

By the Committee on Rules & Calendar and Representative  
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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Statutes;  
3           repealing or deleting various statutory  
4           provisions that have become obsolete, have had  
5           their effect, have served their purpose, or  
6           have been impliedly repealed or superseded;  
7           amending s. 288.99, F.S.; deleting obsolete  
8           provisions relating to applying for  
9           certification as a certified capital company  
10          and for an allocation of premium tax credits  
11          for potential investors; repealing s.  
12          494.00171, F.S., relating to special  
13          assessments required of mortgage brokers and  
14          lenders and applicants for such licensure over  
15          a specified period; amending s. 494.0017, F.S.;  
16          revising a reference, to conform; amending s.  
17          494.008, F.S.; updating an obsolete cross  
18          reference relating to administrative penalties  
19          and fines; repealing s. 495.171, F.S., relating  
20          to the effective date of the 1967 revision of  
21          ch. 495, F.S., relating to registration of  
22          trademarks and service marks, and the repeal of  
23          former provisions; amending s. 497.002, F.S.;  
24          deleting findings relating to the need to  
25          regulate funeral and cemetery services;  
26          repealing s. 606.01(1), F.S., relating to  
27          findings on the need for the Florida Business  
28          Coordination Act; repealing s. 620.9901(1) and  
29          (3), F.S., relating to applicability of the  
30          Revised Uniform Partnership Act of 1995 over a  
31          specified period; repealing s. 621.01, F.S.,

1 relating to intent with respect to the  
2 Professional Service Corporation and Limited  
3 Liability Company Act; repealing ch. 622, F.S.,  
4 relating to foreign unincorporated  
5 associations; amending s. 220.03, F.S.;  
6 correcting a cross reference, to conform;  
7 amending s. 655.50, F.S.; deleting a provision  
8 relating to the purpose of the Florida Control  
9 of Money Laundering in Financial Institutions  
10 Act; correcting cross references, to conform;  
11 amending s. 655.949, F.S.; deleting an obsolete  
12 deadline for the Department of Banking and  
13 Finance to provide qualifications for personnel  
14 in the department and the Office of the  
15 Comptroller who are involved in regulation of  
16 financial institutions; repealing s.  
17 655.961(1), F.S., relating to obsolete  
18 requirements for automatic teller machines;  
19 amending s. 655.962, F.S.; deleting obsolete  
20 provisions relating to requirements for access  
21 and parking areas for automatic teller  
22 machines; repealing s. 657.003, F.S., relating  
23 to the purpose of the Florida Credit Union Act;  
24 repealing s. 657.067, F.S., relating to  
25 requirements for approval for conversion of  
26 credit unions from federal to state charter;  
27 repealing pt. II, ch. 657, F.S., the Florida  
28 Credit Union Guaranty Corporation Act; amending  
29 ss. 655.057, 657.001, 657.002, 657.005,  
30 657.008, 657.021, 657.026, 657.031, 657.0315,  
31 657.038, 657.039, 657.043, 657.062, 657.063,

1           657.064, 657.065, 657.066, and 657.068, F.S.;  
2           revising or deleting references, to conform;  
3           repealing s. 658.2954, F.S., relating to  
4           authorization for a state bank to relocate its  
5           principal place of business into a contiguous  
6           state; amending s. 716.02, F.S.; deleting  
7           obsolete provisions relating to escheat of  
8           funds in the possession of any federal court in  
9           and for any district within this state;  
10          repealing s. 717.137, F.S., relating to the  
11          effect and application of the 1987 revision of  
12          ch. 717, F.S., relating to disposition of  
13          unclaimed property; providing an effective  
14          date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (7) and paragraph (c)  
19 of subsection (10) of section 288.99, Florida Statutes, are  
20 amended to read:

21           288.99 Certified Capital Company Act.--

22           (4) CERTIFICATION; GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR  
23 DECERTIFICATION.--

24           (a) To operate as a certified capital company, a  
25 corporation, partnership, or limited liability company must be  
26 certified by the department pursuant to this act and must be  
27 registered and maintain an active status with the Department  
28 of State as required by law.

29           ~~(b) An applicant for certification as a certified~~  
30 ~~capital company must file a verified application with the~~  
31 ~~department on or before December 1, 1998, in a form which the~~

1 ~~department may prescribe by rule. The applicant shall submit~~  
2 ~~a nonrefundable application fee of \$7,500 to the department.~~  
3 ~~The applicant shall provide:~~  
4       1. ~~The name of the applicant and the address of its~~  
5 ~~principal office and each office in this state.~~  
6       2. ~~The applicant's form and place of organization and~~  
7 ~~the relevant organizational documents, bylaws, and amendments~~  
8 ~~or restatements of such documents, bylaws, or amendments.~~  
9       3. ~~Evidence from the Department of State that the~~  
10 ~~applicant is registered with the Department of State as~~  
11 ~~required by law, maintains an active status with the~~  
12 ~~Department of State, and has not been dissolved or had its~~  
13 ~~registration revoked, canceled, or withdrawn.~~  
14       4. ~~The applicant's proposed method of doing business.~~  
15       5. ~~The applicant's financial condition and history,~~  
16 ~~including an audit report on the financial statements prepared~~  
17 ~~in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles~~  
18 ~~showing net capital of not less than \$500,000 within 90 days~~  
19 ~~after the date the application is submitted to the department.~~  
20 ~~If the date of the application is more than 90 days after~~  
21 ~~preparation of the applicant's fiscal year-end financial~~  
22 ~~statements, the applicant may file financial statements~~  
23 ~~reviewed by an independent certified public accountant for the~~  
24 ~~period subsequent to the audit report, together with the~~  
25 ~~audited financial statement for the most recent fiscal year.~~  
26 ~~If the applicant has been in business less than 12 months, and~~  
27 ~~has not prepared an audited financial statement, the applicant~~  
28 ~~may file a financial statement reviewed by an independent~~  
29 ~~certified public accountant.~~  
30       (c) ~~On December 31, 1998, the department shall grant~~  
31 ~~or deny certification as a certified capital company. If the~~

1 ~~department denies certification within the time period~~  
2 ~~specified, the department shall inform the applicant of the~~  
3 ~~grounds for the denial. If the department has not granted or~~  
4 ~~denied certification within the time specified, the~~  
5 ~~application shall be deemed approved. The department shall~~  
6 ~~approve the application if the department finds that:~~

7       1. ~~The applicant satisfies the requirements of~~  
8 ~~paragraph (b).~~

9       2. ~~No evidence exists that the applicant has committed~~  
10 ~~any act specified in paragraph (d).~~

11       3. ~~At least two of the principals have a minimum of 5~~  
12 ~~years of experience making venture capital investments out of~~  
13 ~~private equity funds, with not less than \$20 million being~~  
14 ~~provided by third party investors for investment in the early~~  
15 ~~stage of operating businesses. At least one full-time manager~~  
16 ~~or principal of the certified capital company who has such~~  
17 ~~experience must be primarily located in an office of the~~  
18 ~~certified capital company which is based in this state.~~

