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated maintained a standard of education and training comparable to the standard of training of programs accredited by a programmatic agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education. Such certification of comparability shall be provided by the program director of a doctoral-level psychology program accredited by a programmatic agency recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education.
- (2) Any person desiring to be licensed as a school psychologist shall apply to the department to take the licensure examination. The department shall license each applicant who the department certifies has:
- (b) Submitted satisfactory proof to the department that the applicant:
- 1. Has received a doctorate, specialist, or equivalent degree from a program primarily psychological in nature and has completed 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of graduate study, in areas related to school psychology as defined by rule of the department, from a college or university which at the time the applicant was enrolled and graduated was accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, its successor, Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation or an institution which is publicly recognized as a member in good standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.
 - 2. Has had a minimum of 3 years of experience in school

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- 3. Has passed an examination provided by the department.
- Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 490.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 490.006 Licensure by endorsement.
- (1) The department shall license a person as a psychologist or school psychologist who, upon applying to the department and remitting the appropriate fee, demonstrates to the department or, in the case of psychologists, to the board that the applicant:
- (a) Holds a valid license or certificate in another state to practice psychology or school psychology, as applicable, provided that, when the applicant secured such license or certificate, the requirements were substantially equivalent to or more stringent than those set forth in this chapter at that time; and, if no Florida law existed at that time, then the requirements in the other state must have been substantially equivalent to or more stringent than those set forth in this chapter at the present time;
- (a) (b) Is a diplomate in good standing with the American Board of Professional Psychology, Inc.; or
- (b) (c) Possesses a doctoral degree in psychology as described in s. 490.003 and has at least 10 20 years of experience as a licensed psychologist in any jurisdiction or territory of the United States within 25 years preceding the



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Section 38. Subsection (6) of section 491.0045, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2016-80 and chapter 2016-241, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

491.0045 Intern registration; requirements.-

- (6) A registration issued on or before March 31, 2017, expires March 31, 2022, and may not be renewed or reissued. Any registration issued after March 31, 2017, expires 60 months after the date it is issued. The board may make a one-time exception from the requirements of this section in emergency or hardship cases, as defined by board rule, if A subsequent intern registration may not be issued unless the candidate has passed the theory and practice examination described in s. 491.005(1)(d), (3)(d), and (4)(d).
- Section 39. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 491.005, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

491.005 Licensure by examination.

- (3) MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY.-Upon verification of documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by board rule, plus the actual cost to the department for the purchase of the examination from the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Board, or similar national organization, the department shall issue a license as a marriage and family therapist to an applicant who the board certifies:
- (a) Has submitted an application and paid the appropriate fee.
- (b) 1. Has a minimum of a master's degree with major emphasis in marriage and family therapy from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and



1171 Family Therapy Education or from a Florida university program 1172 accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and 1173 Related Educational Programs, or a closely related field, and 1174 has completed graduate courses approved by the Board of Clinical 1175 Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health 1176 Counseling. has completed all of the following requirements: 1177 a. Thirty-six semester hours or 48 quarter hours of 1178 graduate coursework, which must include a minimum of 3 semester 1179 hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level course credits in 1180 each of the following nine areas: dynamics of marriage and family systems; marriage therapy and counseling theory and 1181 1182 techniques; family therapy and counseling theory and techniques; 1183 individual human development theories throughout the life cycle; 1184 personality theory or general counseling theory and techniques; 1185 psychopathology; human sexuality theory and counseling 1186 techniques; psychosocial theory; and substance abuse theory and 1187 counseling techniques. Courses in research, evaluation, 1188 appraisal, assessment, or testing theories and procedures; 1189 thesis or dissertation work; or practicums, internships, or 1190 fieldwork may not be applied toward this requirement. 1191 b. A minimum of one graduate-level course of 3 semester 1192 hours or 4 quarter hours in legal, ethical, and professional 1193 standards issues in the practice of marriage and family therapy 1194 or a course determined by the board to be equivalent. 1195 c. A minimum of one graduate-level course of 3 semester 1196 hours or 4 quarter hours in diagnosis, appraisal, assessment, 1197 and testing for individual or interpersonal disorder or 1198 dysfunction; and a minimum of one 3-semester-hour or 4-quarter-1199 hour graduate-level course in behavioral research which focuses

