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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Wright) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 17.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

17.56 Division of Treasury to maintain ~~turn over to the~~  
~~Division of Accounting and Auditing~~ all warrants paid.—The  
Division of Treasury shall maintain ~~turn over to the Division of~~  
~~Accounting and Auditing~~ all warrants drawn by the Chief



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11 Financial Officer ~~or the Comptroller~~ and paid by the Division of  
12 Treasury for a period of 10 years from the date the warrant was  
13 presented for payment. ~~The warrants shall be turned over as soon~~  
14 ~~as the Division of Treasury shall have recorded such warrants~~  
15 ~~and charged the same against the accounts upon which such~~  
16 ~~warrants are drawn.~~

17 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
18 497.263, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 497.263 Cemetery companies; license required; licensure  
20 requirements and procedures.—

21 (3) ACTION CONCERNING APPLICATIONS.—If the licensing  
22 authority finds that the applicant meets the criteria  
23 established in subsection (2), the applicant shall be notified  
24 that a license will be issued when all of the following  
25 conditions are satisfied:

26 (a) The establishment of a care and maintenance trust fund  
27 containing not less than \$50,000 has been certified by a trust  
28 company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, a state or national  
29 bank holding trust powers, or a savings and loan association  
30 holding trust powers as provided in s. 497.458, pursuant to a  
31 trust agreement approved by the licensing authority. The \$50,000  
32 required for the care and maintenance trust fund shall be over  
33 and above the \$50,000 net worth required by subsection (2).

34 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 497.266, Florida  
35 Statutes, is amended to read:

36 497.266 Care and maintenance trust fund; remedy of  
37 department for noncompliance.—

38 (1) A ~~No~~ cemetery company may not establish a cemetery, or  
39 operate a cemetery if already established, without providing for



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40 the future care and maintenance of the cemetery, for which a  
41 care and maintenance trust fund shall be established, to be  
42 known as "the care and maintenance trust fund of ....." The  
43 trust fund shall be established with a trust company ~~operating~~  
44 ~~pursuant to chapter 660~~, with a state or national bank holding  
45 trust powers, or with a federal or state savings and loan  
46 association holding trust powers. Trust funds which are with a  
47 state or national bank or savings and loan association licensed  
48 in this state on October 1, 1993, shall remain in force;  
49 however, when the amount of any such trust fund exceeds the  
50 amount that is insured by an agency of the Federal Government,  
51 the cemetery company shall transfer that trust fund to a trust  
52 company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, to a state or  
53 national bank holding trust powers, or to a federal or state  
54 savings and loan association holding trust powers.

55 Section 4. Section 497.376, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
56 read:

57 497.376 License as funeral director and embalmer  
58 permitted.-

59 (1) This chapter does not prohibit a person from holding a  
60 license as an embalmer and a license as a funeral director at  
61 the same time. There may be issued and renewed by the licensing  
62 authority a combination license as both funeral director and  
63 embalmer to persons meeting the separate requirements for both  
64 licenses as set forth in this chapter. The licensing authority  
65 may adopt rules providing procedures for applying for and  
66 renewing such combination license. The licensing authority may  
67 by rule establish application, renewal, and other fees for such  
68 combination license, which fees may ~~shall~~ not exceed the sum of



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69 the maximum fees for the separate funeral director and embalmer  
70 license categories as provided in this chapter. A person ~~Persons~~  
71 holding a combination license as a funeral director and an  
72 embalmer is ~~shall be~~ subject to regulation under this chapter  
73 both as a funeral director and an embalmer.

74 (2) Except as provided under s. 497.377, an applicant for a  
75 combination license as both a funeral director and an embalmer  
76 must hold the educational credentials required for licensure as  
77 a funeral director as provided under s. 497.373(1)(d).

78 Section 5. Section 497.377, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
79 read:

80 497.377 Combination license as funeral director and  
81 embalmer; ~~Concurrent~~ internships.-

82 (1) To meet internship requirements for combined licensure  
83 as a funeral director and an embalmer, the internship  
84 requirement for funeral directors and the internship requirement  
85 for embalmers and funeral directors may be served concurrently  
86 pursuant to rules adopted by the licensing authority.

87 (2) (a) An applicant who has not completed the educational  
88 credentials required for a combination license as funeral  
89 director and embalmer is eligible for licensure as a combination  
90 funeral director and embalmer intern if the applicant:

91 1. Is currently enrolled in and attending a college  
92 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education  
93 (ABFSE) in an ABFSE-accredited course of study in mortuary  
94 science;

95 2. Has completed at least 75 percent of the course of study  
96 in mortuary science, as certified by the college in which the  
97 applicant is currently enrolled; and



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98           3. Has taken and received a passing grade in a college  
99 credit course in mortuary law or funeral service law and has  
100 taken and received a passing grade in a college credit course in  
101 ethics.

102           (b) An application for internship for a combination funeral  
103 director and embalmer license must include the name and address  
104 of the funeral director licensed under s. 497.373 or s.  
105 497.374(1) and the embalmer licensed under s. 497.368 or s.  
106 497.369 under whose supervision the intern will receive training  
107 and the name of the licensed funeral establishment where the  
108 training will be conducted.

109           (c) A combination funeral director and embalmer intern may  
110 perform only the tasks, functions, and duties relating to  
111 funeral directing and embalming which are performed under the  
112 direct supervision of a licensed funeral director who has an  
113 active, valid license under s. 497.373 or s. 497.374(1) and an  
114 embalmer who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s.  
115 497.369. However, a combination funeral director and embalmer  
116 intern may perform those tasks, functions, and duties under the  
117 general supervision of a licensed funeral director and embalmer  
118 upon the intern's graduation from a college accredited by the  
119 ABFSE with a degree as specified in s. 497.373(1)(d) and passage  
120 of the laws and rules examination required under s.  
121 497.373(2)(b) if, after 6 months of direct supervision, the  
122 funeral director in charge of the internship training agency  
123 certifies to the licensing agency that the intern is competent  
124 to complete the internship under general supervision.

125           (d)1. A combination funeral director and embalmer intern  
126 license expires 1 year after issuance and, except as provided in



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127 subparagraph 2., may not be renewed.

128 2. The licensing authority may adopt rules that allow a  
129 combination funeral director and embalmer intern to renew her or  
130 his funeral director and embalmer intern license for an  
131 additional 1-year period if the combination funeral director and  
132 embalmer intern demonstrates her or his failure to complete the  
133 internship before expiration of the license due to illness,  
134 personal injury, or other substantial hardship beyond her or his  
135 reasonable control or demonstrates that she or he has completed  
136 the requirements for licensure as a combination funeral director  
137 and embalmer but is awaiting the results of a licensure  
138 examination.

