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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

The Conference Committee on CS/HB 5007 offered the following:

Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 320.90, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 320.90 Notification of consumer's rights.-The department 8 shall develop a motor vehicle consumer's rights pamphlet which 9 shall be distributed free of charge by the Department of Legal 10 Affairs Agriculture and Consumer Services to the motor vehicle owner upon request. Such pamphlet must contain information 11 relating to odometer fraud and provide a summary of the rights 12 13 and remedies available to all purchasers of motor vehicles. 14 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 322.142, Florida 15 Statutes, is amended to read: 16 322.142 Color photographic or digital imaged licenses.-

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17 The department may maintain a film negative or print (4)18 file. The department shall maintain a record of the digital 19 image and signature of the licensees, together with other data 20 required by the department for identification and retrieval. Reproductions from the file or digital record are exempt from 21 22 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and shall be made and issued only for departmental administrative purposes; for the issuance of 23 24 duplicate licenses; in response to law enforcement agency 25 requests; to the Department of Business and Professional 26 Regulation pursuant to an interagency agreement for the purpose 27 of accessing digital images for reproduction of licenses issued 28 by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or for 29 the purpose of identifying subjects under investigation for unlicensed activity pursuant to s. 455.228; to the Department of 30 31 State pursuant to an interagency agreement to facilitate 32 determinations of eligibility of voter registration applicants and registered voters in accordance with ss. 98.045 and 98.075; 33 34 to the Department of Revenue pursuant to an interagency 35 agreement for use in establishing paternity and establishing, 36 modifying, or enforcing support obligations in Title IV-D cases; to the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to an 37 38 interagency agreement to conduct protective investigations under 39 part III of chapter 39 and chapter 415; to the Department of 40 Children and Family Services pursuant to an interagency agreement specifying the number of employees in each of that 41 42 department's regions to be granted access to the records for use 43 as verification of identity to expedite the determination of 44 eligibility for public assistance and for use in public 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 2 of 53

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45	Amendment No. assistance fraud investigations; or to the Department of
46	Financial Services pursuant to an interagency agreement to
47	facilitate the location of owners of unclaimed property, the
48	validation of unclaimed property claims, and the identification
49	of fraudulent or false claims.
50	Section 3. Subsection (12) is added to section 455.213,
51	Florida Statutes, to read:
52	455.213 General licensing provisions
53	(12) The department may grant a fee waiver for a license
54	renewal to a licensee on a case-by-case basis due to financial
55	hardship or an error caused by the department.
56	Section 4. Section 468.8324, Florida Statutes, is amended
57	to read:
58	468.8324 Grandfather clause
59	(1) A person who performs home inspection services may
60	qualify for licensure as a home inspector under this part if the
61	person submits an application to the department postmarked on or
62	before July 1, 2012, which shows that the applicant:
63	(a) Possesses certification as a one- and two-family
64	dwelling inspector issued by the International Code Council or
65	the Southern Building Code Congress International;
66	(b) Has been certified as a one- and two-family dwelling
67	inspector by the Florida Building Code Administrators and
68	Inspectors Board under part XII of this chapter; or
69	(c) Possesses a Division I contractor license issued under
70	part I of chapter 489.
71	(1) A person who performs home inspection services as
72	defined in this part may qualify for licensure by the department
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Amendment No. 73 as a home inspector if the person submits an application to the 74 department postmarked on or before March 1, 2011, which shows 75 that the applicant: 76 (a) Is certified as a home inspector by a state or

77 national association that requires, for such certification, 78 successful completion of a proctored examination on home 79 inspection services and completes at least 14 hours of 80 verifiable education on such services; or

81 (b) Has at least 3 years of experience as a home inspector 82 at the time of application and has completed 14 hours of 83 verifiable education on home inspection services. To establish 84 the 3 years of experience, an applicant must submit at least 120 85 home inspection reports prepared by the applicant.

86 (2) The department may investigate the validity of a home 87 inspection report submitted under paragraph (1) (b) and, if the 88 applicant submits a false report, may take disciplinary action 89 against the applicant under s. 468.832(1)(e) or (g).

(2) (3) An applicant may not qualify for licensure under 90 91 this section if he or she has had a home inspector license or a 92 license in any related field revoked at any time or suspended 93 within the previous 5 years or has been assessed a fine that 94 exceeds \$500 within the previous 5 years. For purposes of this subsection, a license in a related field includes, but is not 95 limited to, licensure in real estate, construction, mold-related 96 97 services, or building code administration or inspection.

