

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

.  
.
.

1 Representative Hays offered the following:

2  
3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 455.217, Florida  
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 455.217 Examinations.--This section shall be read in  
8 conjunction with the appropriate practice act associated with  
9 each regulated profession under this chapter.

10 (7) In addition to meeting any other requirements for  
11 licensure by examination or by endorsement, an applicant may be  
12 required by a board, or by the department, if there is no board,  
13 to pass an examination pertaining to state laws and rules  
14 applicable to the practice of the profession regulated by that  
15 board or by the department. This subsection does not apply to  
16 persons regulated under chapter 473.

542535

Approved For Filing: 4/16/2009 11:12:36 PM

Amendment No.

17 Section 2. Section 473.305, Florida Statutes, is amended  
18 to read:

19 473.305 Fees.--The board, by rule, may establish fees to  
20 be paid for applications, examination, reexamination, licensing  
21 and renewal, reinstatement, and recordmaking and recordkeeping.  
22 The fee for the examination shall be established at an amount  
23 that covers the costs for the procurement or development,  
24 administration, grading, and review of the examination. The fee  
25 for the examination is refundable if the applicant is found to  
26 be ineligible to sit for the examination. The fee for initial  
27 application is nonrefundable, and the combined fees for  
28 application and examination may not exceed \$250 plus the actual  
29 per applicant cost to the department for purchase of the  
30 examination from the American Institute of Certified Public  
31 Accountants or a similar national organization. The biennial  
32 renewal fee may not exceed \$250. The board may also establish,  
33 by rule, a reactivation fee, ~~a late filing fee for the law and~~  
34 ~~rules examination,~~ and a delinquency fee not to exceed \$50 for  
35 continuing professional education reporting forms. The board  
36 shall establish fees which are adequate to ensure the continued  
37 operation of the board and to fund the proportionate expenses  
38 incurred by the department which are allocated to the regulation  
39 of public accountants. Fees shall be based on department  
40 estimates of the revenue required to implement this chapter and  
41 the provisions of law with respect to the regulation of  
42 certified public accountants.

43 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 473.311, Florida  
44 Statutes, is amended to read:

542535

Approved For Filing: 4/16/2009 11:12:36 PM

Amendment No.

45 473.311 Renewal of license.--

46 (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of  
47 the renewal application and fee and upon certification by the  
48 board that the licensee has satisfactorily completed the  
49 continuing education requirements of s. 473.312 ~~and has passed~~  
50 ~~an examination approved by the board on chapter 455 and this~~  
51 ~~chapter and the related administrative rules. However, each~~  
52 ~~licensee must complete the requirements of s. 473.312(1)(c)~~  
53 ~~prior to taking the examination.~~

54 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 473.313, Florida  
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 473.313 Inactive status.--

57 (3) Any licensee holding an inactive license may be  
58 permitted to reactivate such license in a conditional manner.  
59 The conditions of reactivation shall require, in addition to the  
60 payment of fees, ~~the passing of the examination approved by the~~  
61 ~~board concerning chapter 455 and this chapter, and the related~~  
62 ~~administrative rules, and the completion of required continuing~~  
63 education.

64 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

65  
66 -----  
67 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

68 Remove the entire title and insert:

69 A bill to be entitled  
70 An act relating to certified public accountants; amending  
71 s. 455.217, F.S.; exempting certified public accountants  
72 from passage of an examination pertaining to state laws

542535

Approved For Filing: 4/16/2009 11:12:36 PM

HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/SB 1754

Amendment No.

73       and rules applicable to the practice of the profession;  
74       amending ss. 473.305, 473.311, and 473.313, F.S.; removing  
75       provisions authorizing a late filing fee for the laws and  
76       rules examination, provisions requiring passage of the  
77       examination for license renewal, and provisions requiring  
78       passage of the examination for reactivation of an inactive  
79       license to conform to the exemption provided by the act;  
80       providing an effective date.

542535

Approved For Filing: 4/16/2009 11:12:36 PM

Page 4 of 4