139 Section 6. Subsection (7) of section 497.380, Florida  
140 Statutes, is amended to read:

141 497.380 Funeral establishment; licensure; display of  
142 license.—

143 (7) Each licensed funeral establishment shall have a ~~one~~  
144 ~~full-time~~ funeral director in charge and shall have a licensed  
145 funeral director reasonably available to the public during  
146 normal business hours for the establishment. The ~~full-time~~  
147 funeral director in charge is responsible for ensuring that the  
148 facility, its operation, and all persons employed in the  
149 facility comply with all applicable state and federal laws and  
150 rules. A funeral director in charge, with appropriate active  
151 licenses, may serve as a funeral director in charge for not more  
152 than a total of 2 funeral establishments, centralized embalming  
153 facilities, direct disposal establishments, or cinerator  
154 facilities, as long as the 2 locations are not more than 75  
155 miles apart as measured in a straight line ~~The full-time funeral~~



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156 ~~director in charge must have an active license and may not be~~  
157 ~~the full-time funeral director in charge of any other funeral~~  
158 ~~establishment or of any other direct disposal establishment.~~  
159 ~~Effective October 1, 2010,~~ The full-time funeral director in  
160 charge must hold an active, valid funeral director license and  
161 an active, valid embalmer license or combination license as a  
162 funeral director and an embalmer. However, a funeral director  
163 may serve as a funeral director in charge without an embalmer  
164 license or combination license if the establishment does not  
165 have an embalming room on site, or may continue as the full-time  
166 funeral director in charge without an embalmer or combination  
167 license if, as of September 30, 2010:

168 (a) The funeral establishment and the funeral director both  
169 have active, valid licenses.

170 (b) The funeral director is currently the full-time funeral  
171 director in charge of the funeral establishment.

172 (c) The name of the funeral director was included, as  
173 required in subsection (4), in the funeral establishment's most  
174 recent application for issuance or renewal of its license or was  
175 included in the establishment's report of change provided under  
176 paragraph (12)(c).

177 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
178 497.385, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

179 497.385 Removal services; refrigeration facilities;  
180 centralized embalming facilities.—In order to ensure that the  
181 removal, refrigeration, and embalming of all dead human bodies  
182 is conducted in a manner that properly protects the public's  
183 health and safety, the licensing authority shall adopt rules to  
184 provide for the licensure of removal services, refrigeration



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185 facilities, and centralized embalming facilities operated  
186 independently of funeral establishments, direct disposal  
187 establishments, and cinerator facilities.

188 (2) CENTRALIZED EMBALMING FACILITIES.—In order to ensure  
189 that all funeral establishments have access to embalming  
190 facilities that comply with all applicable health and safety  
191 requirements, the licensing authority shall adopt rules to  
192 provide for the licensure and operation of centralized embalming  
193 facilities and shall require, at a minimum, the following:

194 (b) Each licensed centralized embalming facility shall have  
195 at least one ~~full-time~~ embalmer in charge. The ~~full-time~~  
196 embalmer in charge must have an active, valid embalmer license  
197 or a combination license as a funeral director and an embalmer  
198 and may not be the full-time embalmer in charge, full-time  
199 funeral director in charge, or full-time direct disposer in  
200 charge of any other establishment licensed under this chapter.  
201 An embalmer in charge, with appropriate active licenses, may  
202 also serve as a funeral director in charge under s. 497.380(7)  
203 or as a direct disposer in charge under s. 497.604(8). A funeral  
204 director in charge, with appropriate active licenses, may serve  
205 as a funeral director in charge for not more than a total of 2  
206 funeral establishments, centralized embalming facilities, direct  
207 disposal establishments, or cinerator facilities, as long as the  
208 2 locations are not more than 75 miles apart as measured in a  
209 straight line.

210 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 497.452, Florida  
211 Statutes, is amended to read:

212 497.452 Preneed license required.—

213 (2) (a) No person may receive any funds for payment on a





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214 preneed contract who does not hold a valid preneed license.

215 (b) ~~The provisions of Paragraph (a) does de~~ not apply to a  
216 trust company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, to a national  
217 or state bank holding trust powers, or to a federal or state  
218 savings and loan association having trust powers which company,  
219 bank, or association receives any money in trust pursuant to the  
220 sale of a preneed contract.

221 Section 9. Subsection (8) of section 497.453, Florida  
222 Statutes, is amended to read:

223 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and  
224 criteria; renewal; reports.-

225 (8) ANNUAL TRUST REPORTS.-

226 (a) On or before April 1 of each year, the preneed licensee  
227 shall file in the form prescribed by rule a full and true  
228 statement as to the activities of any trust established by it  
229 pursuant to this part for the preceding calendar year.

230 (b) A preneed licensee that sold, or a group of preneed  
231 licensees under common control which sold in aggregate, 15,000  
232 or more preneed contracts in this state in the preceding year  
233 shall additionally comply with this paragraph.

234 1. As used in this paragraph, the term:

235 a. "Year 1" means a year in which a preneed licensee sells,  
236 or a group of preneed licensees under common control sells in  
237 aggregate, 15,000 or more preneed contracts in this state.

238 b. "Year 2" means the year immediately after Year 1.

239 2. As to each Year 1, the licensee or licensees shall,  
240 during Year 2:

241 a. Prepare, with respect to each such licensee, a report of  
242 Florida preneed operations in Year 1 on a form prescribed by



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243 department rule;

244 b. Cause and pay for such report to be audited by an  
245 independent certified public accounting firm concerning the  
246 accuracy and fairness of the presentation of the data provided  
247 in the report; and

248 c. By December 31 of Year 2, provide the report to the  
249 division along with a written and signed opinion of the  
250 certified public accounting firm concerning the accuracy and  
251 fairness of the presentation of the data provided in the report.

252 2. The report must be prepared and submitted using forms  
253 and procedures specified by department rule. The department may  
254 adopt rules specifying the format of the report and the  
255 information to be reported.

256 Section 10. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
257 497.458, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

258 497.458 Disposition of proceeds received on contracts.—

259 (1)

260 (c) Such deposits shall be made within 30 days after the  
261 end of the calendar month in which payment is received, under  
262 the terms of a revocable trust instrument entered into with a  
263 trust company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, with a national  
264 or state bank holding trust powers, or with a federal or state  
265 savings and loan association holding trust powers.

266 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 497.464, Florida  
267 Statutes, is amended to read:

268 497.464 Alternative preneed contracts.—

269 (2) The contract must require that a trust be established  
270 by the preneed licensee on behalf of, and for the use, benefit,  
271 and protection of, the purchaser and that the trustee must be a



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272 trust company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, a national or  
273 state bank holding trust powers, or a federal or state savings  
274 and loan association holding trust powers.