98 <u>(3)(4)</u> An applicant for licensure under this section must 99 comply with the criminal history, good moral character, and 100 insurance requirements of this part. 774853

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Amendment No. 101 Section 5. Subsections (4) through (6) of section 102 468.8413, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (5), respectively, and present subsections (2) and (3) 103 104 of that section are amended to read: 105 468.8413 Examinations.-106 (2) An applicant may practice in this state as a mold 107 assessor or mold remediator if he or she passes the required examination, is of good moral character, and possesses a high 108 109 school diploma or its equivalent completes one of the following 110 requirements: 111 (a) 1. For a mold remediator, at least a 2-year associate of arts degree, or the equivalent, with at least 30 semester 112 113 hours in microbiology, engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene, occupational safety, or a related field of science from 114 115 an accredited institution and a minimum of 1 year of documented 116 field experience in a field related to mold remediation; or 117 2. A high school diploma or the equivalent with a minimum of 4 years of documented field experience in a field related to 118 mold remediation. 119 120 (b)1. For a mold assessor, at least a 2-year associate of arts degree, or the equivalent, with at least 30 semester hours 121 122 in microbiology, engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene, 123 occupational safety, or a related field of science from an 124 accredited institution and a minimum of 1 year of documented 125 field experience in conducting microbial sampling or 126 investigations; or

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Amendment No. 127 2. A high school diploma or the equivalent with a minimum 128 of 4 years of documented field experience in conducting 129 microbial sampling or investigations. 130 (3) The department shall review and approve courses of 131 study in mold assessment and mold remediation. 132 Section 6. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 468.8414, 133 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 134 468.8414 Licensure.-135 The department shall certify for licensure any (2) applicant who satisfies the requirements of s. 468.8413 and 136 137 passes, who has passed the licensing examination, and who has 138 documented training in water, mold, and respiratory protection. 139 The department may refuse to certify any applicant who has violated any provision of the provisions of this part. 140 The department shall certify as qualified for a 141 (3) license by endorsement an applicant who is of good moral 142 143 character, who has the insurance coverage required under s. 468.8421, and who: 144 145 Is qualified to take the examination as set forth in (a) 146 s. 468.8413 and has passed a certification examination offered 147 by a nationally recognized or state-recognized organization that 148 certifies persons in the specialty of mold assessment or mold 149 remediation that has been approved by the department as 150 substantially equivalent to the requirements of this part and s. 151 455.217; or 152 Holds a valid license to practice mold assessment or (b) 153 mold remediation issued by another state or territory of the United States if the criteria for issuance of the license were 154 774853

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Amendment No. 155 substantially the same as the licensure criteria that is 156 established by this part as determined by the department. 157 Section 7. Paragraphs (b) through (h) of subsection (1) of 158 section 468.8419, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 159 paragraphs (a) through (g), respectively, paragraphs (b) through 160 (g) of subsection (2) are redesignated as paragraphs (a) through 161 (f), respectively, and present paragraph (a) of subsection (1), 162 present paragraph (a) of subsection (2), and subsection (4) of 163 that section are amended to read: 164 468.8419 Prohibitions; penalties.-165 (1) A person may not: 166 (a) Effective July 1, 2011, perform or offer to perform 167 any mold assessment unless the mold assessor has documented 168 training in water, mold, and respiratory protection under s. 468.8414(2). 169 (2) A mold remediator, a company that employs a mold 170 171 remediator, or a company that is controlled by a company that 172 also has a financial interest in a company employing a mold 173 remediator may not: 174 (a) Perform or offer to perform any mold remediation 175 unless the remediator has documented training in water, mold, 176 and respiratory protection under s. 468.8414(2). 177 This section does not apply to unlicensed activity as (4) 178 described in paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(a)(b), or s. 179 455.228 that occurs before July 1, 2011. 180 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 468.8423, Florida 181 Statutes, is amended to read: 468.8423 Grandfather clause.-182 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 7 of 53

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Amendment No. 183 (1) A person who performs mold assessment or mold 184 remediation as defined in this part may qualify for licensure by 185 the department as a mold assessor or mold remediator if the 186 person submits his or her application to the department by July 187 1, 2012 March 1, 2011, whether postmarked or delivered by that 188 date, and if the person: Is certified as a mold assessor or mold remediator by 189 (a) 190 a state or national association that requires, for such 191 certification, successful completion of a proctored examination 192 on mold assessment or mold remediation, as applicable, and 193 completes at least 60 hours of education on mold assessment or at least 30 hours of education on mold remediation, as 194 195 applicable; or 196 At the time of application, has at least 1 year $\frac{3}{2}$ (b) 197 vears of experience as a mold assessor or mold remediator. To 198 establish the 1 year 3 years of experience, an applicant must 199 submit at least 10 40 mold assessments or remediation invoices 200 prepared by the applicant. Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 469.006, Florida 201 202 Statutes, is amended to read: 203 469.006 Licensure of business organizations; qualifying 204 agents.-205 If an individual proposes to engage in consulting or (1)contracting in that individual's own name, or a fictitious name 206 207 under which the individual is doing business as a sole 208 proprietorship, the license may be issued only to that 209 individual.