19       **(b)(d)** ~~The department may deny certification or~~  
20 ~~decertify a certified capital company if the grounds for~~  
21 ~~decertification are not removed or corrected within 90 days~~  
22 ~~after the notice of such grounds is received by the certified~~  
23 ~~capital company. The department may deny certification or~~  
24 ~~decertify a certified capital company if the certified capital~~  
25 ~~company fails to maintain a net worth of at least \$500,000, or~~  
26 ~~if the department determines that the applicant, or any~~  
27 ~~principal or director of the certified capital company, has:~~

28       1. ~~Violated any provision of this section;~~

29       2. ~~Made a material misrepresentation or false~~  
30 ~~statement or concealed any essential or material fact from any~~  
31 ~~person during the application process or with respect to~~

1 information and reports required of certified capital  
2 companies under this section;

3 3. Been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or  
4 nolo contendere to, a crime against the laws of this state or  
5 any other state or of the United States or any other country  
6 or government, including a fraudulent act in connection with  
7 the operation of a certified capital company, or in connection  
8 with the performance of fiduciary duties in another capacity;

9 4. Been adjudicated liable in a civil action on  
10 grounds of fraud, embezzlement, misrepresentation, or deceit;  
11 or

12 5.a. Been the subject of any decision, finding,  
13 injunction, suspension, prohibition, revocation, denial,  
14 judgment, or administrative order by any court of competent  
15 jurisdiction, administrative law judge, or any state or  
16 federal agency, national securities, commodities, or option  
17 exchange, or national securities, commodities, or option  
18 association, involving a material violation of any federal or  
19 state securities or commodities law or any rule or regulation  
20 adopted under such law, or any rule or regulation of any  
21 national securities, commodities, or options exchange, or  
22 national securities, commodities, or options association; or

23 b. Been the subject of any injunction or adverse  
24 administrative order by a state or federal agency regulating  
25 banking, insurance, finance or small loan companies, real  
26 estate, mortgage brokers, or other related or similar  
27 industries.

28 ~~(c) The certified capital company shall file a copy of~~  
29 ~~its certification with the office by January 31, 1999.~~

30 (c)(f) Any offering material involving the sale of  
31 securities of the certified capital company shall include the

1 following statement: "By authorizing the formation of a  
2 certified capital company, the State of Florida does not  
3 endorse the quality of management or the potential for  
4 earnings of such company and is not liable for damages or  
5 losses to a certified investor in the company. Use of the  
6 word 'certified' in an offering does not constitute a  
7 recommendation or endorsement of the investment by the State  
8 of Florida. Investments in a certified capital company prior  
9 to the time such company is certified are not eligible for  
10 premium tax credits. If applicable provisions of law are  
11 violated, the state may require forfeiture of unused premium  
12 tax credits and repayment of used premium tax credits by the  
13 certified investor."

14 (d)~~(g)~~ No insurance company or any affiliate of an  
15 insurance company shall, directly or indirectly, manage or  
16 control the direction of investments of a certified capital  
17 company. This prohibition does not preclude a certified  
18 investor, insurance company, or any other party from  
19 exercising its legal rights and remedies, which may include  
20 interim management of a certified capital company, if a  
21 certified capital company is in default of its obligations  
22 under law or its contractual obligations to such certified  
23 investor, insurance company, or other party.

24 (e)~~(h)~~ On or before December 31 of each year, each  
25 certified capital company shall pay to the department an  
26 annual, nonrefundable renewal certification fee of \$5,000. No  
27 renewal fees shall be required within 6 months after the date  
28 of initial certification.

29 (f)~~(i)~~ The department shall administer and provide for  
30 the enforcement of certification requirements for certified  
31 capital companies as provided in this act. The department may

1 adopt any rules necessary to carry out its duties,  
2 obligations, and powers related to certification, renewal of  
3 certification, or decertification of certified capital  
4 companies and may perform any other acts necessary for the  
5 proper administration and enforcement of such duties,  
6 obligations, and powers.

7 (g)~~(j)~~ Decertification of a certified capital company  
8 under this subsection does not affect the ability of certified  
9 investors in such certified capital company from claiming  
10 future premium tax credits earned as a result of an investment  
11 in the certified capital company during the period in which it  
12 was duly certified.

13 (7) ANNUAL TAX CREDIT; MAXIMUM AMOUNT; ALLOCATION  
14 PROCESS.--

15 (a) The total amount of tax credits which may be  
16 allocated by the office shall not exceed \$150 million. The  
17 total amount of tax credits which may be used by certified  
18 investors under this act shall not exceed \$15 million  
19 annually.

20 (b) The office shall be responsible for allocating  
21 premium tax credits as provided for in this act to certified  
22 capital companies.

23 ~~(c) Each certified capital company must apply to the~~  
24 ~~office for an allocation of premium tax credits for potential~~  
25 ~~certified investors by March 15, 1999, on a form developed by~~  
26 ~~the office with the cooperation of the Department of Revenue.~~  
27 ~~The form shall be accompanied by an affidavit from each~~  
28 ~~potential certified investor confirming that the potential~~  
29 ~~certified investor has agreed to make an investment of~~  
30 ~~certified capital in a certified capital company up to a~~  
31 ~~specified amount, subject only to the receipt of a premium tax~~



1 ~~credit allocation pursuant to this subsection. No allocation~~  
2 ~~shall be made to the potential investors of a certified~~  
3 ~~capital company unless such certified capital company has~~  
4 ~~filed premium tax allocation claims that would result in an~~  
5 ~~allocation to the potential investors in such certified~~  
6 ~~capital company of not less than \$15 million in the aggregate.~~

7 ~~(d) On or before April 1, 1999, the office shall~~  
8 ~~inform each certified capital company of its share of total~~  
9 ~~premium tax credits available for allocation to each of its~~  
10 ~~potential investors.~~

11 (c)~~(e)~~ If a certified capital company does not receive  
12 certified capital equaling the amount of premium tax credits  
13 allocated to a potential certified investor for which the  
14 investor filed a premium tax allocation claim within 10  
15 business days after the investor received a notice of  
16 allocation, the certified capital company shall notify the  
17 office by overnight common carrier delivery service of the  
18 company's failure to receive the capital. That portion of the  
19 premium tax credits allocated to the certified capital company  
20 shall be forfeited. If the office must make a pro rata  
21 allocation under paragraph(d)~~(f)~~, the office shall  
22 reallocate such available credits among the other certified  
23 capital companies on the same pro rata basis as the initial  
24 allocation.

25 (d)~~(f)~~ If the total amount of capital committed by all  
26 certified investors to certified capital companies in premium  
27 tax allocation claims exceeds the aggregate cap on the amount  
28 of credits that may be awarded, the premium tax credits that  
29 may be allowed to any one certified investor shall be  
30 allocated using the following ratio:

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1                                   A/B = X/\$150,000,000  
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3 where the letter "A" represents the total amount of certified  
4 capital certified investors have agreed to invest in any one  
5 certified capital company, the letter "B" represents the  
6 aggregate amount of certified capital that all certified  
7 investors have agreed to invest in all certified capital  
8 companies, the letter "X" is the numerator and represents the  
9 total amount of premium tax credits and certified capital that  
10 may be allocated to a certified capital company in calendar  
11 year 1999, and \$150 million is the denominator and represents  
12 the total amount of premium tax credits and certified capital  
13 that may be allocated to all certified investors in calendar  
14 year 1999. Any such premium tax credits are not first  
15 available for utilization until annual filings are made in  
16 2001 for calendar year 2000, and the tax credits may be used  
17 at a rate not to exceed 10 percent annually.