275 Section 12. Subsection (8) of section 497.604, Florida  
276 Statutes, is amended to read:

277 497.604 Direct disposal establishments, license required;  
278 licensing procedures and criteria; license renewal; regulation;  
279 display of license.—

280 (8) SUPERVISION OF FACILITIES.—

281 (a) ~~Effective October 1, 2010~~, Each direct disposal  
282 establishment shall have a one full-time licensed funeral  
283 director ~~acting as the direct disposer~~ in charge, subject to s.  
284 497.380(7). However, a licensed direct disposer may continue  
285 acting as the direct disposer in charge, if, as of September 30,  
286 2010:

287 1. The direct disposal establishment and the licensed  
288 direct disposer both have active, valid licenses.

289 2. The licensed direct disposer is currently acting as the  
290 direct disposer in charge of the direct disposal establishment.

291 3. The name of the licensed direct disposer was included,  
292 as required in paragraph (2)(c), in the direct disposal  
293 establishment's most recent application for issuance or renewal  
294 of its license or was included in the establishment's notice of  
295 change provided under subsection (7).

296 (b) The ~~licensed~~ funeral director in charge or ~~licensed~~  
297 direct disposer in charge of a direct disposal establishment  
298 must be reasonably available to the public during normal  
299 business hours for the establishment ~~and may be in charge of~~  
300 ~~only one direct disposal establishment~~. The ~~licensed~~ funeral



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301 director in charge or ~~licensed~~ direct disposer in charge of the  
302 establishment is responsible for making sure the facility, its  
303 operations, and all persons employed in the facility comply with  
304 all applicable state and federal laws and rules. A funeral  
305 director in charge, with appropriate active licenses, may serve  
306 as a funeral director in charge for not more than a total of 2  
307 funeral establishments, centralized embalming facilities, direct  
308 disposal establishments, or cinerator facilities, as long as the  
309 2 locations are not more than 75 miles apart as measured in a  
310 straight line.

311 Section 13. Subsection (8) of section 497.606, Florida  
312 Statutes, is amended to read:

313 497.606 Cinerator facility, licensure required; licensing  
314 procedures and criteria; license renewal; regulation.—

315 (8) SUPERVISION OF FACILITIES.—Each cinerator facility  
316 shall have a ~~one full-time licensed~~ direct disposer in charge or  
317 a licensed funeral director in charge for that facility. ~~Such~~  
318 ~~person may be in charge of only one facility.~~ Such ~~licensed~~  
319 funeral director in charge or ~~licensed~~ direct disposer in charge  
320 shall be responsible for making sure the facility, its  
321 operations, and all persons employed in the facility comply with  
322 all applicable state and federal laws and rules. A funeral  
323 director in charge, with appropriate active licenses, may serve  
324 as a funeral director in charge for not more than a total of 2  
325 funeral establishments, centralized embalming facilities, direct  
326 disposal establishments, or cinerator facilities, as long as the  
327 2 locations are not more than 75 miles apart as measured in a  
328 straight line.

329 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section



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330 626.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331 626.022 Scope of part.—

332 (1) This part applies as to insurance agents, service  
333 representatives, adjusters, and insurance agencies; as to any  
334 and all kinds of insurance; and as to stock insurers, mutual  
335 insurers, reciprocal insurers, and all other types of insurers,  
336 except that:

337 (a) It does not apply as to reinsurance, except that ss.  
338 626.011-626.022, ss. 626.112-626.181, ss. 626.191-626.211, ss.  
339 626.291-626.301, s. 626.331, ss. 626.342-626.511 ~~ss. 626.342-~~  
340 ~~626.521~~, ss. 626.541-626.591, and ss. 626.601-626.711 shall  
341 apply as to reinsurance intermediaries as defined in s.  
342 626.7492.

343 Section 15. Subsection (4) of section 626.025, Florida  
344 Statutes, is amended to read:

345 626.025 Consumer protections.—To transact insurance, agents  
346 shall comply with consumer protection laws, including the  
347 following, as applicable:

348 (4) The submission of credit and character reports, as  
349 required by s. 626.171 ~~or s. 626.521~~.

350 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 626.175, Florida  
351 Statutes, is amended to read:

352 626.175 Temporary licensing.—

353 (1) The department may issue a nonrenewable temporary  
354 license for a period not to exceed 6 months authorizing the  
355 appointment of a general lines insurance agent, ~~or a~~ life agent,  
356 or personal lines agent ~~an industrial fire or burglary agent~~,  
357 subject to the conditions described in this section. The fees  
358 paid for a temporary license and appointment must ~~shall~~ be as



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359 specified in s. 624.501. Fees paid may ~~shall~~ not be refunded  
360 after a temporary license has been issued.

361 (a) An applicant for a temporary license must be:

362 1. A natural person at least 18 years of age.

363 2. A United States citizen or legal alien who possesses  
364 work authorization from the United States Bureau of Citizenship  
365 and Immigration Services.

366 (b)1. In the case of a general lines agent, the department  
367 may issue a temporary license to an employee, a family member, a  
368 business associate, or a personal representative of a licensed  
369 general lines agent for the purpose of continuing or winding up  
370 the business affairs of the agent or agency in the event the  
371 licensed agent has died or become unable to perform his or her  
372 duties because of military service or illness or other physical  
373 or mental disability, subject to the following conditions:

374 a. No other individual connected with the agent's business  
375 may be licensed as a general lines agent.

376 b. The proposed temporary licensee shall be qualified for a  
377 regular general lines agent license under this code except as to  
378 residence, examination, education, or experience.

379 c. Application for the temporary license shall have been  
380 made by the applicant upon statements and affidavit filed with  
381 the department on forms prescribed and furnished by the  
382 department.

383 d. Under a temporary license and appointment, the licensee  
384 shall not represent any insurer not last represented by the  
385 agent being replaced and shall not be licensed or appointed as  
386 to any additional kind, line, or class of insurance other than  
387 those covered by the last existing agency appointments of the



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388 replaced agent. If an insurer withdraws from the agency during  
389 the temporary license period, the temporary licensee may be  
390 appointed by another similar insurer but only for the period  
391 remaining under the temporary license.

392 2. A regular general lines agent license may be issued to a  
393 temporary licensee upon meeting the qualifications for a general  
394 lines agent license under s. 626.731.