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210	Amendment No. Section 10. Paragraphs (r) and (s) of subsection (1) of
211	section 475.611, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
212	paragraphs (q) and (r), respectively, and present paragraph (q)
213	of that subsection is amended to read:
214	475.611 Definitions
215	(1) As used in this part, the term:
216	(q) "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice"
217	means the most recent standards approved and adopted by the
218	Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation.
219	Section 11. Effective July 1, 2014, paragraphs (w) and (x)
220	of subsection (1) of section 475.611, Florida Statutes, as
221	amended by chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, and this act, are
222	redesignated as paragraphs (v) and (w), respectively, and
223	paragraph (v) of that subsection is amended to read:
224	475.611 Definitions
225	(1) As used in this part, the term:
226	(v) "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice"
227	means the most recent standards approved and adopted by the
228	Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation.
229	Section 12. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section
230	373.461, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
231	373.461 Lake Apopka improvement and management
232	(5) PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS
233	(c) The district shall explore the availability of funding
234	from all sources, including any federal, state, regional, and
235	local land acquisition funding programs, to purchase the
236	agricultural lands described in paragraph (a). It is the
237	Legislature's intent of the Legislature that, if such funding
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Amendment No. 238 sources can be identified, acquisition of the lands described in 239 paragraph (a) may be undertaken by the district to purchase 240 these properties from willing sellers. However, the purchase 241 price paid for acquisition of such lands that were in active 242 cultivation during 1996 may shall not exceed the highest 243 appraisal obtained by the district for these lands from a state-244 certified general appraiser following the Uniform standards of 245 professional Appraisal practice established by rule of the 246 Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board, including standards for the 247 development or communication of a real estate appraisal. This 248 maximum purchase price limitation does shall not include, and 249 does not apply nor be applicable to, that portion of the 250 purchase price attributable to consideration of income described 251 in paragraph (b), or that portion attributable to related 252 facilities, or closing costs.

253 Section 13. Subsection (5) of section 475.615, Florida 254 Statutes, is amended to read:

255 475.615 Qualifications for registration or certification.-256 At the time of filing an application for registration (5) 257 or certification, the applicant must sign a pledge that, upon 258 registration or certification, she or he will to comply with the 259 Uniform standards of professional Appraisal practice established 260 by board rule, including standards for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal, upon registration or 261 262 certification and must also indicate in writing that she or he 263 understands the types of misconduct for which disciplinary 264 proceedings may be initiated. The application shall expire 1 265 year after the date received by the department. 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 10 of 53

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266 Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 475.6235, Florida 267 Statutes, is amended to read:

268 475.6235 Registration of appraisal management companies 269 required.—

270 (4) At the time of filing an application for registration 271 of an appraisal management company, each person listed in 272 paragraph (2)(f) must sign a pledge that, upon registration, she 273 or he will to comply with the Uniform standards of professional 274 Appraisal practice established by board rule, including standards for the development or communication of a real estate 275 276 appraisal, upon registration and must also indicate in writing 277 that she or he understands the types of misconduct for which 278 disciplinary proceedings may be initiated. The application shall 279 expire 1 year after the date received by the department.

280 Section 15. Subsection (1), paragraph (b) of subsection 281 (2), and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 475.617, 282 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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475.617 Education and experience requirements.-

284 To be registered as a trainee appraiser, an applicant (1)285 must present evidence satisfactory to the board that she or he 286 has successfully completed at least 100 hours of approved 287 academic courses in subjects related to real estate appraisal, 288 which must shall include coverage of the Uniform Standards of 289 Professional Appraisal Practice or equivalent standards 290 established by board rule from a nationally recognized or state-291 recognized appraisal organization, career center, accredited community college, college, or university, state or federal 292 agency or commission, or proprietary real estate school that 293 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451. The board may increase the required number of hours to not more than 125 hours. A classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of each 60-minute segment. Past courses may be approved on an hour-for-hour basis.

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298 To be certified as a residential appraiser, an (2) 299 applicant must present satisfactory evidence to the board that 300 she or he has met the minimum education and experience 301 requirements prescribed by rule of the board. The board shall 302 prescribe by rule education and experience requirements that 303 meet or exceed the following real property appraiser 304 qualification criteria adopted on February 20, 2004, by the Appraisal Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation: 305

306 (b) Has successfully completed at least 200 classroom 307 hours, inclusive of examination, of approved academic courses in 308 subjects related to real estate appraisal, which must shall 309 include a 15-hour course on the National Uniform Standards of 310 Professional Appraisal Practice or equivalent standards 311 established by board rule course from a nationally recognized or 312 state-recognized appraisal organization, career center, 313 accredited community college, college, or university, state or federal agency or commission, or proprietary real estate school 314 315 that holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451. A classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of each 60-minute segment. Past 316 317 courses may be approved by the board and substituted on an hourfor-hour basis. 318

(3) To be certified as a general appraiser, an applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the board that she or he has met the minimum education and experience requirements 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 12 of 53

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322 prescribed by rule of the board. The board shall prescribe 323 education and experience requirements that meet or exceed the 324 following real property appraiser qualification criteria adopted 325 on February 20, 2004, by the Appraisal Qualifications Board of 326 the Appraisal Foundation:

327 (b) Has successfully completed at least 300 classroom 328 hours, inclusive of examination, of approved academic courses in 329 subjects related to real estate appraisal, which must shall 330 include a 15-hour course on the National Uniform Standards of 331 Professional Appraisal Practice or equivalent standards 332 established by board rule course from a nationally recognized or 333 state-recognized appraisal organization, career center, 334 accredited community college, college, or university, state or 335 federal agency or commission, or proprietary real estate school that holds a permit pursuant to s. 475.451. A classroom hour is 336 337 defined as 50 minutes out of each 60-minute segment. Past 338 courses may be approved by the board and substituted on an hour-339 for-hour basis.