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the interpretation and application of research data as it applies to clinical practice. Credit for thesis or dissertation work, practicums, internships, or fieldwork may not be applied toward this requirement.

d. A minimum of one supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience in a marriage and family counseling setting, during which the student provided 180 direct client contact hours of marriage and family therapy services under the supervision of an individual who met the requirements for supervision under paragraph (c). This requirement may be met by a supervised practice experience which took place outside the academic arena, but which is certified as equivalent to a graduate-level practicum or internship program which required a minimum of 180 direct client contact hours of marriage and family therapy services currently offered within an academic program of a college or university accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education, or an institution which is publicly recognized as a member in good standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada or a training institution accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education recognized by the United States Department of Education. Certification shall be required from an official of such college, university, or training institution.

2. If the course title which appears on the applicant's transcript does not clearly identify the content of the coursework, the applicant shall be required to provide additional documentation, including, but not limited to, a syllabus or catalog description published for the course.



1229 1230 The required master's degree must have been received in an institution of higher education which at the time the applicant 1231 1232 graduated was: fully accredited by a regional accrediting body 1233 recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary 1234 Accreditation; publicly recognized as a member in good standing 1235 with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada; or 1236 an institution of higher education located outside the United 1237 States and Canada, which at the time the applicant was enrolled 1238 and at the time the applicant graduated maintained a standard of 1239 training substantially equivalent to the standards of training 1240 of those institutions in the United States which are accredited 1241 by a regional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on 1242 Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Such foreign 1243 education and training must have been received in an institution 1244 or program of higher education officially recognized by the 1245 government of the country in which it is located as an 1246 institution or program to train students to practice as 1247 professional marriage and family therapists or psychotherapists. 1248 The burden of establishing that the requirements of this 1249 provision have been met shall be upon the applicant, and the 1250 board shall require documentation, such as, but not limited to, 1251 an evaluation by a foreign equivalency determination service, as 1252 evidence that the applicant's graduate degree program and 1253 education were equivalent to an accredited program in this 1254 country. An applicant with a master's degree from a program 1255 which did not emphasize marriage and family therapy may complete 1256 the coursework requirement in a training institution fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and 1257

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Family Therapy Education recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(c) Has had at least 2 years of clinical experience during which 50 percent of the applicant's clients were receiving marriage and family therapy services, which must be at the postmaster's level under the supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist with at least 5 years of experience, or the equivalent, who is a qualified supervisor as determined by the board. An individual who intends to practice in Florida to satisfy the clinical experience requirements must register pursuant to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If a graduate has a master's degree with a major emphasis in marriage and family therapy or a closely related field that did not include all the coursework required under subparagraph (b) 1. sub-subparagraphs (b) 1.a.-c., credit for the post-master's level clinical experience shall not commence until the applicant has completed a minimum of 10 of the courses required under subparagraph (b) 1. sub-subparagraphs (b) 1.a.-e., as determined by the board, and at least 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours of the course credits must have been completed in the area of marriage and family systems, theories, or techniques. Within the 2 3 years of required experience, the applicant shall provide direct individual, group, or family therapy and counseling, to include the following categories of cases: unmarried dyads, married couples, separating and divorcing couples, and family groups including children. A doctoral internship may be applied toward the clinical experience requirement. A licensed mental health professional must be on the premises when clinical services are provided by a registered intern in a private



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- (d) Has passed a theory and practice examination provided by the department for this purpose.
- (e) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of the board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling.
- (f) For the purposes of dual licensure, the department shall license as a marriage and family therapist any person who meets the requirements of s. 491.0057. Fees for dual licensure shall not exceed those stated in this subsection.
- (4) MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING. Upon verification of documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by board rule, plus the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination from the National Board for Certified Counselors or its successor Professional Examination Service for the National Academy of Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselors or a similar national organization, the department shall issue a license as a mental health counselor to an applicant who the board certifies:
- (a) Has submitted an application and paid the appropriate fee.
- (b) 1. Has a minimum of an earned master's degree from a mental health counseling program accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs that consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours of clinical and didactic instruction, including a course in human sexuality and a course in substance abuse. If the master's degree is earned from a program related to the practice of