395 (c) In the case of a life agent, the department may issue a  
396 temporary license:

397 1. To the executor or administrator of the estate of a  
398 deceased individual licensed and appointed as a life agent at  
399 the time of death;

400 2. To a surviving next of kin of the deceased individual,  
401 if no administrator or executor has been appointed and  
402 qualified; however, any license and appointment under this  
403 subparagraph shall be canceled upon issuance of a license to an  
404 executor or administrator under subparagraph 1.; or

405 3. To an individual otherwise qualified to be licensed as  
406 an agent who has completed the educational or training  
407 requirements prescribed in s. 626.7851 and who is appointed ~~has~~  
408 ~~successfully sat for the required examination prior to~~  
409 ~~termination of such 6-month period. The department may issue~~  
410 ~~this temporary license only in the case of a life agent to~~  
411 represent an insurer of the industrial or ordinary-combination  
412 class solely for the purpose of collecting premiums and  
413 servicing in-force policies. Such licensee may not directly or  
414 indirectly solicit, negotiate, or effect contracts of insurance.

415 (d) In the case of a personal lines ~~limited license~~  
416 ~~authorizing appointment as an industrial fire or burglary agent,~~



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417 the department may issue a temporary license:

418 1. To the executor or administrator of the estate of a  
419 deceased individual who was licensed and appointed as a personal  
420 lines agent at the time of his or her death;

421 2. To a surviving next of kin of the deceased individual if  
422 no administrator or executor has been appointed and qualified.  
423 However, a license and appointment under this subparagraph must  
424 be canceled upon issuance of a license to an executor or  
425 administrator under subparagraph 1.; or

426 3. To an individual otherwise qualified to be licensed as  
427 an agent, who has completed the educational or training  
428 requirements prescribed in s. 626.732, and who is appointed to  
429 represent an insurer of the industrial or ordinary-combination  
430 class solely for the purpose of collecting premiums and  
431 servicing in-force policies. Such licensee may not directly or  
432 indirectly solicit, negotiate, or effect contracts of insurance  
433 ~~to an individual otherwise qualified to be licensed as an agent~~  
434 ~~who has completed the educational or training requirements~~  
435 ~~prescribed in s. 626.732 and has successfully sat for the~~  
436 ~~required examination prior to termination of the 6-month period.~~

437 Section 17. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
438 626.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

439 626.207 Disqualification of applicants and licensees;  
440 penalties against licensees; rulemaking authority.—

441 (3) An applicant who has been found guilty of or has  
442 pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a crime not included in  
443 subsection (2), regardless of adjudication, is subject to:

444 (b) A 7-year disqualifying period for all felonies to which  
445 neither the permanent bar in subsection (2) nor the 15-year





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446 disqualifying period in paragraph (a) applies. Notwithstanding  
447 subsection (4), an applicant who served at least half of the  
448 disqualifying period may reapply for a license if, during that  
449 time, the applicant has not been found guilty of or has not  
450 pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a crime. The department may  
451 issue the applicant a license on a probationary basis for the  
452 remainder of the disqualifying period. The applicant's  
453 probationary period ends at the end of the disqualifying period.

454 Section 18. Subsection (1) and paragraph (e) of subsection  
455 (2) of section 626.221, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

456 626.221 Examination requirement; exemptions.—

457 (1) The department may ~~shall~~ not issue any license as agent  
458 or adjuster to any individual who has not qualified for, taken,  
459 and passed to the satisfaction of the department a written  
460 examination of the scope prescribed in s. 626.241.

461 (2) However, an examination is not necessary for any of the  
462 following:

463 (e) An applicant who has been licensed as an all-lines  
464 adjuster and appointed as an independent adjuster or company  
465 employee adjuster and who files ~~if~~ an application for an all-  
466 lines adjuster license licensure is filed with the department  
467 within 48 months after ~~following~~ the date of cancellation or  
468 expiration of the prior appointment.

469 Section 19. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
470 626.2815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

471 626.2815 Continuing education requirements.—

472 (3) Each licensee except a title insurance agent must  
473 complete a 5-hour update course every 2 years which is specific  
474 to the license held by the licensee. The course must be



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475 developed and offered by providers and approved by the  
476 department. The content of the course must address all lines of  
477 insurance for which examination and licensure are required and  
478 include the following subject areas: insurance law updates,  
479 ethics for insurance professionals, disciplinary trends and case  
480 studies, industry trends, premium discounts, determining  
481 suitability of products and services, and other similar  
482 insurance-related topics the department determines are relevant  
483 to legally and ethically carrying out the responsibilities of  
484 the license granted. A licensee who holds multiple insurance  
485 licenses must complete an update course that is specific to at  
486 least one of the licenses held. Except as otherwise specified,  
487 any remaining required hours of continuing education are  
488 elective and may consist of any continuing education course  
489 approved by the department under this section.

490 (d) An individual who holds a license as a customer  
491 representative, ~~limited customer representative, motor vehicle~~  
492 ~~physical damage and mechanical breakdown insurance agent, or an~~  
493 ~~industrial fire insurance or burglary insurance agent~~ and who is  
494 not a licensed life or health agent, must also complete a  
495 minimum of 5 hours of continuing education courses every 2  
496 years.

497 Section 20. Paragraphs (b) and (f) of subsection (1) of  
498 section 626.321, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

499 626.321 Limited licenses.—

500 (1) The department shall issue to a qualified applicant a  
501 license as agent authorized to transact a limited class of  
502 business in any of the following categories of limited lines  
503 insurance:



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504 (b) *Industrial fire insurance or burglary insurance.*—  
505 License covering only industrial fire insurance or burglary  
506 insurance. ~~The applicant for such a license must pass a written~~  
507 ~~examination covering such insurance.~~ A licensee under this  
508 paragraph may not hold a license as an agent for any other or  
509 additional kind or class of insurance coverage except for life  
510 insurance and health insurance. Effective July 1, 2019, all  
511 licensees holding such limited license and appointment may renew  
512 the license and appointment, but no new or additional licenses  
513 may be issued pursuant to this paragraph and a licensee whose  
514 limited license under this paragraph has been terminated,  
515 suspended, or revoked may not have such license reinstated.