340 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 475.6175, Florida 341 Statutes, is amended to read:

342 475.6175 Registered trainee appraiser; postlicensure
343 education required.-

344 The board shall prescribe postlicensure educational (1)345 requirements in order for a person to maintain a valid 346 registration as a registered trainee appraiser. If prescribed, 347 the postlicensure educational requirements consist of one or more courses which total no more than the total educational 348 349 hours required to qualify as a state certified residential 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 13 of 53

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Amendment No. 350 appraiser. Such courses must be in subjects related to real 351 estate appraisal and must shall include coverage of the Uniform 352 Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice or equivalent 353 standards established by board rule. Such courses are provided 354 by a nationally or state-recognized appraisal organization, 355 career center, accredited community college, college, or 356 university, state or federal agency or commission, or 357 proprietary real estate school that holds a permit pursuant to 358 s. 475.451.

359 Section 17. Paragraph (t) of subsection (1) of section 360 475.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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475.25 Discipline.-

362 (1)The commission may deny an application for licensure, registration, or permit, or renewal thereof; may place a 363 364 licensee, registrant, or permittee on probation; may suspend a 365 license, registration, or permit for a period not exceeding 10 366 years; may revoke a license, registration, or permit; may impose 367 an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or 368 separate offense; and may issue a reprimand, and any or all of 369 the foregoing, if it finds that the licensee, registrant, 370 permittee, or applicant:

371 Has violated any standard of professional practice (t) 372 establish by rule of the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board, 373 including any standard for the development or communication of a 374 real estate appraisal or other provision of the Uniform 375 Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, as defined in s. 376 475.611, as approved and adopted by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation, as defined in s. 475.611. 377 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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This paragraph does not apply to a real estate broker or sales associate who, in the ordinary course of business, performs a comparative market analysis, gives a broker price opinion, or gives an opinion of value of real estate. However, in no event may this comparative market analysis, broker price opinion, or opinion of value of real estate be referred to as an appraisal, as defined in s. 475.611.

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385 Section 18. Subsection (14) of section 475.624, Florida 386 Statutes, is amended to read:

475.624 Discipline.-The board may deny an application for 387 388 registration or certification; may investigate the actions of 389 any appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this 390 part; may reprimand or impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or separate offense against any 391 392 such appraiser; and may revoke or suspend, for a period not to exceed 10 years, the registration, license, or certification of 393 394 any such appraiser, or place any such appraiser on probation, if 395 it finds that the registered trainee, licensee, or certificateholder: 396

(14) Has violated any standard <u>of professional practice</u> established by board rule, including any standard for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal or other provision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

402 Section 19. Effective July 1, 2014, subsection (14) of 403 section 475.624, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2010-404 84, Laws of Florida, and this act, is amended to read:

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Amendment No. 405 475.624 Discipline of appraisers.-The board may deny an 406 application for registration or certification of an appraiser; 407 may investigate the actions of any appraiser registered, 408 licensed, or certified under this part; may reprimand or impose 409 an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or 410 separate offense against any such appraiser; and may revoke or 411 suspend, for a period not to exceed 10 years, the registration, 412 license, or certification of any such appraiser, or place any 413 such appraiser on probation, if the board finds that the registered trainee, licensee, or certificateholder: 414

(14) Has violated any standard <u>of professional practice</u> established by board rule, including any standard for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal or other provision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

420 Section 20. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section 421 475.6245, Florida Statutes is amended to read:

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475.6245 Discipline of appraisal management companies.-

423 The board may deny an application for registration of (1)424 an appraisal management company; may investigate the actions of 425 any appraisal management company registered under this part; may 426 reprimand or impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 427 for each count or separate offense against any such appraisal 428 management company; and may revoke or suspend, for a period not 429 to exceed 10 years, the registration of any such appraisal 430 management company, or place any such appraisal management 431 company on probation, if the board finds that the appraisal 432 management company or any person listed in s. 475.6235(2)(f): 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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(n) Has instructed an appraiser to violate any standard <u>of</u>
professional practice established by board rule, including any
<u>standard</u> for the development or communication of a real estate
appraisal or other provision of the Uniform Standards of
Professional Appraisal Practice.

438 Section 21. Section 475.628, Florida Statutes, is amended 439 to read:

440 475.628 Professional standards for appraisers registered, 441 licensed, or certified under this part.-The board shall adopt 442 rules establishing standards of professional practice that meet 443 or exceed nationally recognized standards of appraisal practice, 444 including those standards developed by the Appraisal Standards 445 Board of the Appraisal Foundation. Each appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this part must shall comply with 446 the rules Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. 447 Statements on appraisal standards which may be issued for the 448 449 purpose of clarification, interpretation, explanation, or 450 elaboration through the Appraisal Foundation, upon adoption by 451 board rule, shall also be binding on any appraiser registered, 452 licensed, or certified under this part.