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mental health counseling that is not accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, then the coursework and practicum, internship, or fieldwork must consist of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours and meet the following requirements:

- a. Thirty-three semester hours or 44 quarter hours of graduate coursework, which must include a minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level coursework in each of the following 11 content areas: counseling theories and practice; human growth and development; diagnosis and treatment of psychopathology; human sexuality; group theories and practice; individual evaluation and assessment; career and lifestyle assessment; research and program evaluation; social and cultural foundations; counseling in community settings; and substance abuse; and legal, ethical, and professional standards issues in the practice of mental health counseling. Courses in research, thesis or dissertation work, practicums, internships, or fieldwork may not be applied toward this requirement.
- b. A minimum of 3 semester hours or 4 quarter hours of graduate-level coursework addressing diagnostic processes, including differential diagnosis and the use of the current diagnostic tools, such as the current edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The graduate program must have emphasized the common core curricular experience in legal, ethical, and professional standards issues in the practice of mental health counseling, which includes goals, objectives, and practices of professional counseling organizations, codes of ethics, legal considerations, standards of preparation, certifications and

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- c. The equivalent, as determined by the board, of at least 700 1,000 hours of university-sponsored supervised clinical practicum, internship, or field experience that includes at least 280 hours of direct client services, as required in the accrediting standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs for mental health counseling programs. This experience may not be used to satisfy the post-master's clinical experience requirement.
- 2. If the course title which appears on the applicant's transcript does not clearly identify the content of the coursework, the applicant shall be required to provide additional documentation, including, but not limited to, a syllabus or catalog description published for the course.

Education and training in mental health counseling must have been received in an institution of higher education which at the time the applicant graduated was: fully accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education or its successor Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation; publicly recognized as a member in good standing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada; or an institution of higher education located outside the United States and Canada, which at the time the applicant was enrolled and at the time the applicant graduated maintained a standard of training substantially equivalent to the standards of training

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of those institutions in the United States which are accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education or its successor Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Such foreign education and training must have been received in an institution or program of higher education officially recognized by the government of the country in which it is located as an institution or program to train students to practice as mental health counselors. The burden of establishing that the requirements of this provision have been met shall be upon the applicant, and the board shall require documentation, such as, but not limited to, an evaluation by a foreign equivalency determination service, as evidence that the applicant's graduate degree program and education were equivalent to an accredited program in this country. Beginning July 1, 2024, an applicant must have a master's degree that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs which consists of at least 60 semester hours or 80 quarter hours to apply for licensure under this paragraph.

(c) Has had at least 2 years of clinical experience in mental health counseling, which must be at the post-master's level under the supervision of a licensed mental health counselor or the equivalent who is a qualified supervisor as determined by the board. An individual who intends to practice in Florida to satisfy the clinical experience requirements must register pursuant to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If a graduate has a master's degree with a major related to the practice of mental health counseling that did not include all the coursework required under sub-subparagraphs (b) 1.a.-b.,

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credit for the post-master's level clinical experience shall not commence until the applicant has completed a minimum of seven of the courses required under sub-subparagraphs (b) 1.a.-b., as determined by the board, one of which must be a course in psychopathology or abnormal psychology. A doctoral internship may be applied toward the clinical experience requirement. A licensed mental health professional must be on the premises when clinical services are provided by a registered intern in a private practice setting.

- (d) Has passed a theory and practice examination provided by the department for this purpose.
- (e) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of the board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling.

Section 40. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 491.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 491.006 Licensure or certification by endorsement.-
- (1) The department shall license or grant a certificate to a person in a profession regulated by this chapter who, upon applying to the department and remitting the appropriate fee, demonstrates to the board that he or she:
- (b) 1. Holds an active valid license to practice and has actively practiced the profession for which licensure is applied in another state for 3 of the last 5 years immediately preceding licensure.
- 2. Meets the education requirements of this chapter for the profession for which licensure is applied.
 - 2.3. Has passed a substantially equivalent licensing

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examination in another state or has passed the licensure examination in this state in the profession for which the applicant seeks licensure.