18           (e)~~(g)~~ The maximum amount of certified capital for  
19 which premium tax allocation claims may be filed on behalf of  
20 any certified investor and its affiliates by one or more  
21 certified companies may not exceed \$15 million.

22           (f)~~(h)~~ To the extent that less than \$150 million in  
23 certified capital is raised in connection with the procedure  
24 set forth in paragraphs (c)-(e)~~(c)~~-~~(g)~~, the department may  
25 adopt rules to allow a subsequent allocation of the remaining  
26 premium tax credits authorized under this section.

27           (10) DECERTIFICATION.--

28           (c) Any material violation of this section, or a  
29 finding that the certified capital company or any principal or  
30 director thereof has committed any act specified in paragraph  
31 (4)~~(b)~~~~(d)~~, shall be grounds for decertification of the

1 certified capital company. If the department determines that a  
2 certified capital company is no longer in compliance with the  
3 certification requirements of this act, the department shall,  
4 by written notice, inform the officers of such company that  
5 the company may be subject to decertification 90 days after  
6 the date of mailing of the notice, unless the deficiencies are  
7 corrected and such company is again found to be in compliance  
8 with all certification requirements.

9 Section 2. Section 494.00171, Florida Statutes, is  
10 repealed.

11 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 494.0017, Florida  
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 494.0017 Mortgage Brokerage Guaranty Fund.--

14 (1) The department shall make transfers from the  
15 Regulatory Trust Fund to the Mortgage Brokerage Guaranty Fund  
16 to pay valid claims arising under former ss. 494.042, 494.043,  
17 and 494.044, as provided in former s. 494.00171.

18 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 494.008, Florida  
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 494.008 Mortgages offered by land developers licensed  
21 pursuant to the Florida Uniform Land Sales Practices Law;  
22 requirements; prohibitions.--No mortgage loan which has a face  
23 amount of \$35,000 or less and is secured by vacant land  
24 registered under the Florida Uniform Land Sales Practices Law,  
25 chapter 498, shall be sold to a mortgagee, except a financial  
26 institution, by any person unless all of the following  
27 requirements are met:

28 (7) Willful failure to comply with any of the above  
29 provisions shall subject the person to the penalties of s.  
30 494.0041 ~~494.05~~.

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1           Section 5. Section 495.171, Florida Statutes, is  
2 repealed.

3           Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 497.002, Florida  
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5           497.002 Purpose and intent.--

6           (1) ~~The Legislature recognizes that purchasers of~~  
7 ~~preneed burial rights, funeral or burial merchandise, or~~  
8 ~~funeral or burial services may suffer serious economic harm if~~  
9 ~~purchase money is not set aside for future use as intended by~~  
10 ~~the purchaser and that the failure to maintain cemetery~~  
11 ~~grounds properly may cause significant emotional stress.~~

12 ~~Therefore,~~It is necessary in the interest of the public  
13 welfare to regulate certificateholders, licensees,  
14 registrants, and cemetery companies in this state. However,  
15 restrictions shall be imposed only to the extent necessary to  
16 protect the public from significant or discernible harm or  
17 damage and not in a manner which will unreasonably affect the  
18 competitive market.

19           Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 606.01, Florida  
20 Statutes, is repealed.

21           Section 8. Subsections (1) and (3) of section  
22 620.9901, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

23           Section 9. Section 621.01, Florida Statutes, is  
24 repealed.

25           Section 10. Sections 622.01, 622.02, 622.03, 622.04,  
26 622.05, 622.06, and 622.07, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

27           Section 11. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section  
28 220.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

29           220.03 Definitions.--

30           (1) SPECIFIC TERMS.--When used in this code, and when  
31 not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible

1 with the intent thereof, the following terms shall have the  
2 following meanings:

3 (e) "Corporation" includes all domestic corporations;  
4 foreign corporations qualified to do business in this state or  
5 actually doing business in this state; joint-stock companies;  
6 limited liability companies, under chapter 608; common-law  
7 declarations of trust, under chapter 609; corporations not for  
8 profit, under chapter 617; agricultural cooperative marketing  
9 associations, under chapter 618; professional service  
10 corporations, under chapter 621; foreign unincorporated  
11 associations, ~~under chapter 622~~; private school corporations,  
12 under chapter 623; foreign corporations not for profit which  
13 are carrying on their activities in this state; and all other  
14 organizations, associations, legal entities, and artificial  
15 persons which are created by or pursuant to the statutes of  
16 this state, the United States, or any other state, territory,  
17 possession, or jurisdiction. The term "corporation" does not  
18 include proprietorships, even if using a fictitious name;  
19 partnerships of any type, as such; limited liability companies  
20 that are taxable as partnerships for federal income tax  
21 purposes; state or public fairs or expositions, under chapter  
22 616; estates of decedents or incompetents; testamentary  
23 trusts; or private trusts.

24 Section 12. Section 655.50, Florida Statutes, is  
25 amended to read:

26 655.50 Florida Control of Money Laundering in  
27 Financial Institutions Act; reports of transactions involving  
28 currency or monetary instruments; when required; ~~purpose~~  
29 definitions; penalties.--

30 (1) This section may be cited as the "Florida Control  
31 of Money Laundering in Financial Institutions Act."

1       ~~(2) It is the purpose of this section to require~~  
2 ~~submission to the department of certain reports and~~  
3 ~~maintenance of certain records of transactions involving~~  
4 ~~currency or monetary instruments when such reports and records~~  
5 ~~deter the use of financial institutions to conceal the~~  
6 ~~proceeds of criminal activity and have a high degree of~~  
7 ~~usefulness in criminal, tax, or regulatory investigations or~~  
8 ~~proceedings.~~

9       (2)~~(3)~~ As used in this section, the term:

10       (a) "Currency" means currency and coin of the United  
11 States or of any other country.

12       (b) "Financial institution" means a financial  
13 institution, as defined in 31 U.S.C. s. 5312, including a  
14 credit card bank, located in this state.

15       (c) "Financial transaction" means a transaction  
16 involving the movement of funds by wire or other means or  
17 involving one or more monetary instruments, which in any way  
18 or degree affects commerce, or a transaction involving the use  
19 of a financial institution which is engaged in, or the  
20 activities of which affect, commerce in any way or degree.

21       (d) "Monetary instruments" means coin or currency of  
22 the United States or of any other country, travelers' checks,  
23 personal checks, bank checks, money orders, investment  
24 securities in bearer form or otherwise in such form that title  
25 thereto passes upon delivery, and negotiable instruments in  
26 bearer form or otherwise in such form that title thereto  
27 passes upon delivery.

28       (e) "Transaction" means a purchase, sale, loan,  
29 pledge, gift, transfer, delivery, or other disposition, and  
30 with respect to a financial institution includes a deposit,  
31 withdrawal, transfer between accounts, exchange of currency,

1 loan, extension of credit, purchase or sale of any stock,  
2 bond, certificate of deposit, or other monetary instrument, or  
3 any other payment, transfer, or delivery by, through, or to a  
4 financial institution, by whatever means effected.

5 (f) "Report" means a report of each deposit,  
6 withdrawal, exchange of currency, or other payments or  
7 transfer, by, through, or to that financial institution, that  
8 involves a transaction required or authorized to be reported  
9 by this section, and includes the electronic submission of  
10 such information in the manner provided for by rule of the  
11 department.