453 Section 22. Paragraphs (f) through (o) of subsection (1) 454 of section 475.42, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 455 paragraphs (e) through (n), respectively, and present paragraph 456 (e) of that subsection is amended to read:

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475.42 Violations and penalties.-

458 (1) VIOLATIONS.-

(e) A person may not violate any lawful order or rule of the commission which is binding upon her or him. 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 17 of 53

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461	Section 23. Paragraphs (d) through (g) of subsection (1)
462	of section 475.626, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
463	paragraphs (b) through (e), respectively, and present paragraphs
464	(b) and (c) of that subsection are amended to read:
465	475.626 Violations and penalties
466	(1) VIOLATIONS
467	(b) No person shall violate any lawful order or rule of
468	the board which is binding upon her or him.
469	(c) No person shall commit any conduct or practice set
470	forth in s. 475.624.
471	Section 24. Effective July 1, 2014, paragraphs (d) through
472	(h) of subsection (1) of section 475.626, Florida Statutes, as
473	amended by chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, and this act, are
474	redesignated as paragraphs (b) through (f), respectively, and
475	paragraphs (b) and (c) of that subsection are amended to read:
476	475.626 Violations and penalties
477	(1) A person may not:
478	(b) Violate any lawful order or rule of the board which
479	is binding upon her or him.
480	(c) If a registered trainee appraiser or a licensed or
481	certified appraiser, commit any conduct or practice set forth in
482	s. 475.624.
483	Section 25. Paragraphs (d) through (h) of subsection (1)
484	of section 477.0265, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
485	paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, and present paragraph
486	(c) of that subsection is amended to read:
487	477.0265 Prohibited acts
488	(1) It is unlawful for any person to:
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489	Amendment No. (c) Engage in willful or repeated violations of this
490	chapter or of any rule adopted by the board.
491	Section 26. Subsection (10) of section 455.271, Florida
492	Statutes, is amended to read:
493	455.271 Inactive and delinquent status
494	(10) The board, or the department when there is no board,
495	may not require Before reactivation, an inactive or delinquent
496	licensee, except for a licensee under chapter 473 or chapter
497	475, to complete more than one renewal cycle of shall meet the
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	same continuing education to reactivate a license requirements,
499	if any, imposed on an active status licensee for all biennial
500	licensure periods in which the licensee was inactive or
501	delinquent. This subsection does not apply to persons regulated
502	under chapter 473.
503	Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 468.8317, Florida
504	Statutes, is amended to read:
505	468.8317 Inactive license
506	(2) A license that <u>becomes</u> has become inactive may be
507	reactivated upon application to the department. The department
508	may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements as a
509	condition of reactivating a license. The <u>rules may not require</u>
510	more than one renewal cycle of continuing education to
511	<u>reactivate</u> requirements for reactivating a license may not
512	exceed 14 hours for each year the license was inactive.
513	Section 28. Subsection (2) of section 468.8417, Florida
514	Statutes, is amended to read:
515	468.8417 Inactive license
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516	(2) A license that <u>becomes</u> has become inactive may be
517	reactivated upon application to the department. The department
518	may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements as a
519	condition of reactivating a license. The rules may not require
520	more than one renewal cycle of continuing education to
521	reactivate requirements for reactivating a license may not
522	exceed 14 hours for each year the license was inactive.
523	Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 477.0212, Florida
524	Statutes, is amended to read:
525	477.0212 Inactive status
526	(2) The board shall <u>adopt</u> promulgate rules relating to
527	licenses <u>that</u> which have become inactive and for the renewal of
528	inactive licenses. The rules may not require more than one
529	renewal cycle of continuing education to reactivate a license.
530	The board shall prescribe by rule a fee not to exceed \$50 for
531	the reactivation of an inactive license and a fee not to exceed
532	\$50 for the renewal of an inactive license.
533	Section 30. Subsection (1) of section 481.217, Florida
534	Statutes, is amended to read:
535	481.217 Inactive status
536	(1) The board may prescribe by rule continuing education
537	requirements as a condition of reactivating a license. The <u>rules</u>
538	may not require more than one renewal cycle of continuing
539	education <u>to reactivate</u> requirements for reactivating a license
540	for a registered architect <u>or</u> may not exceed 12 contact hours
541	for each year the license was inactive. The minimum continuing
542	education requirement for reactivating a license for a
543	registered interior designer shall be those of the most recent
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544 biennium plus one-half of the requirements in s. 481.215 for 545 each year or part thereof during which the license was inactive. 546 The board <u>may shall</u> only approve continuing education <u>for an</u> 547 <u>interior designer which</u> that builds upon the basic knowledge of 548 interior design.

