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The Committee on Transportation (Evers) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 324 - 398

and insert:

Section 13. Subsection (14) of section 475.624, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

475.624 Discipline of appraisers.—The board may deny an application for registration or certification of an appraiser; may investigate the actions of any appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this part; may reprimand or impose



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13 an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or  
14 separate offense against any such appraiser; and may revoke or  
15 suspend, for a period not to exceed 10 years, the registration,  
16 license, or certification of any such appraiser, or place any  
17 such appraiser on probation, if the board finds that the  
18 registered trainee, licensee, or certificateholder:

19 (14) Has violated any standard of professional practice  
20 established by board rule, including standards for the  
21 development or communication of a real estate appraisal ~~or other~~  
22 ~~provision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal~~  
23 ~~Practice.~~

24 Section 14. Section 475.628, Florida Statutes, is amended  
25 to read:

26 475.628 Professional standards for appraisers registered,  
27 licensed, or certified under this part. The board shall adopt  
28 rules establishing standards of professional practice that meet  
29 or exceed nationally recognized standards of appraisal practice,  
30 including standards adopted by the Appraiser Standards Board of  
31 the Appraisal Foundation. Each appraiser registered, licensed,  
32 or certified under this part must shall comply with the rules  
33 ~~Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.~~ Statements  
34 on appraisal standards which may be issued for the purpose of  
35 clarification, interpretation, explanation, or elaboration  
36 through the Appraisal Foundation shall also be binding on any  
37 appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this part,  
38 upon adoption by board rule.

39 Section 15. Subsection (7) of section 509.032, Florida  
40 Statutes, is amended to read:

41 509.032 Duties.—



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42 (7) PREEMPTION AUTHORITY.—The regulation of public lodging  
43 establishments and public food service establishments,  
44 including, but not limited to, ~~the inspection of public lodging~~  
45 ~~establishments and public food service establishments for~~  
46 ~~compliance with the~~ sanitation standards, inspections, adopted  
47 ~~under this section, and the regulation of food safety protection~~  
48 ~~standards for required~~ training and testing of ~~food service~~  
49 ~~establishment~~ personnel, and matters related to the nutritional  
50 content and marketing of foods offered in such establishments  
51 are preempted to the state. This subsection does not preempt the  
52 authority of a local government or local enforcement district to  
53 conduct inspections of public lodging and public food service  
54 establishments for compliance with the Florida Building Code and  
55 the Florida Fire Prevention Code, pursuant to ss. 553.80 and  
56 633.022.

57 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 509.261, Florida  
58 Statutes, is amended to read:

59 509.261 Revocation or suspension of licenses; fines;  
60 procedure.—

61 (1) Any public lodging establishment or public food service  
62 establishment that has operated or is operating in violation of  
63 this chapter or the rules of the division, operating without a  
64 license, or operating with a suspended or revoked license may be  
65 subject by the division to:

66 (a) Fines not to exceed \$1,000 per offense;

67 (b) Mandatory completion attendance, at personal expense,  
68 of a remedial at an educational program administered sponsored  
69 by a food safety training program provider whose program been  
70 approved by the division, as provided in s. 509.049 the



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71 ~~Hospitality Education Program; and~~

72 (c) The suspension, revocation, or refusal of a license  
73 issued pursuant to this chapter.

74 Section 17. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section  
75 10 of chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

76 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014 ~~2011~~.

77 Section 18. Section 473.3066, Florida Statutes, is created  
78 to read:

79 473.3066 Peer review oversight committee.-

80 (1) The board may establish a peer review oversight  
81 committee to oversee the peer review requirements of s.  
82 473.3125.

83 (2) If the board establishes the peer review oversight  
84 committee, the board shall adopt rules providing for the  
85 qualifications, appointment, and terms of committee members as  
86 follows:

87 (a) The peer review oversight committee shall be composed  
88 of five or fewer members appointed by the board.

89 (b) Each committee member must hold a valid license as a  
90 Florida certified public accountant.

91 (c) Each committee member or his or her firm must have  
92 undergone a peer review and received a review rating of "pass"  
93 on the most recent peer review.

94 (d) A committee member may not be a member of any state  
95 accountancy board, be a member of another state accountancy  
96 board committee, or perform any enforcement-related work for a  
97 state accountancy board.

98 (e) Committee members shall serve for terms not to exceed 3  
99 years, except that the board, to establish staggered terms, may



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100 appoint members to initial terms that are shorter than the terms  
101 adopted by rule. The board shall fill the vacancy of a committee  
102 member for the unexpired portion of the member's term in the  
103 same manner as the original appointment.