516 (f) *Crop hail and multiple-peril crop insurance.*—License  
517 for insurance covering crops subject to unfavorable weather  
518 conditions, fire or lightning ~~lightening~~, flood, hail, insect  
519 infestation, disease, or other yield-reducing conditions or  
520 perils which is provided by the private insurance market, or  
521 which is subsidized by the Federal Group Insurance Corporation  
522 including multi-peril crop insurance. Notwithstanding any other  
523 ~~provision of law~~, the limited license may be issued to a bona  
524 fide salaried employee of an association chartered under the  
525 Farm Credit Act of 1971, 12 U.S.C. ss. 2001 et seq., ~~who~~  
526 ~~satisfactorily completes the examination prescribed by the~~  
527 ~~department pursuant to s. 626.241(5).~~ The agent must be  
528 appointed by, and his or her limited license requested by, a  
529 licensed general lines agent. All business transacted by the  
530 agent must be on behalf of, in the name of, and countersigned by  
531 the agent by whom he or she is appointed. Sections 626.561 and  
532 626.748, relating to records, apply to all business written



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533 pursuant to this section. The licensee may be appointed by and  
534 licensed for only one general lines agent or agency.

535 Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 626.471, Florida  
536 Statutes, is amended to read:

537 626.471 Termination of appointment.—

538 (1) Subject to an appointee's contract rights, an  
539 appointing entity may terminate its appointment of any appointee  
540 at any time. Except when termination is upon a ground that ~~which~~  
541 would subject the appointee to suspension or revocation of his  
542 or her license and appointment under s. 626.611 or s. 626.621,  
543 and except as provided by contract between the appointing entity  
544 and the appointee, the appointing entity shall give at least 60  
545 days' advance written notice of its intention to terminate such  
546 appointment to the appointee, ~~either~~ by delivery thereof to the  
547 appointee in person, ~~or~~ by mailing it, postage prepaid, or by e-  
548 mail. If delivery is by mail or e-mail, the notice must be  
549 addressed to the appointee at his or her last mailing or e-mail  
550 address of record with the appointing entity. Notice is ~~so~~  
551 ~~mailed shall be~~ deemed to have been given when deposited in a  
552 United States Postal Service mail depository or when the e-mail  
553 is sent, as applicable.

554 Section 22. Section 626.521, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

555 Section 23. Section 626.536, Florida Statutes, is amended  
556 to read:

557 626.536 Reporting of administrative actions.—Within 30 days  
558 after the final disposition of an administrative action taken  
559 against a licensee ~~or insurance agency~~ by a governmental agency  
560 or other regulatory agency in this or any other state or  
561 jurisdiction relating to the business of insurance, the sale of



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562 securities, or activity involving fraud, dishonesty,  
563 trustworthiness, or breach of a fiduciary duty, the licensee ~~or~~  
564 ~~insurance agency~~ must submit a copy of the order, consent to  
565 order, or other relevant legal documents to the department. The  
566 department may adopt rules to administer this section.

567 Section 24. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.6215,  
568 Florida Statutes, to read:

569 626.6215 Grounds for discretionary refusal, suspension, or  
570 revocation of insurance agency license.—The department may, in  
571 its discretion, deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to continue the  
572 license of any insurance agency if it finds, as to any insurance  
573 agency or as to any majority owner, partner, manager, director,  
574 officer, or other person who manages or controls such insurance  
575 agency, that any one or more of the following applicable grounds  
576 exist:

577 (7) A denial, suspension, or revocation of, or any other  
578 adverse administrative action against, a license to practice or  
579 conduct any regulated profession, business, or vocation by this  
580 state, any other state, any nation, any possession or district  
581 of the United States, any court, or any lawful agency thereof.

582 Section 25. Section 626.729, Florida Statutes, is amended  
583 to read:

584 626.729 "Industrial fire insurance" defined.—As used in ~~For~~  
585 ~~the purposes of~~ this code, the term "industrial fire insurance"  
586 means: is

587 (1) Insurance against loss by fire of either buildings and  
588 other structures or contents, which may include extended  
589 coverage;

590 (2) Windstorm insurance;



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591           (3) Basic limits owners, landlords, or tenants liability  
592 insurance with single limits of \$25,000;

593           (4) Comprehensive personal liability insurance with a  
594 single limit of \$25,000; or

595           (5) Burglary insurance, under which the premiums are  
596 collected quarterly or more often and the face amount of the  
597 insurance provided by the policy on one risk is not more than  
598 \$50,000, including the contents of such buildings and other  
599 structures, ~~and the insurer issuing such policy is operating~~  
600 ~~under a system of collecting a debit by its agents. A temporary~~  
601 ~~license for an industrial fire or burglary agent issued pursuant~~  
602 ~~to s. 626.175 shall be solely for the purpose of collecting~~  
603 ~~premiums and servicing in force policies, and such licensee~~  
604 ~~shall not directly or indirectly solicit, negotiate, or effect~~  
605 ~~contracts of insurance.~~

606           Section 26. Section 626.7355, Florida Statutes, is  
607 repealed.

608           Section 27. Subsection (9) of section 626.8437, Florida  
609 Statutes, is amended to read:

610           626.8437 Grounds for denial, suspension, revocation, or  
611 refusal to renew license or appointment.—The department shall  
612 deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew or continue the  
613 license or appointment of any title insurance agent or agency,  
614 and it shall suspend or revoke the eligibility to hold a license  
615 or appointment of such person, if it finds that as to the  
616 applicant, licensee, appointee, or any principal thereof, any  
617 one or more of the following grounds exist:

618           (9) Willful failure to comply with, or willful violation  
619 of, any proper order or rule of the department or willful



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620 violation of any provision of the Florida Insurance Code ~~this~~  
621 ~~act~~.

622 Section 28. Subsection (2) of section 626.844, Florida  
623 Statutes, is amended to read:

624 626.844 Grounds for discretionary refusal, suspension, or  
625 revocation of license or appointment.—The department may, in its  
626 discretion, deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew or  
627 continue the license or appointment of any title insurance agent  
628 or agency, and it may suspend or revoke the eligibility to hold  
629 a license or appointment of any such title insurance agent or  
630 agency if it finds that as to the applicant or licensee or  
631 appointee, or any principal thereof, any one or more of the  
632 following grounds exist under circumstances for which such  
633 denial, suspension, revocation, or refusal is not mandatory  
634 under s. 626.8437:

635 (2) Violation of any provision of the Florida Insurance  
636 Code ~~this act~~ in the course of dealing under the license or  
637 appointment.

638 Section 29. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and paragraphs  
639 (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 626.8732, Florida  
640 Statutes, are amended to read:

641 626.8732 Nonresident public adjuster's qualifications,  
642 bond.—

643 (1) The department shall, upon application therefor, issue  
644 a license to an applicant for a nonresident public adjuster's  
645 license upon determining that the applicant has paid the  
646 applicable license fees required under s. 624.501 and:

647 (e) Has been licensed and employed as a public adjuster in  
648 the applicant's state of residence on a continual basis for the



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649 past 6 months ~~year~~, or, if the applicant's state of residence  
650 does not issue licenses to individuals who act as public  
651 adjusters, the applicant has been licensed and employed as a  
652 resident insurance company adjuster, a public adjuster, or an  
653 independent adjuster in his or her state of residence or any  
654 other state on a continual basis for the past 6 months ~~year~~.