549 Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 481.315, Florida 550 Statutes, is amended to read:

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481.315 Inactive status.-

552 A license that has become inactive or delinquent may (1)553 be reactivated under this section upon application to the 554 department and payment of any applicable biennial renewal or 555 delinquency fee, or both, and a reactivation fee. The board may 556 not require a licensee to complete more than one renewal cycle 557 of continuing education requirements The board may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements as a condition of 558 559 reactivating the license. The continuing education requirements 560 for reactivating a license may not exceed 12 classroom hours for 561 each year the license was inactive.

562 Section 32. Subsections (3) and (6) of section 489.116, 563 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

564 489.116 Inactive and delinquent status; renewal and 565 cancellation notices.-

(3) An inactive status certificateholder or registrant may
change to active status at any time <u>if</u>, provided the
certificateholder or registrant meets all requirements for
active status, pays any additional licensure fees necessary to
equal those imposed on an active status certificateholder or

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574 certificateholder or registrant <u>to complete more than one</u> 575 <u>renewal cycle of shall comply with the same continuing education</u> 576 <u>for reactivating a certificate or registration requirements, if</u> 577 any, that are imposed on an active status certificateholder or 578 registrant.

579 Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 489.519, Florida 580 Statutes, is amended to read:

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489.519 Inactive status.-

582 (1) A certificate or registration that becomes has become 583 inactive may be reactivated under s. 489.517 upon application to the department. The board may not require a licensee to complete 584 585 more than one renewal cycle of prescribe, by rule, continuing 586 education to reactivate requirements as a condition of reactivating a certificate or registration. The continuing 587 588 education requirements for reactivating a certificate or 589 registration may not exceed 12 classroom hours for each year the 590 certificate or registration was inactive.

591 Section 34. Subsection (3), paragraph (a) of subsection 592 (4), and paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 473.308, 593 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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473.308 Licensure.-

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(3) An applicant for licensure must:

596 <u>(a) Complete have at least 150 semester hours of college</u> 597 education, including a baccalaureate or higher degree conferred 598 by an accredited college or university, with a concentration in 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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599 accounting and business in the total educational program to the 600 extent specified by the board; or

601 (b) Graduate from an accredited university in the state 602 with a master's degree in accounting or its equivalent.

603 An applicant for licensure after December 31, 2008, (4)(a) 604 must show that he or she has had 1 year of relevant work 605 experience. This experience must shall include providing any 606 type of service or advice involving the use of accounting, 607 attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax, or consulting skills, all of which must be verified by a 608 609 certified public accountant who is licensed by a state or 610 territory of the United States and who has supervised the 611 applicant. This experience is acceptable if it was gained 612 through employment in government, industry, academia, or public practice; constituted a substantial part of the applicant's 613 duties; and was under the supervision of a certified public 614 615 accountant licensed by a state or territory of the United States. The board shall adopt rules specifying standards and 616 617 providing for the review and approval of the work experience 618 required by this section.

619 (7) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by620 endorsement an applicant who:

(b)1.a. Holds a valid license to practice public
accounting issued by another state or territory of the United
States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were
substantially equivalent to the licensure criteria that existed
in this state at the time the license was issued; or

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Amendment No. 626 b. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting 627 issued by another state or territory of the United States but 628 the criteria for issuance of such license did not meet the 629 requirements of sub-subparagraph a.; has met the requirements of this section for education, work experience, and good moral 630 631 character; has at least 5 years of work experience that meets 632 the requirements of subsection (4) or at least 5 years of experience in the practice of public accountancy or its 633 634 equivalent that meets the requirements of subsection (8); and 635 has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial licensing 636 examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by s. 473.306; and 637 638 2. Has completed continuing education courses that are 639 equivalent to the continuing education requirements for a Florida certified public accountant licensed in this state 640 during the 2 years immediately preceding her or his application 641 for licensure by endorsement. 642 643 Section 35. Subsection (6) of section 475.17, Florida 644 Statutes, is amended to read: 645 475.17 Qualifications for practice.-646 (6) (a) The education course requirements for initial 647 licensure as a sales associate, and the postlicensure education 648 requirements of this section, and the education course 649 requirements for one to become initially licensed, do not apply 650 to any applicant or licensed sales associate who has received a 651 bachelor's or higher degree in real estate from an accredited 652 institution of higher education.

