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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Dean) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 275 - 343  
and insert:

Section 4. Section 482.072, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

482.072 Pest control service centers.-

(1) The department may issue a license to a qualified business to operate a pest control service center, to solicit pest control business, or to provide services to customers for



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12 one or more business locations licensed under s. 482.071. A  
13 person may not operate a centralized service center for a pest  
14 control business that is not licensed by the department.

15 (2)(a) Before operating a pest control service center, and  
16 biennially thereafter, on or before an anniversary date set by  
17 the department for the licensed pest control service center  
18 location, the pest control business must apply to the department  
19 for a license under this chapter, or a renewal thereof, for each  
20 pest control service center location. An application must be  
21 submitted in the format prescribed by the department.

22 (b) The department shall establish a fee for the issuance  
23 of a pest control service center license of at least \$500, but  
24 not more than \$1,000, and a fee for the renewal of a license of  
25 at least \$500, but not more than \$1,000; however, until rules  
26 setting the fees are adopted by the department, the initial  
27 license and renewal fees are each set at \$500. The department  
28 shall establish a grace period, not to exceed 30 calendar days  
29 after a license's anniversary renewal date. The department shall  
30 assess a late renewal fee of \$150, in addition to the renewal  
31 fee, to a business that renews its license after the grace  
32 period.

33 (c) A license automatically expires 60 calendar days after  
34 the anniversary renewal date unless the license is renewed  
35 before that date. Once a license expires, it may be reinstated  
36 only upon reapplication and payment of the license fee and late  
37 renewal fee.

38 (d) A license automatically expires when a licensee changes  
39 its pest control service center business location address. The  
40 department shall issue a new license upon payment of a \$250 fee.



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41 The new license automatically expires 60 calendar days after the  
42 anniversary renewal date of the former license unless the  
43 license is renewed before that date.

44 (e) The department may not issue or renew a license to  
45 operate a centralized pest control service center unless the  
46 pest control business licensees for whom the centralized service  
47 center solicits business have one or more common owners.

48 (f) The department may deny the issuance of a pest control  
49 service center license, or refuse to renew a license, if the  
50 department finds that the applicant or licensee, or any of its  
51 directors, officers, owners, or general partners, are or were  
52 directors, officers, owners, or general partners of a pest  
53 control business described in s. 482.071(2)(g) or violated a  
54 rule adopted under s. 482.071(2)(f).

55 (g) Section 482.091 does not apply to a person who solicits  
56 pest control services or provides customer service in a licensed  
57 pest control service center unless the person performs the pest  
58 control work described in s. 482.021(21)(a)-(d), executes a pest  
59 control contract, or accepts remuneration for such work.

60 (3)(a) The department shall adopt rules establishing  
61 requirements and procedures for recordkeeping and monitoring of  
62 pest control service center operations to ensure compliance with  
63 this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

64 (b) Notwithstanding s. 482.163, whether an employee acts  
65 outside of the course and scope of his or her employment or  
66 whether the employee disobeys employer policies:

67 1. A pest control service center licensee may be subject to  
68 disciplinary action under s. 482.161 for a violation of this  
69 chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter committed by an



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70 employee of the service center.

71 2. A pest control business licensee may be subject to  
72 disciplinary action under s. 482.161 for a violation committed  
73 by an employee of the service center if the business licensee  
74 benefits from the violation.