12 (g) "Specified unlawful activity" means any  
13 "racketeering activity" as defined in s. 895.02.

14 (3)~~(4)~~(a) Every financial institution shall keep a  
15 record of each financial transaction occurring in this state  
16 known to it to involve currency or other monetary instrument,  
17 as the department prescribes by rule, of a value in excess of  
18 \$10,000, to involve the proceeds of specified unlawful  
19 activity, or to be designed to evade the reporting  
20 requirements of this section, chapter 896, or any similar  
21 state or federal law and shall maintain appropriate procedures  
22 to ensure compliance with this section, chapter 896, and any  
23 other similar state or federal law.

24 (b) Multiple financial transactions shall be treated  
25 as a single transaction if the financial institution has  
26 knowledge that they are made by or on behalf of any person and  
27 result in either cash in or cash out totaling more than  
28 \$10,000 during any business day, as defined in s. 655.89.

29 (c) Any financial institution may keep a record of any  
30 financial transaction occurring in this state, regardless of  
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1 the value, if it suspects the transaction to involve the  
2 proceeds of specified unlawful activity.

3 (d) A financial institution, or officer, employee, or  
4 agent thereof, that files a report in good faith pursuant to  
5 this section is not liable to any person for loss or damage  
6 caused in whole or in part by the making, filing, or  
7 governmental use of the report, or any information contained  
8 therein.

9 (4)~~(5)~~(a) Each financial institution shall file a  
10 report with the department of the record required under  
11 paragraphs~~(3)~~(4)(a) and (b) and any record maintained  
12 pursuant to paragraph~~(3)~~(4)(c). Each record filed pursuant  
13 to subsection~~(3)~~(4) must be filed at such time and contain  
14 such information as the department requires by rule.

15 (b) The timely filing of the report required by 31  
16 U.S.C. s. 5313 with the appropriate federal agency is deemed  
17 compliance with the reporting requirements of this subsection  
18 unless the reports are not regularly and comprehensively  
19 transmitted by the federal agency to the department.

20 (5)~~(6)~~ Unless otherwise provided by rule, a financial  
21 institution may exempt from the reporting requirements of this  
22 section deposits, withdrawals, exchanges, or payments exempted  
23 from the reporting requirements of 31 U.S.C. s. 5313. Each  
24 financial institution shall maintain a record of each  
25 exemption granted, including the name, address, type of  
26 business, taxpayer identification number, account number, and  
27 signature of the customer granted the exemption; a written  
28 statement describing in detail the customary conduct of the  
29 lawful business of that customer and the reasons why such  
30 customer qualified for such an exemption; the type of  
31 transactions exempted; and the dollar limit of each exempt



1 transaction. Such record of exemptions shall be made  
2 available to the department for inspection and copying and  
3 shall be submitted to the department within 15 days after  
4 request.

5 (6)~~(7)~~ All reports and records filed with the  
6 department pursuant to this section are confidential and  
7 exempt from s. 119.07(1). However, the department shall  
8 provide any report filed pursuant to this section, or  
9 information contained therein, to federal, state, and local  
10 law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, and any federal or  
11 state agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of  
12 financial institutions.

13 (7)~~(8)~~(a) The department shall retain a copy of all  
14 reports received under subsection (3)~~(4)~~ for a minimum of 5  
15 calendar years after receipt of the report. However, if a  
16 report or information contained in a report is known by the  
17 department to be the subject of an existing criminal  
18 proceeding, the report shall be retained for a minimum of 10  
19 calendar years after receipt of the report.

20 (b) Each financial institution shall maintain for a  
21 minimum of 5 calendar years full and complete records of all  
22 financial transactions, including all records required by 31  
23 C.F.R. parts 103.33 and 103.34.

24 (c) The financial institution shall retain a copy of  
25 all reports filed with the department under subsection (3)~~(4)~~  
26 for a minimum of 5 calendar years after submission of the  
27 report. However, if a report or information contained in a  
28 report is known by the financial institution to be the subject  
29 of an existing criminal proceeding, the report shall be  
30 retained for a minimum of 10 calendar years after submission  
31 of the report.

1           (d) The financial institution shall retain a copy of  
2 all records of exemption for each customer granted pursuant to  
3 subsection (5)~~(6)~~ for a minimum of 5 calendar years after  
4 termination of exempt status of such customer. However, if it  
5 is known by the financial institution that the customer or the  
6 transactions of the customer are the subject of an existing  
7 criminal proceeding, the records shall be retained for a  
8 minimum of 10 calendar years after termination of exempt  
9 status of such customer.

10           (8)~~(9)~~ In addition to any other power conferred upon  
11 it to enforce and administer this chapter and the financial  
12 institutions codes, the department may:

13           (a) Bring an action in any court of competent  
14 jurisdiction to enforce or administer this section. In such  
15 action, the department may seek award of any civil penalty  
16 authorized by law and any other appropriate relief at law or  
17 equity.

18           (b) Pursuant to s. 655.033, issue and serve upon a  
19 person an order requiring such person to cease and desist and  
20 take corrective action whenever the department finds that such  
21 person is violating, has violated, or is about to violate any  
22 provision of this section, chapter 896, or any similar state  
23 or federal law; any rule or order adopted under this section,  
24 chapter 896, or any similar state or federal law; or any  
25 written agreement related to this section, chapter 896, or any  
26 similar state or federal law and entered into with the  
27 department.

28           (c) Pursuant to s. 655.037, issue and serve upon any  
29 person an order of removal whenever the department finds that  
30 such person is violating, has violated, or is about to violate  
31 any provision of this section, chapter 896, or any similar

1 state or federal law; any rule or order adopted under this  
2 section, chapter 896, or any similar state or federal law; or  
3 any written agreement related to this section, chapter 896, or  
4 any similar state or federal law and entered into with the  
5 department.

6 (d) Impose and collect an administrative fine against  
7 any person found to have violated any provision of this  
8 section, chapter 896, or any similar state or federal law; any  
9 rule or order adopted under this section, chapter 896, or any  
10 similar state or federal law; or any written agreement related  
11 to this section, chapter 896, or any similar state or federal  
12 law and entered into with the department, in an amount not  
13 exceeding \$10,000 a day for each willful violation or \$500 a  
14 day for each negligent violation.

15 (9)~~(10)~~(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a  
16 person who willfully violates any provision of this section,  
17 chapter 896, or any similar state or federal law is guilty of  
18 a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in  
19 s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

20 (b) A person who willfully violates any provision of  
21 this section, chapter 896, or any similar state or federal  
22 law, when the violation is:

23 1. Committed in furtherance of the commission of any  
24 other violation of Florida law; or

25 2. Committed as part of a pattern of illegal activity  
26 involving financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than  
27 \$20,000 in any 12-month period, is guilty of a felony of the  
28 third degree; or

29 3. Committed as part of a pattern of illegal activity  
30 involving financial transactions exceeding \$20,000 but less  
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1 than \$100,000 in any 12-month period is guilty of a felony of  
2 the second degree; or

3 4. Committed as part of a pattern of illegal activity  
4 involving financial transactions exceeding \$100,000 in any  
5 12-month period is guilty of a felony of the first degree.