104 (f) Committee members shall serve without compensation and  
105 are not entitled to reimbursement of per diem or travel  
106 expenses.

107 (3) The rules, if adopted, shall also provide for the  
108 duties of the peer review oversight committee, which may  
109 include, but need not be limited to:

110 (a) Providing oversight for peer review programs and peer  
111 review administering organizations.

112 (b) Periodically reporting to the board on the  
113 effectiveness of peer review programs and providing a list of  
114 licensees that participate in the programs.

115 (c) Performing other duties relating to oversight of peer  
116 review programs.

117 Section 19. Section 473.311, Florida Statutes, is amended  
118 to read:

119 473.311 Renewal of license.—

120 (1) The department shall renew a license issued under s.  
121 473.308 upon receipt of the renewal application and fee and upon  
122 certification by the board that the Florida certified public  
123 accountant has satisfactorily completed the continuing education  
124 requirements of s. 473.312.

125 (2) Effective January 1, 2015, the department shall renew a  
126 license issued under s. 473.3101 upon certification by the board  
127 that the sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, limited  
128 liability company, or other firm engaged in the practice of



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129 public accounting as defined in s. 473.302(8)(a) has  
130 satisfactorily complied with the peer review requirements of s.  
131 473.3125 or that the board has extended the time to comply with  
132 the peer review requirements.

133 (3)~~(2)~~ The department shall adopt rules establishing a  
134 procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses issued under ss.  
135 473.308 and 473.3101.

136 Section 20. Section 473.3125, Florida Statutes, is created  
137 to read:

138 473.3125 Peer review.—

139 (1) As used in this section, the term:

140 (a) "Licensee" means a sole proprietor, partnership,  
141 corporation, limited liability company, or any other firm  
142 engaged in the practice of public accounting as defined in s.  
143 473.302(8)(a) which is required to be licensed under s.  
144 473.3101.

145 (b) "Peer review" means the study, appraisal, or review by  
146 one or more independent certified public accountants of one or  
147 more aspects of the professional work of a licensee.

148 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) or  
149 paragraph (c), a licensee must:

150 1. Enroll in the peer review program of a peer review  
151 administering organization approved by the board; and

152 2. Undergo a complete peer review at least once every 3  
153 years, which is performed in the manner prescribed by this  
154 section and rules adopted by the board under this section and  
155 for which a peer review report is submitted to and accepted by  
156 the peer review administering organization.

157 (b) A licensee is not required to enroll in a peer review



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158 program or undergo a peer review if the licensee does not engage  
159 in the practice of public accounting as defined in s.  
160 473.302(8)(a).

161 (c) A licensee that is licensed for less than 18 months  
162 must enroll in a peer review program but is not required to  
163 undergo a peer review.

164 (d) A licensee that receives a review rating of "fail" on  
165 two consecutive peer reviews must submit to the board any  
166 documentation requested by the board relating to the peer  
167 reviews for which the licensee received a review rating of  
168 "fail."

169 (3)(a) The board shall adopt rules establishing minimum  
170 standards for peer review programs, including, but not limited  
171 to, standards for administering, performing, and reporting peer  
172 reviews. The board shall also adopt rules establishing minimum  
173 criteria for the board's approval of one or more peer review  
174 administering organizations to facilitate and administer peer  
175 review programs.

176 (b) The rules shall require a peer review administering  
177 organization to submit to the board a written summary of the  
178 organization's peer review program, including a description of  
179 its entire peer review process; the organization's standards for  
180 administering, performing, and reporting peer reviews; oversight  
181 procedures; training requirements; and support materials.

182 (c) The board may approve a peer review administering  
183 organization if:

184 1. The organization meets or exceeds the board's minimum  
185 criteria for the approval of peer review administering  
186 organizations.



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187       2. The organization's peer review program meets or exceeds  
188 the board's minimum standards for peer review programs.

189       3. The organization demonstrates the ability to administer  
190 its peer review program in the manner described in its written  
191 summary and to comply with the board's minimum standards for  
192 peer review programs.

193       (d) The board may withdraw its approval of a peer review  
194 administering organization if the organization fails to comply  
195 with this section or rules adopted by the board under this  
196 section.

197       (4) A certified public accountant or other person appointed  
198 or authorized to perform administrative services for a peer  
199 review administering organization is immune from civil liability  
200 for furnishing information, data, reports, or records to the  
201 peer review administering organization or for damages resulting  
202 from any decision, opinion, action, or proceeding that is  
203 rendered, entered, or acted upon by the peer review  
204 administering organization and that is undertaken or performed  
205 within the scope or function of the duties of the peer review  
206 administering organization.

