

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/CS/HB 749 —Consumer Services

by Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Business and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee; and Rep. Young (CS/CS/CS/SB 888 by Budget Subcommittee on General Government Appropriations; Regulated Industries Committee, Commerce and Tourism Committee; and Senator Flores)

This bill amends consumer protection statutes that fall under the purview of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Moreover, this bill merges the responsibilities and duties of the Division of Standards into the Division of Consumer Services, as well as amends statutory provisions relating to professional surveyors and mappers, business opportunities, motor vehicle repair shops, pawnshops, health studios, sellers of travel, intrastate movers, telemarketing, brake fluid and anti-freeze products, fair rides, and licensing.

Furthermore, this bill repeals s. 559.922, F.S., with the effect of eliminating the department's financial assistance program for technical training or courses of study in motor vehicle repair, as well as repeals s. 366.85, F.S., dealing with consumer conciliatory conferences.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 114-0