6 (c) In addition to the penalties otherwise authorized  
7 by ss. 775.082 and 775.083, a person who has been convicted of  
8 or who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to having  
9 violated paragraph (b) may be sentenced to pay a fine not  
10 exceeding \$250,000 or twice the value of the financial  
11 transaction, whichever is greater, except that on a second or  
12 subsequent conviction for or plea of guilty or nolo contendere  
13 to a violation of paragraph (b), the fine may be up to  
14 \$500,000 or quintuple the value of the financial transaction,  
15 whichever is greater.

16 (d) A person who willfully violates this section,  
17 chapter 896, or any similar state or federal law is also  
18 liable for a civil penalty of not more than the greater of the  
19 value of the financial transaction involved or \$25,000.  
20 However, the civil penalty may not exceed \$100,000.

21 Section 13. Section 655.949, Florida Statutes, is  
22 amended to read:

23 655.949 Department personnel; qualifications.--~~Before~~  
24 ~~January 1, 1993,~~The department shall establish and publish  
25 educational, professional, and other appropriate  
26 qualifications for each position in the department and the  
27 Office of the Comptroller authorized to participate in the  
28 regulation of financial institutions, including positions with  
29 the authority to overrule the actions or decisions of  
30 professional examiners or legal staff in their exercise of  
31 their duties under the financial institutions codes excepting

1 the position of assistant comptroller. Such qualifications  
2 shall contain at a minimum sufficient experience and expertise  
3 in the regulation of financial institutions as to clearly  
4 justify the exercise of authority to overrule the actions or  
5 decisions of professional examiners or legal staff.

6 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 655.961, Florida  
7 Statutes, is repealed.

8 Section 15. Section 655.962, Florida Statutes, is  
9 amended to read:

10 655.962 Lighting; mirrors; landscaping.--

11 ~~(1) Each operator of an automated teller machine that~~  
12 ~~controls the access area or defined parking area to be lighted~~  
13 ~~shall comply with subsections (2), (3), and (4) no later than~~  
14 ~~1 year after October 1, 1994. If the access area or defined~~  
15 ~~parking area to be lighted is controlled by a person other~~  
16 ~~than the operator, such other person shall comply with~~  
17 ~~subsections (2), (3), and (4) no later than 1 year after~~  
18 ~~October 1, 1994.~~

19 (1)~~(2)~~ Each operator, or other person responsible for  
20 an automated teller machine pursuant to ss. 655.960-655.965,  
21 shall provide lighting during the hours of darkness with  
22 respect to an open and operating automated teller machine and  
23 any defined parking area, access area, and the exterior of an  
24 enclosed automated teller machine installation, as follows:

25 (a) There shall be a minimum of 10 candlefoot power at  
26 the face of the automated teller machine and extending in an  
27 unobstructed direction outward 5 feet.

28 (b) There shall be a minimum of 2 candlefoot power  
29 within 50 feet in all unobstructed directions from the face of  
30 the automated teller machine. If the automated teller machine  
31 is located within 10 feet of the corner of the building and

1 the automated teller machine is generally accessible from the  
2 adjacent side, there shall be a minimum of 2 candlefoot power  
3 along the first 40 unobstructed feet of the adjacent side of  
4 the building.

5 (c) There shall be a minimum of 2 candlefoot power in  
6 that portion of the defined parking area within 60 feet of the  
7 automated teller machine.

8 ~~(2)(3)~~ The operator shall provide reflective mirrors  
9 or surfaces at each automated teller machine which provide the  
10 customer with a rear view while the customer is engaged in  
11 using the automated teller machine.

12 ~~(3)(4)~~ The operator, or other person responsible  
13 pursuant to ss. 655.960-655.965 for an automated teller  
14 machine, shall ensure that the height of any landscaping,  
15 vegetation, or other physical obstructions in the area  
16 required to be lighted pursuant to subsection ~~(1)(2)~~ for any  
17 open and operating automated teller machine shall not exceed 3  
18 feet, except that trees trimmed to a height of 10 feet and  
19 whose diameters are less than 2 feet and manmade physical  
20 obstructions required by statute, law, code, ordinance, or  
21 other governmental regulation shall not be affected by this  
22 subsection.

23 Section 16. Section 657.003, Florida Statutes, is  
24 repealed.

25 Section 17. Section 657.067, Florida Statutes, is  
26 repealed.

27 Section 18. Sections 657.25, 657.251, 657.252,  
28 657.253, 657.254, 657.256, 657.257, 657.258, 657.259, 657.260,  
29 657.261, 657.262, 657.263, 657.264, 657.265, 657.266, 657.267,  
30 657.268, and 657.269, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

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1           Section 19. Subsections (3) and (7) of section  
2 655.057, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3           655.057 Records; limited restrictions upon public  
4 access.--

5           (3) The provisions of this section do not prevent or  
6 restrict:

7           (a) Publishing reports required to be submitted to the  
8 department pursuant to s. 655.045(2)(a) or required by  
9 applicable federal statutes or regulations to be published.

10           (b) Furnishing records or information to any other  
11 state, federal, or foreign agency responsible for the  
12 regulation or supervision of financial institutions, including  
13 Federal Home Loan Banks.

14           ~~(c) Furnishing records or information, in the case of~~  
15 ~~a credit union, to the Florida Credit Union Guaranty~~  
16 ~~Corporation, Inc.~~

17           (c)~~(d)~~ Disclosing or publishing summaries of the  
18 condition of financial institutions and general economic and  
19 similar statistics and data, provided that the identity of a  
20 particular financial institution is not disclosed.

21           (d)~~(e)~~ Reporting any suspected criminal activity, with  
22 supporting documents and information, to appropriate law  
23 enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

24           (e)~~(f)~~ Furnishing information upon request to the  
25 State Treasurer regarding the financial condition of any  
26 financial institution that is, or has applied to be,  
27 designated as a qualified public depository pursuant to  
28 chapter 280.

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1 Any confidential information or records obtained from the  
2 department pursuant to this subsection shall be maintained as  
3 confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1).

4 (7) Materials supplied to the department or to  
5 employees of any financial institution by other governmental  
6 agencies, federal or state, ~~or the Florida Credit Union~~  
7 ~~Guaranty Corporation, Inc.~~, shall remain the property of the  
8 submitting agency ~~or the corporation~~, and any document request  
9 must be made to the appropriate agency. Any confidential  
10 documents supplied to the department or to employees of any  
11 financial institution by other governmental agencies, federal  
12 or state, ~~or by the Florida Credit Union Guaranty Corporation,~~  
13 ~~Inc.~~, shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of  
14 s. 119.07(1). Such information shall be made public only with  
15 the consent of such agency ~~or the corporation~~.

16 Section 20. Section 657.001, Florida Statutes, is  
17 amended to read:

18 657.001 Short title.--This chapter part may be cited  
19 as the "Florida Credit Union Act."

20 Section 21. Section 657.002, Florida Statutes, is  
21 amended to read:

22 657.002 Definitions.--As used in this chapter part:

23 (1) "Capital" means shares, deposits, and equity.

24 (2) "Central credit union" means a credit union the  
25 membership of which includes, but is not limited to, other  
26 credit unions, members of credit unions, credit union  
27 employees, employees of organizations serving credit unions,  
28 and the families of such members.