3.4. Holds a license in good standing, is not under investigation for an act that would constitute a violation of this chapter, and has not been found to have committed any act that would constitute a violation of this chapter. The fees paid by any applicant for certification as a master social worker under this section are nonrefundable.

Section 41. Subsection (3) of section 491.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

491.007 Renewal of license, registration, or certificate.-

(3) The board or department shall prescribe by rule a method for the biennial renewal of an intern registration at a fee set by rule, not to exceed \$100.

Section 42. Subsection (2) of section 491.009, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

491.009 Discipline.-

(2) The board department, or, in the case of certified master social workers psychologists, the department board, may enter an order denying licensure or imposing any of the penalties in s. 456.072(2) against any applicant for licensure or licensee who is found guilty of violating any provision of subsection (1) of this section or who is found guilty of violating any provision of s. 456.072(1).

Section 43. Subsection (3) of section 463.0057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

463.0057 Optometric faculty certificate.-

(3) The holder of a faculty certificate may engage in the

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practice of optometry as permitted by this section but may not administer or prescribe topical ocular pharmaceutical agents unless the certificateholder has satisfied the requirements of s. 463.006(1) (b) 3. and 4. s. 463.006(1) (b) 4. and 5. If a certificateholder wishes to administer or prescribe oral ocular pharmaceutical agents, the certificateholder must also satisfy the requirements of s. 463.0055(1)(b).

Section 44. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 491.0046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

491.0046 Provisional license; requirements.-

- (2) The department shall issue a provisional clinical social worker license, provisional marriage and family therapist license, or provisional mental health counselor license to each applicant who the board certifies has:
 - (c) Has met the following minimum coursework requirements:
- 1. For clinical social work, a minimum of 15 semester hours or 22 quarter hours of the coursework required by s. 491.005(1)(b)2.b.
- 2. For marriage and family therapy, 10 of the courses required by s. $491.005(3)(b)1. \frac{s. 491.005(3)(b)1.a.-c.}{}$, as determined by the board, and at least 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours of the course credits must have been completed in the area of marriage and family systems, theories, or techniques.
- 3. For mental health counseling, a minimum of seven of the courses required under s. 491.005(4)(b)1.a.-c.
- 1487 Section 45. Subsection (11) of section 945.42, Florida 1488 Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 945.42 Definitions; ss. 945.40-945.49.—As used in ss.



945.40-945.49, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them, unless the context shall clearly indicate otherwise:

(11) "Psychological professional" means a behavioral practitioner who has an approved doctoral degree in psychology as defined in s. $490.003(3) \frac{1}{5.003(3)(b)} = 100.003(3) \frac{1}{5.003(5)(b)} = 100.003(5) \frac{1}{5.003(5)(b)} = 100.003(5) \frac{1}{5.003(5)(b)} = 100.003(5) \frac{1}{5.003(5)(b)} = 100.003(5) \frac{1}{5.003(5)(5)} = 100.003(5) \frac{1}{5.003(5)} = 100.003(5) = 100.003(5$ the department or who is licensed as a psychologist pursuant to chapter 490.

Section 46. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Department of Health; amending s. 381.4018, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt any rules necessary to implement a specified federal program to further encourage qualified physicians to relocate to and practice in underserved areas; amending s. 456.013, F.S.; revising health care practitioner licensure application requirements; amending s. 456.024, F.S.; revising health care practitioner licensure eligibility for certain members of the armed forces and their spouses to include licensed dentists; removing a provision requiring a certain applicant issued a temporary professional license to practice as a dentist to practice under supervision; amending s. 458.309, F.S.; deleting a