655 (2) The applicant shall furnish the following with his or  
656 her application:

657 (b) If currently licensed as a resident public adjuster in  
658 the applicant's state of residence, a certificate or letter of  
659 authorization from the licensing authority of the applicant's  
660 state of residence, stating that the applicant holds a current  
661 or comparable license to act as a public adjuster and has held  
662 the license continuously for the past 6 months ~~year~~. The  
663 certificate or letter of authorization must be signed by the  
664 insurance commissioner or his or her deputy or the appropriate  
665 licensing official and must disclose whether the adjuster has  
666 ever had any license or eligibility to hold any license  
667 declined, denied, suspended, revoked, or placed on probation or  
668 whether an administrative fine or penalty has been levied  
669 against the adjuster and, if so, the reason for the action.

670 (c) If the applicant's state of residence does not require  
671 licensure as a public adjuster and the applicant has been  
672 licensed as a resident insurance adjuster in his or her state of  
673 residence or any other state, a certificate or letter of  
674 authorization from the licensing authority stating that the  
675 applicant holds or has held a license to act as such an  
676 insurance adjuster and has held the license continuously for the  
677 past 6 months ~~year~~. The certificate or letter of authorization





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678 must be signed by the insurance commissioner or his or her  
679 deputy or the appropriate licensing official and must disclose  
680 whether or not the adjuster has ever had any license or  
681 eligibility to hold any license declined, denied, suspended,  
682 revoked, or placed on probation or whether an administrative  
683 fine or penalty has been levied against the adjuster and, if so,  
684 the reason for the action.

685 Section 30. Subsection (6) of section 627.7015, Florida  
686 Statutes, is amended to read:

687 627.7015 Alternative procedure for resolution of disputed  
688 property insurance claims.—

689 (6) (a) Mediation is nonbinding; however, if a written  
690 settlement is reached, the policyholder has 3 business days  
691 within which the policyholder may rescind the settlement unless  
692 the policyholder has cashed or deposited any check or draft  
693 disbursed to the policyholder for the disputed matters as a  
694 result of the conference. If a settlement agreement is reached  
695 and is not rescinded, it is binding and acts as a release of all  
696 specific claims that were presented in that mediation  
697 conference.

698 (b) At the conclusion of the mediation, the mediator shall  
699 provide a written report of the results of mediation, including  
700 any settlement amount, to the insurer, the policyholder, and the  
701 policyholder's representative if the policyholder is represented  
702 at the mediation.

703 Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 633.216, Florida  
704 Statutes, is amended to read:

705 633.216 Inspection of buildings and equipment; orders;  
706 firesafety inspection training requirements; certification;



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707 disciplinary action.—The State Fire Marshal and her or his  
708 agents or persons authorized to enforce laws and rules of the  
709 State Fire Marshal shall, at any reasonable hour, when the State  
710 Fire Marshal has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of  
711 this chapter or s. 509.215, or a rule adopted thereunder, or a  
712 minimum firesafety code adopted by the State Fire Marshal or a  
713 local authority, may exist, inspect any and all buildings and  
714 structures which are subject to the requirements of this chapter  
715 or s. 509.215 and rules adopted thereunder. The authority to  
716 inspect shall extend to all equipment, vehicles, and chemicals  
717 which are located on or within the premises of any such building  
718 or structure.

719 (1) Each county, municipality, and special district that  
720 has firesafety enforcement responsibilities shall employ or  
721 contract with a firesafety inspector. Except as provided in s.  
722 633.312(2), ~~and (3)~~, and (4), the firesafety inspector must  
723 conduct all firesafety inspections that are required by law. The  
724 governing body of a county, municipality, or special district  
725 that has firesafety enforcement responsibilities may provide a  
726 schedule of fees to pay only the costs of inspections conducted  
727 pursuant to this subsection and related administrative expenses.  
728 Two or more counties, municipalities, or special districts that  
729 have firesafety enforcement responsibilities may jointly employ  
730 or contract with a firesafety inspector.

731 Section 32. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section  
732 633.218, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

733 633.218 Inspections of state buildings and premises; tests  
734 of firesafety equipment; building plans to be approved.—

735 (1)



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736 ~~(f) A state-owned building or state-leased building or~~  
737 ~~space shall be identified through use of the United States~~  
738 ~~National Grid Coordinate System.~~

739 Section 33. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
740 633.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

741 633.306 Requirements for installation, inspection, and  
742 maintenance of fire suppression equipment.-

743 (1) The requirements for installation of fire extinguishers  
744 and preengineered systems are as follows:

745 (c) Equipment must ~~shall~~ be installed in accordance with  
746 the applicable standards of the National Fire Protection  
747 Association and the manufacturer's drawings and specifications,  
748 using only components and parts specified by the manufacturer or  
749 listed as equal parts by a nationally recognized testing  
750 laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or Factory  
751 Mutual Laboratories, Inc.

752 Section 34. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section  
753 633.312, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)  
754 and (6), respectively, and subsection (3) of that section is  
755 amended, to read:

756 633.312 Inspection of fire control systems, fire hydrants,  
757 and fire protection systems.-

758 (3)(a) The inspecting contractor shall provide to the  
759 building owner or hydrant owner and the local authority having  
760 jurisdiction a copy of the applicable uniform summary inspection  
761 report established under this chapter. The local authority  
762 having jurisdiction may accept uniform summary inspection  
763 reports by United States mail, by hand delivery, by electronic  
764 submission, or through a third-party vendor that collects the



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765 reports on behalf of the local authority having jurisdiction.

766 (b) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules to implement a  
767 uniform summary inspection report and submission procedures to  
768 be used by all third-party vendors and local authorities having  
769 jurisdiction. For purposes of this section, a uniform summary  
770 inspection report must record the address where the fire  
771 protection system or hydrant is located, the company and person  
772 conducting the inspection and their license number, the date of  
773 the inspection, and the fire protection system or hydrant  
774 inspection status, including a brief summary of each deficiency,  
775 critical deficiency, noncritical deficiency, or impairment  
776 found. A contractor's detailed inspection report is not required  
777 to follow the uniform summary inspection report format. The  
778 State Fire Marshal shall establish by rule a submission  
779 procedure for each means provided under paragraph (a) by which a  
780 local authority having jurisdiction may accept uniform summary  
781 inspection reports. Each of the submission procedures must allow  
782 a contractor to attach additional documents with the submission  
783 of a uniform summary inspection report, including a physical  
784 copy of the contractor's detailed inspection report. A  
785 submission procedure may not require a contractor to submit  
786 information contained within the detailed inspection report  
787 unless the information is required to be included in the uniform  
788 summary inspection report.