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653	(b) The education course requirements for initial
654	licensure as a broker do not apply to any applicant or licensee
655	who has received a <u>bachelor's or higher</u> 4 -year degree in real
656	estate from an accredited institution of higher education.
657	Section 36. Subsection (4) of section 481.205, Florida
658	Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new subsection
659	(4) is added to that section to read:
660	481.205 Board of Architecture and Interior Design
661	(4) In addition to the authority granted in subsection
662	(3), the board may contract for all other services pursuant to
663	<u>s. 455.32.</u>
664	Section 37. Subsection (2) of section 481.219, Florida
665	Statutes, is amended to read:
666	481.219 Certification of partnerships, limited liability
667	companies, and corporations
668	(2) For the purposes of this section, a certificate of
669	authorization $\underline{ ext{is}}$ $\underline{ ext{shall be}}$ required for a corporation, limited
670	liability company, partnership, or person practicing under a
671	fictitious name, offering architectural services to the public
672	jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing
673	architecture in her or his own name, or in a fictitious name
674	under which the individual is doing business as a sole
675	proprietorship, she or he <u>is</u> shall not be required to be
676	certified under this section. Certification under this
677	subsection to offer architectural services shall include all the
678	rights and privileges of certification under subsection (3) to
679	offer interior design services.
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680 Section 38. Subsection (5) of section 481.329, Florida681 Statutes, is amended to read:

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481.329 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.-

683 This Nothing in this part does not prohibit prohibits (5)684 any person from engaging in the practice of landscape design $_{\overline{I}}$ as 685 defined in s. 481.303(7) or from submitting such plans to 686 governmental agencies for approval. Persons providing landscape 687 design services shall not use the title, term, or designation 688 "landscape architect," "landscape architectural," "landscape architecture," "L.A.," "landscape engineering," or any 689 690 description tending to convey the impression that she or he is a 691 landscape architect unless she or he is registered as provided 692 in this part.

Section 39. Subsection (3) of section 493.6107, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

695 493.6107 Fees.-

(3) 696 The fees set forth in this section must be paid by 697 certified check or money order or, at the discretion of the 698 department, by electronic funds transfer agency check at the 699 time the application is approved, except that the applicant for 700 a Class "G" or Class "M" license must pay the license fee at the 701 time the application is made. If a license is revoked or denied 702 or if the application is withdrawn, the license fee shall not be 703 refunded.

Section 40. Subsection (3) of section 493.6202, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

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493.6202 Fees.-

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Amendment No. 707 The fees set forth in this section must be paid by (3) 708 certified check or money order or, at the discretion of the 709 department, by electronic funds transfer agency check at the time the application is approved, except that the applicant for 710 711 a Class "G," Class "C," Class "CC," Class "M," or Class "MA" 712 license must pay the license fee at the time the application is made. If a license is revoked or denied or if the application is 713 714 withdrawn, the license fee shall not be refunded. 715 Section 41. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 493.6401, 716 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 717 493.6401 Classes of licenses.-718 Any person who operates a recovery agent repossessor (7) 719 school or training facility or who conducts an Internet-based 720 training course or a correspondence training course must have a Class "RS" license. 721 722 Any individual who teaches or instructs at a Class (8) 723 "RS" recovery agent repossessor school or training facility 724 shall have a Class "RI" license. 725 Section 42. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (1) and 726 subsection (3) of section 493.6402, Florida Statutes, are 727 amended to read: 493.6402 Fees.-728 729 The department shall establish by rule biennial (1)730 license fees which shall not exceed the following: 731 (f) Class "RS" license-recovery agent repossessor school 732 or training facility: \$60. 733 (g) Class "RI" license-recovery agent repossessor school 734 or training facility instructor: \$60. 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 27 of 53

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Amendment No. 735 The fees set forth in this section must be paid by (3) 736 certified check or money order, or, at the discretion of the 737 department, by electronic funds transfer agency check at the 738 time the application is approved, except that the applicant for 739 a Class "E," Class "EE," or Class "MR" license must pay the 740 license fee at the time the application is made. If a license is revoked or denied, or if an application is withdrawn, the 741 742 license fee shall not be refunded. 743 Section 43. Section 493.6406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 744 745 493.6406 Recovery agent Repossession services school or 746 training facility.-747 (1)Any school, training facility, or instructor who 748 offers the training outlined in s. 493.6403(2) for Class "E" or Class "EE" applicants shall, before licensure of such school, 749 750 training facility, or instructor, file with the department an 751 application accompanied by an application fee in an amount to be 752 determined by rule, not to exceed \$60. The fee shall not be 753 refundable. This training may be offered as face-to-face 754 training, Internet-based training, or correspondence training. 755 The application must shall be signed and verified by (2) 756 the applicant under oath as provided in s. 92.525 notarized and 757 shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: The name and address of the school or training 758 (a) 759 facility and, if the applicant is an individual, his or her 760 name, address, and social security or alien registration number.

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Amendment No. 761 The street address of the place at which the training (b) 762 is to be conducted or the street address of the Class "RS" 763 school offering Internet-based or correspondence training. 764 (c) A copy of the training curriculum and final 765 examination to be administered. 766 (3) The department shall adopt rules establishing the 767 criteria for approval of schools, training facilities, and 768 instructors. 769 Section 44. Paragraphs (j) through (z) of subsection (1) 770 of section 500.03, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 771 paragraphs (1) through (bb), respectively, present paragraphs 772 (n) and (p) are amended, and new paragraphs (j) and (k) are 773 added to that subsection, to read: 774 500.03 Definitions; construction; applicability.-775 (1) For the purpose of this chapter, the term: 776 "Cottage food operation" means a natural person who (j) produces or packages cottage food products at his or her 777 778 residence and sells such products in accordance with s. 500.80. "Cottage food product" means food that is not a 779 (k) 780 potentially hazardous food as defined by department rule which 781 is sold by a cottage food operation in accordance with s. 782 500.80. 783 (p) (n) "Food establishment" means any factory, food 784 outlet, or any other facility manufacturing, processing, 785 packing, holding, or preparing food or selling food at wholesale 786 or retail. The term does not include any business or activity that is regulated under s. 500.80, chapter 509, or chapter 601. 787 788 The term includes tomato packinghouses and repackers but does 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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not include any other establishments that pack fruits and vegetables in their raw or natural states, including those fruits or vegetables that are washed, colored, or otherwise treated in their unpeeled, natural form before they are marketed.