207       (5) The proceedings, records, and workpapers of a peer  
208 review administering organization are privileged, confidential,  
209 and not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal  
210 process or to introduction into evidence in a civil action or  
211 arbitration proceeding. A person who is involved in a peer  
212 review may not testify in a civil action or arbitration  
213 proceeding as to any matter produced, presented, disclosed, or  
214 discussed during or in connection with the peer review or as to  
215 any finding, recommendation, evaluation, opinion, or other





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216 action of the peer review administering organization. Public  
217 records and materials prepared for a particular engagement are  
218 not privileged merely because they were presented or considered  
219 as part of a peer review. This privilege does not apply to any  
220 dispute between a peer review administering organization and the  
221 licensee subject to a review arising from the performance of the  
222 peer review.

223 Section 21. Section 473.323, Florida Statutes, is amended  
224 to read:

225 473.323 Disciplinary proceedings.—

226 (1) ~~The following acts constitute grounds for which~~ The  
227 disciplinary actions in subsection (3) may be taken against any  
228 certified public accountant or firm that:

229 (a) Violates ~~Violation of~~ any provision of s. 455.227(1) or  
230 any other provision of this chapter.

231 (b) Attempts ~~Attempting~~ to procure a license to practice  
232 public accounting by bribery or fraudulent misrepresentations.

233 (c) Has ~~Having~~ a license to practice public accounting  
234 revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including ~~the~~  
235 denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another  
236 state, territory, or country.

237 (d) Is ~~Being~~ convicted or found guilty of, or enters  
238 ~~entering~~ a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of  
239 adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates  
240 to the practice of public accounting or the ability to practice  
241 public accounting.

242 (e) Makes ~~Making~~ or files ~~filing~~ a report or record that  
243 the certified public accountant or firm knows to be false,  
244 willfully fails ~~failing~~ to file a report or record required by



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245 state or federal law, willfully impedes ~~impeding~~ or obstructs  
246 ~~obstructing~~ such filing, or induces ~~inducing~~ another person to  
247 impede or obstruct such filing. Such reports or records include  
248 only those that are signed in the capacity of a certified public  
249 accountant.

250 (f) Advertises ~~Advertising~~ goods or services in a manner  
251 that is fraudulent, false, deceptive, or misleading in form or  
252 content.

253 (g) Commits ~~Committing~~ an act of fraud or deceit, or of  
254 negligence, incompetency, or misconduct, in the practice of  
255 public accounting.

256 (h) Violates ~~Violation of~~ any rule adopted under ~~pursuant~~  
257 ~~to~~ this chapter or chapter 455.

258 (i) Practices public accounting using ~~Practicing on~~ a  
259 revoked, suspended, inactive, or delinquent license.

260 (j) Has ~~Suspension or revocation of~~ the right to practice  
261 public accounting suspended or revoked by ~~before~~ any state or  
262 federal agency.

263 (k) Performs ~~Performance of~~ any fraudulent act in any  
264 jurisdiction while holding a license to practice public  
265 accounting in this state or while using practice privileges in  
266 this state.

267 (l) Fails ~~Failing~~ to maintain a good moral character as  
268 provided in s. 473.308 while applying for licensure, ~~or~~ while  
269 licensed in this state, or while using practice privileges under  
270 ~~pursuant to~~ s. 473.3141.

271 (m) Fails ~~Failing~~ to provide any written disclosure to a  
272 client or the public which is required by this chapter or rule  
273 adopted by ~~of~~ the board.



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274 (n) ~~Has~~ ~~Having~~ the same or equivalent practice privileges  
275 of a Florida certified public accountant or firm revoked,  
276 suspended, or otherwise acted against by the licensing authority  
277 of another state, territory, or country as a result of activity  
278 in that jurisdiction which would have subjected the Florida  
279 certified public accountant or firm to discipline in this state.

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281 ~~(2)~~ The board shall specify, by rule, what acts or omissions  
282 constitute a violation of this subsection ~~(1)~~.

283 (2) The disciplinary actions in subsection (3) may be taken  
284 against any licensed audit firm or public accounting firm  
285 licensed under s. 473.3101 engaged in the practice of public  
286 accounting as defined in s. 473.302(8) (a) which:

287 (a) Fails to enroll in a peer review program or undergo a  
288 peer review as required under s. 473.3125; or

289 (b) Engages in material noncooperation with a peer review  
290 administering organization approved by the board under s.  
291 473.3125.