789 (4) The maintenance of fire hydrant and fire protection  
790 systems as well as corrective actions on deficient systems is  
791 the responsibility of the owner of the system or hydrant.  
792 Equipment requiring periodic testing or operation to ensure its  
793 maintenance shall be tested or operated as specified in the Fire



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794 Prevention Code, Life Safety Code, National Fire Protection  
795 Association standards, or as directed by the appropriate  
796 authority, provided that such appropriate authority may not  
797 require a sprinkler system not required by the Fire Prevention  
798 Code, Life Safety Code, or National Fire Protection Association  
799 standards to be removed regardless of its condition. This  
800 section does not prohibit governmental entities from inspecting  
801 and enforcing firesafety codes.

802 Section 35. Section 633.520, Florida Statutes, is amended  
803 to read:

804 633.520 Safety; firefighter employer responsibilities;  
805 division rules.—

806 (1) Every firefighter employer shall furnish and use safety  
807 devices and safeguards, adopt and use methods and processes  
808 reasonably adequate to render such an employment and place of  
809 employment safe, and do every other thing reasonably necessary  
810 to protect the lives, health, and safety of such firefighter  
811 employees. As used in this section, the terms "safe" and  
812 "safety," as applied to any employment or place of employment,  
813 mean such freedom from danger as is reasonably necessary for the  
814 protection of the lives, health, and safety of firefighter  
815 employees, including conditions and methods of sanitation and  
816 hygiene. Safety devices and safeguards required to be furnished  
817 by the firefighter employer by this section or by the division  
818 under authority of this section do not include personal apparel  
819 and protective devices that replace personal apparel normally  
820 worn by firefighter employees during regular working hours.

821 (2) The division shall adopt rules to establish employer  
822 cancer prevention best practices relating to personal protective



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823 equipment, decontamination, fire suppression apparatus, and fire  
824 stations.

825 Section 36. Subsection (1) of section 648.49, Florida  
826 Statutes, is amended to read:

827 648.49 Duration of suspension or revocation.—

828 (1) The department shall, in its order suspending a license  
829 or appointment or in its order suspending the eligibility of a  
830 person to hold or apply for such a license or appointment,  
831 specify the period during which the suspension is to be in  
832 effect, but such period may not exceed 2 years. The license, ~~or~~  
833 appointment, or and eligibility to hold a license or appointment  
834 must shall remain suspended during the period so specified,  
835 subject, however, to any rescission or modification of the order  
836 by the department, or modification or reversal thereof by the  
837 court, prior to expiration of the suspension period. A license  
838 or appointment that ~~which~~ has been suspended may not be  
839 reinstated, nor may shall the eligibility to hold such license  
840 or appointment be reinstated, except upon the filing and  
841 approval of an application for ~~request for such~~ reinstatement.  
842 ~~but~~ The department may not approve an application for ~~grant such~~  
843 reinstatement if it finds that the circumstances for which the  
844 license or appointment was suspended still exist or are likely  
845 to recur. In each case involving suspension, the department has  
846 the discretion to require the former licensee to successfully  
847 complete a basic certification course in the criminal justice  
848 system, consisting of not less than 80 hours approved by the  
849 department.

850 Section 37. Present subsection (8) of section 717.124,  
851 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11), a new



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852 subsection (8) and subsections (9) and (10) are added to that  
853 section, and subsection (7) of that section is amended, to read:

854 717.124 Unclaimed property claims.—

855 (7) The department may allow an apparent owner to  
856 electronically submit a claim for unclaimed property to the  
857 department. If a claim is submitted electronically for \$5,000  
858 ~~\$1,000~~ or less, the department may use a method of identity  
859 verification other than a copy of a valid driver license, other  
860 government-issued photographic identification, or a sworn  
861 notarized statement. The department may adopt rules to implement  
862 this subsection.

863 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
864 the department may develop and implement an identification  
865 verification and disbursement process whereby accounts valued at  
866 \$2,000 or less, after receipt by the department and after being  
867 added to the unclaimed property database, may be disbursed to an  
868 apparent owner after the department has verified that the  
869 apparent owner is living and has verified the apparent owner's  
870 correct, current address. The department shall include with the  
871 payment a notification and an explanation of the dollar amount,  
872 source, and property type of each account included in the  
873 disbursement. The department may adopt rules to administer this  
874 subsection.

875 (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
876 the department may develop and implement a verification and  
877 disbursement process whereby accounts, after receipt by the  
878 department and after being added to the unclaimed property  
879 database, for which the apparent owner is a governmental agency  
880 of this state or subdivision thereof; a county government of



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881 this state or a subdivision thereof; a public school district of  
882 this state or a subdivision thereof; a municipality of this  
883 state or a subdivision thereof; or a special taxing district of  
884 this state or authority may be disbursed to the apparent owner  
885 entity or to the successor entity. The department shall include  
886 with the payment a notification and explanation of the dollar  
887 amount, source, and property type of each account included in  
888 the disbursement. The department may adopt rules to administer  
889 this subsection.

890 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
891 the department may develop a process whereby a registered  
892 claimant's representative may electronically submit to the  
893 department electronic images of completed claims and claim-  
894 related documents pursuant to this chapter, including limited  
895 powers of attorney and purchase agreements that have been  
896 personally signed and dated by a claimant or by a seller  
897 pursuant to s. 717.135 or s. 717.1351, after the original  
898 documents provided by the claimant or by the seller to the  
899 claimant's representative are physically received and in the  
900 claimant's representative's possession for any respective claim.  
901 Each claim filed by a registered claimant's representative must  
902 include a statement by the claimant's representative or buyer  
903 accurately attesting that all documents are true copies of the  
904 original documents and that all original documents are  
905 physically in the possession of the claimant's representative or  
906 buyer. All original documents must be kept in original form, by  
907 claim number, under the secure control of the claimant's  
908 representative or buyer and must be made available for  
909 inspection by the department or other governmental agencies in





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910 accordance with s. 717.1315. The department may adopt rules to  
911 administer this subsection.