29 (3) "Corporate credit union" means any central credit  
30 union organized pursuant to any state or federal act for the  
31 purpose of serving other credit unions.



1           ~~(4)~~ "The corporation" means the Florida Credit Union  
2 ~~Guaranty Corporation, Inc.~~

3           (4)~~(5)~~ "Correspondent" means that person designated on  
4 an application to organize a credit union as the person to  
5 whom all correspondence regarding the application should be  
6 sent.

7           (5)~~(6)~~ "Credit union" means any cooperative society  
8 organized pursuant to this chapter ~~part~~.

9           (6)~~(7)~~ "Department" means the Department of Banking  
10 and Finance.

11           (7)~~(8)~~ "Deposits" means that portion of the capital  
12 paid into the credit union by members on which a contractual  
13 rate of interest will be paid.

14           (8)~~(9)~~ "Equity" means undivided earnings, reserves,  
15 and allowance for loan losses.

16           (9)~~(10)~~ "Foreign credit union" means a credit union  
17 organized and operating under the laws of another state.

18           (10)~~(11)~~ "Immediate family" means parents, children,  
19 spouse, or surviving spouse of the member, or any other  
20 relative by blood, marriage, or adoption.

21           (11)~~(12)~~ "Limited field of membership" means the  
22 defined group of persons designated as eligible for membership  
23 in the credit union who:

24           (a) Have a similar profession, occupation, or formal  
25 association with an identifiable purpose; or

26           (b) Reside within an identifiable neighborhood,  
27 community, rural district, or county; or

28           (c) Are employed by a common employer; or

29           (d) Are employed by the credit union; and

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31 members of the immediate family of persons within such group.

1       (12)~~(13)~~ "Shares" means that portion of the capital  
2 paid into the credit union by members on which dividends may  
3 be paid.

4       (13)~~(14)~~ "Unimpaired capital" means capital which is  
5 not impaired by losses that exceed applicable reserves.

6       Section 22. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
7 657.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8       657.005 Notice of intent to organize; investigation by  
9 department; application for authority to organize a credit  
10 union.--

11       (3) The application shall be submitted to the  
12 department on forms and in the manner prescribed by rules  
13 adopted by the department and shall be accompanied by a  
14 nonrefundable filing fee of \$250. Such application shall  
15 include:

16       (d) Any information required by the department to be  
17 submitted to the ~~corporation or~~ insuring agency.

18       Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
19 657.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20       657.008 Place of doing business.--

21       (6)(a) The department may authorize foreign credit  
22 unions to establish branches in Florida if all of the  
23 following criteria are met:

24       1. The state in which the foreign credit union's home  
25 office is located permits Florida credit unions to do business  
26 in the state under restrictions that are no greater than those  
27 placed upon a domestic credit union doing business in that  
28 state. For this purpose, such restrictions shall include, but  
29 are not limited to, any fees, bonds, or other charges levied  
30 on domestic credit unions doing business in that state.

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1           2. The deposits of such foreign credit union and its  
2 proposed Florida branch will be insured or guaranteed by an  
3 insurer or guarantor acceptable to the department. ~~Insurance~~  
4 ~~or guarantee of accounts comparable to that provided by the~~  
5 ~~Florida Credit Union Guaranty Corporation is deemed to be~~  
6 ~~acceptable; however, acceptance of insurance or guarantee of~~  
7 ~~accounts by any insuring or guaranteeing agencies or companies~~  
8 ~~shall be subject to a determination by the department that the~~  
9 ~~insuring or guaranteeing agency or company is in sound~~  
10 ~~financial condition and that its reserves with respect to its~~  
11 ~~insured or guaranteed accounts are no less than those of the~~  
12 ~~Florida Credit Union Guaranty Corporation.~~

13           3. The credit union's field of membership is so  
14 limited as to be within that meaning of that term as defined  
15 in s. 657.002.

16           Section 24. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section  
17 657.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18           657.021 Board of directors; executive committee.--

19           (7) The board of directors must exercise the following  
20 duties which are nondelegable:

21           (e) Adequately provide for reserves as required by  
22 this chapter part or by rules or order of the department or as  
23 otherwise determined necessary by the board.

24           Section 25. Section 657.026, Florida Statutes, is  
25 amended to read:

26           657.026 Supervisory or audit committee.--

27           (1) There shall be a supervisory or audit committee of  
28 at least three members, which may be elected by the membership  
29 or appointed by the board, or the board may appoint an audit  
30 committee of directors in the manner prescribed in the bylaws.

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1 An officer or employee may not serve on the supervisory or  
2 audit committee.

3 (2) The supervisory or audit committee may audit, or  
4 cause to be audited, the financial statements of the credit  
5 union to determine compliance with policy, to ensure that  
6 generally accepted accounting principles are consistently  
7 applied, and to ensure an adequate system of internal  
8 controls.

9 (3) The supervisory or audit committee shall:

10 (a) Make or cause to be made a comprehensive annual  
11 audit of the credit union, in accordance with the rules of the  
12 department.

13 (b) Make or cause to be made such supplementary audits  
14 or examinations as it deems necessary or as are requested by  
15 the board of directors or the department.

16 (c) Submit a report of every required audit or  
17 examination within a reasonable time to the board of directors  
18 with a copy to the department and, ~~depending upon which~~  
19 ~~organization is applicable,~~ a copy to ~~the corporation or the~~  
20 National Credit Union Administration.

21 (d) Make a summary report, to the membership at the  
22 annual meeting, of any audits or examinations conducted during  
23 the preceding year.

24 (4) The supervisory or audit committee shall notify  
25 the board of directors, the department, and, ~~as applicable,~~  
26 ~~either the corporation or~~ the National Credit Union  
27 Administration of any violation of this chapter part, any  
28 violation of the certificate of authorization or bylaws of the  
29 credit union, or any practice of the credit union deemed by  
30 the supervisory or audit committee to be unsafe, unsound, or  
31 unauthorized.

1           (5) For the purposes of this section ~~subsection~~,  
2 two-thirds of the members of the supervisory or audit  
3 committee constitutes a quorum.

4           Section 26. Subsections (10), (13), (16), and (28) of  
5 section 657.031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

6           657.031 Powers.--A credit union shall have the power  
7 to:

8           (10) Borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness  
9 for a loan or loans in the usual course of its business and  
10 secure such obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its  
11 assets. Aggregate borrowings shall not exceed 50 percent of  
12 the unimpaired capital of the credit union. However, this  
13 percentage limitation shall not apply to loans ~~from the~~  
14 ~~corporation or~~ from the National Credit Union Administration.

15           (13) Invest funds, as provided in this chapter ~~part~~.

16           (16) Hold membership in central credit unions or  
17 corporate credit unions organized under this chapter ~~part~~ or  
18 under any other state or federal acts and membership in  
19 associations and organizations of credit unions.

20           (28) Perform any act necessary to ~~obtain and maintain~~  
21 ~~membership in the corporation or~~ obtain and maintain insurance  
22 of accounts through the National Credit Union Administration.

23           Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 657.0315,  
24 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

25           657.0315 Contracts for providing goods, products, or  
26 services.--

27           (2) Enforcement of this section may be made only by  
28 the board of directors of the credit union, unless the  
29 contract had been authorized by specific action of the board;  
30 by the ~~corporation or~~ National Credit Union Administration if  
31 it is directed to assume control of the assets and business of

1 the credit union pursuant to s. 657.062; or by the liquidator  
2 appointed pursuant to s. 657.063 or s. 657.064.