292 (3) When the board finds any certified public accountant or  
293 firm guilty of any of the grounds set forth in subsection (1),  
294 or finds any licensed audit firm or public accounting firm  
295 licensed under s. 473.3101 engaged in the practice of public  
296 accounting as defined in s. 473.302(8) (a) guilty of any of the  
297 grounds set forth in subsection (2), the board ~~it~~ may enter an  
298 order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

299 (a) Denial of an application for licensure.

300 (b) Revocation or suspension of the certified public  
301 accountant's accountant or licensed audit firm's or public  
302 accounting firm's license or practice privileges in this state.



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303 (c) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed  
304 \$5,000 for each count or separate offense.

305 (d) Issuance of a reprimand.

306 (e) Placement of the certified public accountant on  
307 probation for a period of time and subject to such conditions as  
308 the board may specify, including requiring the certified public  
309 accountant to attend continuing education courses or to work  
310 under the supervision of another certified public accountant  
311 licensee.

312 (f) Restriction of the authorized scope of practice by the  
313 certified public accountant.

314 (4) Upon ~~The department shall reissue the license of a~~  
315 ~~disciplined licensee upon~~ certification by the board that a  
316 certified public accountant, licensed audit firm, or public  
317 accounting firm whose license was subject to discipline ~~the~~  
318 ~~disciplined licensee~~ has complied with all ~~of~~ the terms and  
319 conditions set forth in the final order, the department shall  
320 reissue the license under s. 473.311.

321 Section 22. Present subsection (4) of section 481.205,  
322 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new  
323 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

324 481.205 Board of Architecture and Interior Design.—

325 (4) In addition to the authority granted in subsection (3),  
326 the board may contract for all other services pursuant to s.  
327 455.32.

328 Section 23. Section 686.201, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

329 Section 24. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section  
330 373.461, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331 373.461 Lake Apopka improvement and management.—



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332 (5) PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS.—

333 (c) The district shall explore the availability of funding  
334 from all sources, including any federal, state, regional, and  
335 local land acquisition funding programs, to purchase the  
336 agricultural lands described in paragraph (a). It is the  
337 Legislature's intent that, if such funding sources can be  
338 identified, acquisition of the lands described in paragraph (a)  
339 may be undertaken by the district to purchase these properties  
340 from willing sellers. However, the purchase price paid for  
341 acquisition of such lands that were in active cultivation during  
342 1996 shall not exceed the highest appraisal obtained by the  
343 district for these lands from a state-certified general  
344 appraiser following the standards of professional practice  
345 established by rule of the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board,  
346 including standards for the development or communication of a  
347 real estate appraisal ~~Uniform Standards of Professional~~  
348 ~~Appraisal Practice~~. This maximum purchase price limitation shall  
349 not include, nor be applicable to, that portion of the purchase  
350 price attributable to consideration of income described in  
351 paragraph (b), or that portion attributable to related  
352 facilities, or closing costs.

353 Section 25. Paragraph (t) of subsection (1) of section  
354 475.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

355 475.25 Discipline.—

356 (1) The commission may deny an application for licensure,  
357 registration, or permit, or renewal thereof; may place a  
358 licensee, registrant, or permittee on probation; may suspend a  
359 license, registration, or permit for a period not exceeding 10  
360 years; may revoke a license, registration, or permit; may impose



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361 an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or  
362 separate offense; and may issue a reprimand, and any or all of  
363 the foregoing, if it finds that the licensee, registrant,  
364 permittee, or applicant:

365 (t) Has violated any standard of professional practice  
366 established by rule of the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board,  
367 including standards for the development or communication of a  
368 real estate appraisal ~~or other provision of the Uniform~~  
369 ~~Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, as defined in s.~~  
370 ~~475.611,~~ as approved and adopted by the Appraisal Standards  
371 Board of the Appraisal Foundation, as defined in s. 475.611.  
372 This paragraph does not apply to a real estate broker or sales  
373 associate who, in the ordinary course of business, performs a  
374 comparative market analysis, gives a broker price opinion, or  
375 gives an opinion of value of real estate. However, in no event  
376 may this comparative market analysis, broker price opinion, or  
377 opinion of value of real estate be referred to as an appraisal,  
378 as defined in s. 475.611.

