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An act relating to drug-free workplaces; amending s. 440.102, F.S.; clarifying that drug testing must be conducted in conformity with that section in order for an employer to qualify as having a drug-free workplace program; requiring certain contractors to implement a drug-free workplace program under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 440.102, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (15) is added to that section, to read:

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440.102 Drug-free workplace program requirements. -- The following provisions apply to a drug-free workplace program implemented pursuant to law or to rules adopted by the Agency for Health Care Administration:

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(2) DRUG TESTING. -- An employer may test an employee or job applicant for any drug described in paragraph (1)(c). In order to qualify as having established a drug-free workplace program under this section and which affords an employer the ability to qualify for the discounts provided under s. 627.0915 and deny medical and indemnity benefits, under this chapter, an employer must implement all drug testing that conforms to conducted by employers shall be in conformity with the standards and procedures established in this section and all applicable rules adopted pursuant to this section as required in subsection (4). However, an employer does not have

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a legal duty under this section to request an employee or job 2 applicant to undergo drug testing. If an employer fails to 3 maintain a drug-free workplace program in accordance with the standards and procedures established in this section and in 4 5 applicable rules, the employer is ineligible shall not be 6 eliqible for discounts under s. 627.0915. All employers 7 qualifying for and receiving discounts provided under s. 8 627.0915 must be reported annually by the insurer to the 9 division. 10 (15) STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.--Each construction 11 contractor regulated under part I of chapter 489, and each 12 electrical contractor and alarm system contractor regulated under part II of chapter 489, who contracts to perform 13 14 construction work under a state contract for educational 15 facilities governed by chapter 235, for public property or publicly owned buildings governed by chapter 255, or for state 16 17 correctional facilities governed by chapter 944 shall implement a drug-free workplace program under this section. 18 19 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002. 20 ********** 21 22 SENATE SUMMARY Provides criteria for drug testing by employers. Requires specified contractors to implement a drug-free workplace program when performing certain work under state 23 24 contract. 25 26 27 28