3 Section 28. Subsections (9) and (15) of section  
4 657.038, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

5 657.038 Loan powers.--

6 (9) A loan may not be made to any corporation, except  
7 to ~~the Florida Credit Union Guaranty Corporation, Inc.,~~ or a  
8 corporation in which the credit union holds an equity  
9 interest.

10 (15) If approved by the board of directors, a credit  
11 union may extend credit to other credit unions, ~~or to the~~  
12 ~~corporation,~~ in an amount not greater than 25 percent of the  
13 unimpaired capital of the lending credit union.

14 Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
15 657.039, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 657.039 Loan powers; extension of credit to directors,  
17 officers, committee members, and certain employees.--

18 (1) A credit union may extend credit to its officers,  
19 directors, credit manager, members of its supervisory, audit,  
20 and credit committees, and any other person authorized to  
21 approve extensions of credit, provided:

22 (a) The extension of credit complies with all  
23 requirements under this chapter ~~part~~ with respect to credit  
24 extended to other borrowers and is not on terms more favorable  
25 than those extended to other borrowers.

26 Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and  
27 subsection (9) of section 657.043, Florida Statutes, are  
28 amended to read:

29 657.043 Reserves.--

30 (4) RISK ASSETS DEFINED.--The following assets shall  
31 be considered risk assets:

- 1           (a) All loans, except:
- 2           1. Loans fully secured by a pledge of shares or
- 3 deposits in the lending credit union, equal to and maintained
- 4 to at least the amount of the loan outstanding.
- 5           2. Loans which are purchased from liquidating credit
- 6 unions and ~~guaranteed by the corporation~~ or insured by the
- 7 National Credit Union Administration or other insuring
- 8 agencies.
- 9           ~~3. Investments in or loans to the corporation.~~
- 10          (9) GUARANTY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT.--The amount of any
- 11 liability arising out of a guaranty assistance agreement with
- 12 the ~~corporation~~ or National Credit Union Administration must
- 13 be maintained as a reserve and be included in the
- 14 determination of undivided earnings of the credit union.
- 15          Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 657.062, Florida
- 16 Statutes, is amended to read:
- 17          657.062 Assumption of control by guarantor or
- 18 insurer.--
- 19          (1) The department may direct ~~the corporation~~ or the
- 20 National Credit Union Administration, ~~whichever is applicable,~~
- 21 to assume control of the property, assets, and business of its
- 22 member credit union and to operate it subject to the
- 23 directions of the department:
- 24          (a) Whenever the department finds that the credit
- 25 union:
- 26           1. Is engaging or has engaged in an unsafe or unsound
- 27 practice;
- 28           2. Is violating or has violated any provision of this
- 29 chapter; or
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1           3. Is violating or has violated any department rule,  
2 department order, or written agreement entered into with the  
3 department,

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5 in such a manner that the credit union is threatened with  
6 imminent insolvency.

7           (b) Whenever a majority of the members of the board of  
8 directors of the credit union have been removed by the  
9 department or shall have resigned.

10           Section 32. Subsection (2) of section 657.063, Florida  
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12           657.063 Involuntary liquidation.--

13           (2) The liquidator must be appointed by the  
14 department. ~~The corporation or~~ The National Credit Union  
15 Administration, ~~whichever is applicable,~~ must be given the  
16 right of first refusal. The department may appoint another  
17 entity if refused by the primary guarantor or insurer.

18           Section 33. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (7) of  
19 section 657.064, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20           657.064 Voluntary liquidation.--A credit union may  
21 elect to dissolve voluntarily and liquidate its affairs in the  
22 following manner:

23           (1) Before considering any resolution pertaining to  
24 voluntary liquidation by the board of directors, the credit  
25 union must inform the department and ~~the corporation or the~~  
26 National Credit Union Administration, ~~whichever is applicable,~~  
27 of the time and place of the meeting of the board of  
28 directors. The notification must be transmitted at least 5  
29 days before the board of directors meets.

30           (4) Upon adoption by the board of directors of a  
31 resolution recommending that the credit union be voluntarily



1 liquidated, ~~the corporation or~~ the National Credit Union  
2 Administration, ~~whichever is applicable~~, may restrict control  
3 or give directions with respect to the continued business of  
4 the credit union pending consideration of the voluntary  
5 liquidation by the members. During such period, no member  
6 shall withdraw an aggregate amount in excess of the insurance  
7 or guaranty covered by the credit union. No new extensions of  
8 credit shall be funded during the period between the board of  
9 directors' adoption of the resolution recommending the  
10 voluntary liquidation and the membership meeting called to  
11 consider the voluntary liquidation, except for loans fully  
12 secured by a pledge of shares and for the funding of  
13 outstanding loan commitments approved before the board of  
14 directors adopts the resolution.

15 (5) The notice required by subsection (3) shall also  
16 be mailed to the department within 5 days after the action of  
17 the board of directors. Within 10 days after the meeting of  
18 the membership, the board of directors shall notify the  
19 department and ~~the corporation or~~ the National Credit Union  
20 Administration, ~~whichever is applicable~~, in writing of the  
21 action taken by the members.

22 (7) ~~The corporation or~~ The National Credit Union  
23 Administration, ~~whichever is applicable~~, shall have the right  
24 of first refusal to be appointed as liquidator of any  
25 liquidating credit union which it guarantees or insures. The  
26 liquidator shall have all of the powers provided in s. 657.063  
27 regarding involuntary liquidation. If ~~the corporation or~~ the  
28 National Credit Union Administration shall decline to serve as  
29 liquidator, the board of directors shall appoint a reasonable  
30 person as liquidator and specify the extent of  
31 responsibilities and authority delegated to the liquidator.

1           Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
2 657.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3           657.065 Merger.--

4           (1) Any state or federal credit union may merge with  
5 another state or federal credit union under the existing  
6 certificate of authorization of the other credit union,  
7 pursuant to any plan agreed upon by the majority of the board  
8 of directors of each credit union joining in the merger, if:

9           (b) The merger is consented to by ~~the corporation or~~  
10 the National Credit Union Administration, ~~whichever is~~  
11 ~~applicable~~; and

12           Section 35. Section 657.066, Florida Statutes, is  
13 amended to read:

14           657.066 Conversion from state credit union to federal  
15 credit union and conversely.--Any credit union organized under  
16 this chapter part may convert into a federal credit union and  
17 any federal credit union may convert into a credit union  
18 organized pursuant to this chapter part upon approval of the  
19 authority under the supervision of which the converted credit  
20 union will operate and upon compliance with applicable laws.

21           (1) Any action by the board of directors proposing  
22 conversion shall be by resolution and shall require the  
23 affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the board of  
24 directors. Upon adoption of a resolution relating to  
25 conversion, a copy of the resolution shall be mailed to each  
26 member, together with a notice setting forth the time,  
27 location, and purpose of a meeting of the membership which  
28 shall be held not less than 10 nor more than 30 days following  
29 the mailing of the notice.

30           (2) A ballot allowing an affirmative or negative vote  
31 on the proposed conversion shall also be mailed to each

1 member. Any ballot received by the credit union prior to the  
2 meeting called to consider the conversion shall be counted  
3 along with the votes cast at the meeting. Each member shall  
4 have but one vote. A majority of the votes cast by the  
5 members shall be required to approve the conversion.