379 Section 26. Subsection (5) of section 475.615, Florida  
380 Statutes, is amended to read:

381 475.615 Qualifications for registration or certification.-

382 (5) At the time of filing an application for registration  
383 or certification, the applicant must sign a pledge indicating  
384 that upon becoming registered or certified, he or she will  
385 comply with the standards of professional practice established  
386 by board rule, including standards for the development or  
387 communication of a real estate appraisal, ~~to comply with the~~  
388 ~~Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice upon~~  
389 ~~registration or certification~~ and must indicate in writing that



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390 she or he understands the types of misconduct for which  
391 disciplinary proceedings may be initiated. The application shall  
392 expire 1 year after the date received by the department.

393 Section 27. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
394 475.617, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

395 475.617 Education and experience requirements.—

396 (1) To be registered as a trainee appraiser, an applicant  
397 must present evidence satisfactory to the board that she or he  
398 has successfully completed at least 100 hours of approved  
399 academic courses in subjects related to real estate appraisal,  
400 which shall include coverage of the Uniform Standards of  
401 Professional Appraisal Practice, or its equivalent, as  
402 established by board rule, from a nationally recognized or  
403 state-recognized appraisal organization, career center,  
404 accredited community college, college, or university, state or  
405 federal agency or commission, or proprietary real estate school  
406 that holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451. The board may  
407 increase the required number of hours to not more than 125  
408 hours. A classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of each 60-  
409 minute segment. Past courses may be approved on an hour-for-hour  
410 basis.

411 (2) To be certified as a residential appraiser, an  
412 applicant must present satisfactory evidence to the board that  
413 she or he has met the minimum education and experience  
414 requirements prescribed by rule of the board. The board shall  
415 prescribe by rule education and experience requirements that  
416 meet or exceed the following real property appraiser  
417 qualification criteria adopted on February 20, 2004, by the  
418 Appraisal Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation:



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419 (a) Has at least 2,500 hours of experience obtained over a  
420 24-month period in real property appraisal as defined by rule.

421 (b) Has successfully completed at least 200 classroom  
422 hours, inclusive of examination, of approved academic courses in  
423 subjects related to real estate appraisal, which shall include a  
424 15-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal  
425 Practice course, or its equivalent, as established by board  
426 rule, from a nationally recognized or state-recognized appraisal  
427 organization, career center, accredited community college,  
428 college, or university, state or federal agency or commission,  
429 or proprietary real estate school that holds a permit pursuant  
430 to s. 475.451. A classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of  
431 each 60-minute segment. Past courses may be approved by the  
432 board and substituted on an hour-for-hour basis.

433 (3) To be certified as a general appraiser, an applicant  
434 must present evidence satisfactory to the board that she or he  
435 has met the minimum education and experience requirements  
436 prescribed by rule of the board. The board shall prescribe  
437 education and experience requirements that meet or exceed the  
438 following real property appraiser qualification criteria adopted  
439 on February 20, 2004, by the Appraisal Qualifications Board of  
440 the Appraisal Foundation:

441 (a) Has at least 3,000 hours of experience obtained over a  
442 30-month period in real property appraisal as defined by rule.

443 (b) Has successfully completed at least 300 classroom  
444 hours, inclusive of examination, of approved academic courses in  
445 subjects related to real estate appraisal, which shall include a  
446 15-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal  
447 Practice course, or its equivalent, as established by board





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448 rule, from a nationally recognized or state-recognized appraisal  
449 organization, career center, accredited community college,  
450 college, or university, state or federal agency or commission,  
451 or proprietary real estate school that holds a permit pursuant  
452 to s. 475.451. A classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of  
453 each 60-minute segment. Past courses may be approved by the  
454 board and substituted on an hour-for-hour basis.

455 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 475.6175, Florida  
456 Statutes, is amended to read:

457 475.6175 Registered trainee appraiser; postlicensure  
458 education required.—

459 (1) The board shall prescribe postlicensure educational  
460 requirements in order for a person to maintain a valid  
461 registration as a registered trainee appraiser. If prescribed,  
462 the postlicensure educational requirements consist of one or  
463 more courses which total no more than the total educational  
464 hours required to qualify as a state certified residential  
465 appraiser. Such courses must be in subjects related to real  
466 estate appraisal and shall include coverage of the Uniform  
467 Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, or its equivalent,  
468 as established by board rule. Such courses are provided by a  
469 nationally or state-recognized appraisal organization, career  
470 center, accredited community college, college, or university,  
471 state or federal agency or commission, or proprietary real  
472 estate school that holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451.