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provision requiring certain physicians to register an office with the department; removing departmental responsibilities; amending s. 458.3312, F.S.; removing a provision prohibiting a physician from holding himself or herself out as a board-certified specialist in dermatology unless the recognizing agency is reviewed and reauthorized on a specified basis by the Board of Medicine; amending ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; revising provisions requiring employed physician assistants to provide and report certain information to the department; revising requirements relating to designated supervising physicians; amending s. 460.408, F.S.; defining the term "contact classroom hour"; revising provisions relating to continuing chiropractic education requirements; repealing s. 460.4166, F.S., relating to registered chiropractic assistants; amending s. 463.006, F.S.; revising examination requirements for the licensure and certification of optometrists; creating s. 463.0061, F.S.; authorizing licensure of optometrists by endorsement and providing requirements therefor; defining the term "active licensed practice of optometry"; amending s. 464.006, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Nursing to establish certain standards of care; amending s. 464.202, F.S.; requiring the board to adopt by rule discipline and standards of care for certified nursing assistants; amending s. 464.203, F.S.; revising certification requirements for nursing assistants; amending s. 464.204, F.S.; revising

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grounds for board-imposed disciplinary sanctions; amending s. 465.019, F.S.; requiring an institutional pharmacy to pass an onsite inspection by the department within a specified time before the issuance of an initial permit or a permit for change of location; amending s. 465.0193, F.S.; requiring a nuclear pharmacy to pass an onsite inspection by the department within a specified time before issuance of an initial permit or a permit for change of location; creating s. 465.0195, F.S.; requiring certain pharmacies and outsourcing facilities located in this state to obtain a permit in order to create, ship, mail, deliver, or dispense compounded sterile products; providing application requirements; providing inspection requirements; providing permit requirements; authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to adopt certain rules; providing applicability; amending s. 465.0196, F.S.; requiring a special pharmacy to pass an onsite inspection by the department within a specified time before the issuance of an initial permit or a permit for change of location; amending s. 465.0197, F.S.; requiring an Internet pharmacy to pass an onsite inspection by the department within a specified time before the issuance of an initial permit or a permit for change of location; amending s. 466.006, F.S.; revising certain requirements for examinations to be completed by applicants seeking dental licensure; amending s. 466.007, F.S.; revising requirements for examinations of dental hygienists;

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amending s. 466.017, F.S.; providing adverse incident reporting requirements; defining the term "adverse incident"; providing for disciplinary action by the Board of Dentistry; authorizing the board to adopt rules; amending s. 466.031, F.S.; expanding the definition of the term "dental laboratory" to include any person who performs an onsite consultation during dental procedures; amending s. 466.036, F.S.; requiring the periodic inspection of dental laboratories at least once during a specified period; amending s. 468.701, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s. 468.707, F.S.; revising athletic trainer licensure requirements; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; revising requirements for the renewal of a license relating to continuing education; amending s. 468.723, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s. 468.803, F.S.; revising orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic licensure, registration, and examination requirements; amending s. 480.033, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s. 480.041, F.S.; revising qualifications for licensure as a massage therapist; specifying that a massage apprentice who was licensed before a specified date may continue to perform massage therapy as authorized under his or her license; authorizing a massage apprentice to apply for full licensure upon completion of the apprenticeship under certain conditions; repealing s. 480.042, F.S., relating to examinations; amending s. 480.046, F.S.; revising instances under which disciplinary action may be taken

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against massage establishments; prohibiting a certain disciplined massage establishment from applying for relicensure; providing an exception; amending s. 490.003, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 490.005, F.S.; revising examination requirements for licensure of a psychologist; amending s. 490.006, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure by endorsement of certain psychologists; amending s. 491.0045, F.S.; providing an exemption for intern registration requirements under certain circumstances; amending s. 491.005, F.S.; revising education requirements for the licensure of marriage and family therapists; revising examination requirements for the licensure of mental health counselors; amending s. 491.006, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure or certification by endorsement for certain professions; amending s. 491.007, F.S.; removing a biennial intern registration fee; amending s. 491.009, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling, or the department under certain circumstances, to enter an order denying licensure or imposing penalties against an applicant for licensure under certain circumstances; providing penalties; amending ss. 463.0057, 491.0046, and 945.42, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.