6 (3) Within 10 days after the approval of the  
7 membership, the board of directors shall cause to be  
8 transmitted to the authority under the supervision of which  
9 the converted credit union will operate a copy of the  
10 resolution adopted by the board of directors and approved by  
11 the membership.

12 (4) Upon the written approval of the authority under  
13 the supervision of which the converting credit union is to  
14 operate, the converting credit union shall become a credit  
15 union under this chapter or under the laws of the United  
16 States, as the case may be, and thereupon all assets shall  
17 become the property of the converted credit union, subject to  
18 all existing liabilities against the credit union. All shares  
19 and deposits shall remain intact. Any federal credit union  
20 seeking to convert to a state-chartered credit union shall pay  
21 a nonrefundable filing fee of \$500. The department may  
22 conduct an examination of any converting federal credit union  
23 before approving the conversion and the converting credit  
24 union shall pay a nonrefundable examination fee as provided in  
25 s. 655.411(1)(b).

26 (5) Every conversion must be completed within 90 days  
27 after the approval of the authority under the supervision of  
28 which the converted credit union will operate. Upon receiving  
29 its certificate of authorization or charter from the authority  
30 under the supervision of which the converted credit union will  
31

1 operate, the old certificate of authorization or charter shall  
2 be returned to the proper authority and shall be canceled.

3 (6) In consummation of the conversion, the old credit  
4 union may execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the newly  
5 chartered credit union the instruments of transfer necessary  
6 to accomplish the transfer of any property and all right,  
7 title, and interest therein.

8 Section 36. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and  
9 subsection (4) of section 657.068, Florida Statutes, are  
10 amended to read:

11 657.068 Central credit unions.--

12 (2) Membership in a central credit union shall be  
13 limited to:

14 (a) Credit unions organized and operating under this  
15 chapter part or any other credit union act;

16 (4) A central credit union shall have all the powers  
17 of any credit union organized under this chapter part and  
18 shall have the following powers, notwithstanding any  
19 limitations or restrictions herein:

20 (a) A central credit union may make loans to other  
21 credit unions, purchase shares of and make deposits in other  
22 credit unions, and obtain or acquire the assets and  
23 liabilities of any credit union operating in this state which  
24 liquidates, provided such assets are otherwise eligible for  
25 investment by the acquiring credit union.

26 (b) A central credit union may invest in and grant  
27 loans to associations of credit unions, central funds of  
28 credit unions, or organizations chartered to provide services  
29 to credit unions.

30 Section 37. Section 658.2954, Florida Statutes, is  
31 repealed.

1           Section 38. Section 716.02, Florida Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

3           716.02 Escheat of funds in the possession of federal  
4 agencies.--All property within the provisions of subsections  
5 (1), (2), (3), and (4) ~~and (5)~~, are declared to have  
6 escheated, or to escheat, including all principal and interest  
7 accruing thereon, and to have become the property of the  
8 state.

9           (1) All money or other property which has remained in,  
10 or has been deposited in the custody of, or under the control  
11 of, any court of the United States, in and for any district  
12 within this state, or which has been deposited with and is in  
13 the custody of any depository, registry, clerk or other  
14 officer of such court, or the United States treasury, which  
15 money or other property the rightful owner or owners thereof,  
16 either:

17           (a) Has been unknown for a period of 5 or more  
18 consecutive years; or,

19           (b) Has died, without having disposed thereof, and  
20 without having left heirs, next of kin or distributees, or

21           (c) Has made no demand for such money or other  
22 property for 5 years;

23  
24 are declared to have escheated, or to escheat, together with  
25 all interest accrued thereon, and to have become the property  
26 of the state.

27           ~~(2) After June 16, 1947, all money or other property~~  
28 ~~which has remained in, or has been deposited in the custody~~  
29 ~~of, or under the control of, any court of the United States,~~  
30 ~~in and for any district within this state, for a period of 4~~  
31 ~~years, the rightful owner or owners of which, either:~~

1           ~~(a) Shall have been unknown for a period of 4 years;~~  
2 ~~or,~~  
3           ~~(b) Shall have died without having disposed thereof,~~  
4 ~~and without having left or without leaving heirs, next of kin~~  
5 ~~or distributees; or,~~  
6           ~~(c) Shall have failed within 4 years to demand the~~  
7 ~~payment or delivery of such funds or other property;~~  
8  
9 ~~is hereby declared to have escheated, or to escheat, together~~  
10 ~~with all interest accrued thereon, and to have become the~~  
11 ~~property of the state.~~

12           (2)~~(3)~~ All money or other property which has remained  
13 in, or has been deposited in the custody of, or under the  
14 control of any officer, department or agency of the United  
15 States for 5 or more consecutive years, which money or other  
16 property had its situs or source in this state, except as  
17 hereinafter provided in subsection(3)~~(4)~~, the sender of  
18 which is unknown, or who sent the money or other property for  
19 an unknown purpose, or money which is credited as "unknown,"  
20 and which said governmental agency is unable to credit to any  
21 particular account, or the sender of which has been unknown  
22 for a period of 5 or more consecutive years; or when known,  
23 has died without having disposed thereof, and without leaving  
24 heirs, next of kin or distributees, or for any reason is  
25 unclaimed from such governmental agency.

26           (3)~~(4)~~ In the event any money is due to any resident  
27 of this state as a refund, rebate or tax rebate from the  
28 United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the United  
29 States Treasurer, or other governmental agency or department,  
30 which said resident will, or is likely to have her or his  
31 rights to apply for and secure such refund or rebate barred by

1 any statute of limitations or, in any event, has failed for a  
2 period of 1 year after said resident could have filed a claim  
3 for said refund or rebate, the Department of Banking and  
4 Finance is hereby appointed agent of such resident to demand,  
5 file and apply for said refund or rebate, and is hereby  
6 appointed to do any act which a natural person could do to  
7 recover said money, and it is hereby declared that when the  
8 department files said application or any other proceeding to  
9 secure said refund or rebate, its agency is coupled with an  
10 interest in the money sought and money recovered.

11 (4)~~(5)~~ It is the purpose of this chapter to include  
12 all funds or other property in the possession of the  
13 government of the United States, and of its departments,  
14 officers, and agencies, which property has its situs in this  
15 state or belonged to a resident thereof, and not to limit the  
16 application of this chapter by the naming of any particular  
17 agency. This chapter shall include all funds held in the  
18 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Comptroller of  
19 Currency, United States Treasury, Department of Internal  
20 Revenue, federal courts, registry of federal courts, and such  
21 evidences of indebtedness as adjusted service bonds, old  
22 matured debts issued prior to 1917, unclaimed and interest  
23 thereon, postal savings bonds, liberty bonds, victory notes,  
24 treasury bonds, treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness,  
25 treasury bills, treasurer's savings certificates, bonuses and  
26 adjusted compensation, allotments, and all unclaimed refunds  
27 or rebates of whatever kind or nature, which are subjects of  
28 escheat, under the terms of this chapter. Provided, however,  
29 that nothing in this chapter shall be construed to mean that  
30 any refunds due ratepayers under order of any court of the  
31 United States shall become the property of the state.