473 Section 29. Subsection (4) of section 475.6235, Florida  
474 Statutes, is amended to read:

475 475.6235 Registration of appraisal management companies  
476 required.—



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477           (4) At the time of filing an application for registration  
478 of an appraisal management company, each person listed in  
479 paragraph (2)(f) must sign a pledge to comply with the standards  
480 of professional practice established by board rule, including  
481 standards for the development or communication of a real estate  
482 appraisal, ~~Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice~~  
483 ~~upon registration~~ and must indicate in writing that she or he  
484 understands the types of misconduct for which disciplinary  
485 proceedings may be initiated. The application shall expire 1  
486 year after the date received by the department.

487           Section 30. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section  
488 475.6245, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489           475.6245 Discipline of appraisal management companies.—

490           (1) The board may deny an application for registration of  
491 an appraisal management company; may investigate the actions of  
492 any appraisal management company registered under this part; may  
493 reprimand or impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000  
494 for each count or separate offense against any such appraisal  
495 management company; and may revoke or suspend, for a period not  
496 to exceed 10 years, the registration of any such appraisal  
497 management company, or place any such appraisal management  
498 company on probation, if the board finds that the appraisal  
499 management company or any person listed in s. 475.6235(2)(f):

500           (n) Has instructed an appraiser to violate any standard of  
501 professional practice established by board rule, including  
502 standards for the development or communication of a real estate  
503 appraisal or other provision of the Uniform Standards of  
504 Professional Appraisal Practice.

505           Section 31. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this



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506 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
507 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
508 2011.

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510 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

511 And the title is amended as follows:

512       Between lines 45 and 46

513 insert:

514       creating s. 473.3066, F.S.; authorizing the Board of  
515       Accountancy to establish a peer review oversight  
516       committee; providing for membership and duties of the  
517       oversight committee; requiring the board to adopt  
518       rules under certain circumstances; amending s.  
519       473.311, F.S.; revising licensure renewal requirements  
520       for firms engaged in certain aspects of the practice  
521       of public accounting; requiring such firms to comply  
522       with certain peer review requirements; providing an  
523       exception; creating s. 473.3125, F.S.; defining terms  
524       for purposes of peer review requirements; requiring  
525       firms engaged in certain aspects of the practice of  
526       public accounting to enroll in peer review programs  
527       and undergo peer reviews; providing for the frequency  
528       of peer reviews; providing exceptions; requiring firms  
529       that fail a specified number of peer reviews to submit  
530       certain documentation to the board; requiring the  
531       board to adopt rules establishing minimum standards  
532       for peer review programs and requiring a peer review  
533       administering organization to submit certain  
534       information; providing for the approval of peer review



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535 administering organizations; authorizing the board to  
536 withdraw approval of peer review administering  
537 organizations under certain circumstances; providing  
538 that certain persons who perform specified  
539 administrative services for a peer review  
540 administering organization are immune from civil  
541 liability; providing that the proceedings, records,  
542 and workpapers of peer review administering  
543 organizations are confidential and privileged;  
544 providing exceptions; prohibiting persons involved in  
545 peer reviews from testifying; amending s. 473.323,  
546 F.S.; providing additional grounds for the discipline  
547 of firms engaged in certain aspects of the practice of  
548 public accounting, to which penalties apply;  
549 authorizing disciplinary actions to be taken against  
550 firms that fail to enroll in a peer review program, to  
551 undergo a peer review, or to cooperate with a peer  
552 review administering organization approved by the  
553 board; revising requirements for reissuance of  
554 licenses after compliance with disciplinary final  
555 orders; conforming provisions; amending s. 481.205,  
556 F.S.; authorizing the Board of Architecture and  
557 Interior Design to contract with certain private  
558 entities for specific functions; repealing s. 686.201,  
559 F.S., relating to sales representative contracts  
560 involving commissions; amending s. 373.461, F.S.;  
561 requiring certain appraisers to follow specific  
562 standards of professional practice in appraisals  
563 involving the restoration of the Lake Apopka Basin;



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564 amending s. 475.25, F.S.; conforming and clarifying  
565 certain real estate appraisal standards and practices;  
566 amending s. 475.615, F.S.; conforming provisions  
567 relating to standards of professional practice for  
568 real estate appraisers; amending s. 475.617, F.S.;  
569 conforming provisions relating to appraisal practice;  
570 amending s. 475.6175, F.S.; conforming provisions  
571 relating to appraisal practice; amending s. 475.6235,  
572 F.S.; conforming provisions relating to appraisal  
573 practice; amending s. 475.6245, F.S.; conforming  
574 provisions relating to appraisal practice;