

Amendment No. 10 (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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The Committee on Community Affairs offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 88, between lines 17-18

insert:

Section 51. Section 501.937, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

501.937 Industrial hygienists and safety professionals; use of professional titles; failure to comply.--

(1) Any person representing himself or herself as a "safety professional" or "industrial hygienist" must accurately disclose his or her credentials.

(2) A person may not represent himself or herself as a "certified safety professional," "associate safety professional," "certified occupational health and safety technologist," "industrial hygienist in training," or "certified industrial hygienist" unless he or she holds a current valid certificate in the field of safety or industrial hygiene from either the American Board of Industrial Hygiene

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1 or the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, or unless the  
2 Department of Business and Professional Regulation has, upon  
3 request, examined another certification program and has  
4 formally concluded that the certification standards of that  
5 certification program are substantially equivalent to the  
6 standards for certificates issued by those organizations; nor  
7 may the person mislead or deceive anyone by the unauthorized  
8 use of any certification mark that has been awarded by the  
9 United States Patent and Trademark Office.

10 (3)(a) A "safety professional" is a person having a  
11 baccalaureate degree in safety, engineering, chemistry,  
12 physics, or a closely related physical or biological science  
13 who has acquired competency in the field of safety. The  
14 studies and training necessary to acquire such competency  
15 should have been sufficient in all of the above cognate  
16 sciences to provide the abilities to anticipate, identify, and  
17 evaluate hazardous conditions and practices; to develop hazard  
18 control designs, methods, procedures, and programs; to  
19 implement, administer, and advise others on hazard controls  
20 and hazard control programs; and to measure, audit, and  
21 evaluate the effectiveness of hazard controls and hazard  
22 control programs.

23 (b) An "industrial hygienist" is a person having a  
24 baccalaureate degree in engineering, chemistry, physics, or a  
25 closely related physical or biological science who has  
26 acquired competency in the field of industrial hygiene. The  
27 studies and training necessary to acquire such competency  
28 should have been sufficient in all of the above cognate  
29 sciences to provide the abilities to anticipate and recognize  
30 the environmental factors and stresses associated with work  
31 and work operations and to understand their effects on people

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1 and their well-being; to evaluate, on the basis of training  
2 and experience and with the aid of quantitative measurement  
3 techniques, the magnitude of these factors and stresses in  
4 terms of ability to impair human health and well-being; and to  
5 prescribe methods to eliminate, control, or reduce such  
6 factors and stresses when necessary to alleviate their  
7 effects.

8 (4) Failure to comply with this section constitutes a  
9 deceptive and unfair trade practice.

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13 And the title is amended as follows:

14 On page 7, line 23

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16 insert:

17 after "practice;"

18 creating s. 501.937, F.S.; providing

19 requirements for use of professional titles by

20 industrial hygienists and safety professionals;

21 providing definitions; providing that violation

22 of such requirements is a deceptive and unfair

23 trade practice;

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