912 Section 38. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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

915 And the title is amended as follows:

916 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
917 and insert:

918 A bill to be entitled

919 An act relating to the Department of Financial  
920 Services; amending s. 17.56, F.S.; requiring the  
921 Division of Treasury to maintain, rather than turn  
922 over to the Division of Accounting and Auditing,  
923 warrants drawn by the Chief Financial Officer;  
924 specifying the timeframe during which such warrants  
925 must be maintained; making a technical change;  
926 amending ss. 497.263 and 497.266, F.S.; deleting a  
927 requirement that trust companies, where certain care  
928 and maintenance trust funds may be established, must  
929 operate pursuant to ch. 660, F.S.; amending s.  
930 497.376, F.S.; specifying required educational  
931 credentials for certain applicants for a combination  
932 license as both funeral director and embalmer;  
933 amending s. 497.377, F.S.; specifying qualifications  
934 for certain applicants for a combination funeral  
935 director and embalmer intern license; providing  
936 application requirements; specifying limitations on  
937 and authorized actions of interns; specifying the  
938 expiration of intern licenses; authorizing the



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939 licensing authority to adopt certain rules; amending  
940 s. 497.380, F.S.; revising requirements for the  
941 supervision of licensed funeral establishments by  
942 funeral directors in charge; revising establishments a  
943 funeral director may be in charge of; revising funeral  
944 director licensing requirements for certain  
945 establishments; amending s. 497.385, F.S.; revising  
946 requirements for the supervision of licensed  
947 centralized embalming facilities; amending s. 497.452,  
948 F.S.; deleting a requirement that trust companies must  
949 operate pursuant to ch. 660, F.S., to be exempt from a  
950 certain preneed licensing requirement; amending s.  
951 497.453, F.S.; specifying annual trust reporting  
952 requirements for certain preneed licensees or certain  
953 groups of preneed licensees; defining the term "Year  
954 1" and "Year 2"; authorizing the department to adopt  
955 certain rules; amending ss. 497.458 and 497.464, F.S.;  
956 deleting a requirement that trust companies must  
957 operate pursuant to ch. 660, F.S., to enter into  
958 certain revocable trust instruments and act as  
959 trustees for certain preneed contract purchasers,  
960 respectively; amending s. 497.604, F.S.; revising  
961 requirements for the supervision of direct disposal  
962 establishments; amending s. 497.606, F.S.; revising  
963 requirements for the supervision of cinerator  
964 facilities; amending s. 626.022, F.S.; conforming a  
965 cross-reference; amending s. 626.025, F.S.; conforming  
966 a provision to changes made by the act; amending s.  
967 626.175, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue



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968 nonrenewable temporary licenses authorizing the  
969 appointment of personal lines agents; deleting such  
970 authorization for industrial fire or burglary agents;  
971 revising circumstances under which the department may  
972 issue temporary licenses authorizing the appointment  
973 of life agents; specifying circumstances under which  
974 the department may issue temporary licenses  
975 authorizing the appointment of personal lines agents;  
976 prohibiting certain licensees from soliciting,  
977 negotiating, or effecting contracts of insurance;  
978 amending s. 626.207, F.S.; providing an exception from  
979 a disqualification period from licensure as an  
980 insurance representative for certain persons found  
981 guilty or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to  
982 certain felonies; authorizing the department to issue  
983 licenses on a probationary period for a certain  
984 timeframe; specifying when the probationary period  
985 ends; amending s. 626.221, F.S.; specifying that a  
986 certain exemption from an examination requirement  
987 applies to applicants for an all-lines adjuster  
988 license; amending s. 626.2815, F.S.; revising the  
989 individuals that are subject to a certain continuing  
990 education requirement; amending s. 626.321, F.S.;  
991 deleting an examination requirement for an applicant  
992 for an industrial fire insurance or burglary insurance  
993 license; providing that, beginning on a specified  
994 date, the license and appointment may be renewed, but  
995 no new or additional licenses may be issued and the  
996 license may not be reinstated; deleting an examination



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997 requirement for crop hail and multiple peril crop  
998 insurance licenses; amending s. 626.471, F.S.;

999 authorizing an appointing entity to provide a  
1000 termination notice to the appointee by e-mail;  
1001 providing that the e-mail must be addressed to the  
1002 appointee's last e-mail address of record; specifying  
1003 when notice by e-mail is deemed to have been given;  
1004 repealing s. 626.521, F.S., relating to credit and  
1005 character reports; amending s. 626.536, F.S.; deleting  
1006 a requirement for insurance agencies to report certain  
1007 administrative actions to the department; amending s.  
1008 626.6215, F.S.; adding certain grounds for the  
1009 department's discretionary refusal, suspension, or  
1010 revocation of an insurance agency license; amending s.  
1011 626.729, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
1012 "industrial fire insurance" relating to burglary  
1013 insurance; repealing s. 626.7355, F.S., relating to a  
1014 temporary license as a customer representative pending  
1015 examination; amending ss. 626.8437 and 626.844, F.S.;

1016 revising certain grounds for the denial of, suspension  
1017 of, revocation of, or refusal to renew licenses or  
1018 appointments of title insurance agents or agencies;  
1019 amending s. 626.8732, F.S.; revising qualifications  
1020 for the issuance of a nonresident public adjuster's  
1021 license; amending s. 627.7015, F.S.; requiring  
1022 mediators in certain property insurance claim  
1023 mediations to provide a certain written report to  
1024 certain parties at the conclusion of the mediation;  
1025 amending s. 633.216, F.S.; conforming a cross-



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1026 reference; amending s. 633.218, F.S.; deleting a  
1027 requirement that state-owned or state-leased buildings  
1028 be identified through use of the United States  
1029 National Grid Coordinate System; amending s. 633.306,  
1030 F.S.; specifying requirements for components and parts  
1031 of installed fire extinguishers and preengineered  
1032 systems; amending s. 633.312, F.S.; specifying means  
1033 by which local authorities having jurisdiction may  
1034 accept inspection reports by contractors inspecting  
1035 fire hydrants and fire protection systems; requiring  
1036 the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules implementing a  
1037 uniform summary inspection report and submission  
1038 procedures; providing requirements for such report and  
1039 procedures; amending s. 633.520, F.S.; authorizing the  
1040 Division of State Fire Marshal to adopt certain rules  
1041 establishing firefighter employer cancer prevention  
1042 best practices; amending s. 648.49, F.S.; specifying  
1043 that reinstatement of a bail bond agent license is  
1044 contingent upon filing an application with, and  
1045 approval by, the department; amending s. 717.124,  
1046 F.S.; increasing the threshold amount of  
1047 electronically submitted claims under which the  
1048 department may use alternative identity verification  
1049 methods; authorizing the department to develop and  
1050 implement specified identification verification and  
1051 disbursement processes for certain unclaimed property  
1052 accounts; authorizing the department to develop  
1053 processes for certain electronic submissions;  
1054 specifying requirements for the submission of claims



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and recordkeeping; authorizing the department to adopt  
rules; providing an effective date.