794 (r) (p) "Food service establishment" means any place where 795 food is prepared and intended for individual portion service, 796 and includes the site at which individual portions are provided. 797 The term includes any such place regardless of whether 798 consumption is on or off the premises and regardless of whether 799 there is a charge for the food. The term includes delicatessens 800 that offer prepared food in individual service portions. The 801 term does not include schools, institutions, fraternal organizations, private homes where food is prepared or served 802 for individual family consumption, retail food stores, the 803 804 location of food vending machines, cottage food operations, and supply vehicles, nor does the term include a research and 805 806 development test kitchen limited to the use of employees and 807 which is not open to the general public.

808 Section 45. Subsection (1) of section 500.121, Florida 809 Statutes, is amended to read:

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500.121 Disciplinary procedures.-

811 In addition to the suspension procedures provided in (1)812 s. 500.12, if applicable, the department may impose a fine not 813 to exceed exceeding \$5,000 against any retail food store, or food establishment, or cottage food operation that violates has 814 violated this chapter, which fine, when imposed and paid, shall 815 816 be deposited by the department into the General Inspection Trust 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 30 of 53

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817 Fund. The department may revoke or suspend the permit of any 818 such retail food store or food establishment if it is satisfied 819 that the retail food store or food establishment has:

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(a) Violated any of the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Violated or aided or abetted in the violation of any
law of this state governing or applicable to retail food stores
or food establishments or any lawful rules of the department.

(c) Knowingly committed, or been a party to, any material
fraud, misrepresentation, conspiracy, collusion, trick, scheme,
or device whereby any other person, lawfully relying upon the
word, representation, or conduct of a retail food store or food
establishment, acts to her or his injury or damage.

(d) Committed any act or conduct of the same or different
character than that enumerated which constitutes fraudulent or
dishonest dealing.

832 Section 46. Section 500.80, Florida Statutes, is created 833 to read:

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500.80 Cottage food operations.-

835 (1) (a) A cottage food operation must comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter but is exempt from the permitting requirements of s. 500.12 if the cottage food operation complies with this section and has annual gross sales of cottage food products that do not exceed \$15,000.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, a cottage food
 operation's annual gross sales include all sales of cottage food
 products at any location, regardless of the types of products
 sold or the number of persons involved in the operation. A
 cottage food operation must provide the department, upon
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845	request, with written documentation to verify the operation's
846	annual gross sales.
847	(2) A cottage food operation may not sell or offer for
848	sale cottage food products over the Internet, by mail order, or
849	at wholesale. Cottage food products that are resold must meet
850	the requirements of subsection (3).
851	(3) Cottage food products may only be sold if they are
852	prepackaged with a label affixed that contains the following
853	information:
854	(a) The name and address of the cottage food operation.
855	(b) The name of the cottage food product.
856	(c) The ingredients of the cottage food product, in
857	descending order of predominance by weight.
858	(d) The net weight or net volume of the cottage food
859	product.
860	(e) Allergen information as specified by federal labeling
861	requirements.
862	(f) If any nutritional claim is made, appropriate
863	nutritional information as specified by federal labeling
864	requirements.
865	(g) The following statement printed in at least 10-point
866	type in a color that provides a clear contrast to the background
867	of the label: "Made in a home kitchen that is not subject to
868	routine inspection by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
869	Services."
870	(4) A cottage food operation may only sell cottage food
871	products that it stores on the premises of the cottage food
872	operation.
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873	(5) This section does not exempt a cottage food operation
874	from any state or federal tax law, rule, regulation, or
875	certificate that applies to all cottage food operations.
876	(6) A cottage food operation must comply with all
877	applicable county and municipal laws and ordinances regulating
878	the preparation, processing, storage, and sale of cottage food
879	products by a cottage food operation or from a person's
880	residence.
881	(7)(a) The department may investigate any complaint which
882	alleges that a cottage food operation has violated an applicable
883	provision of this chapter or rule adopted under this chapter.
884	(b) Only upon receipt of a complaint, the department's
885	authorized officer or employee may enter and inspect the
886	premises of a cottage food operation to determine compliance
887	with this chapter and department rules, as applicable. A cottage
888	food operation's refusal to permit the department's authorized
889	officer or employee entry to the premises or to conduct the
890	inspection is grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to s.
891	500.121.
892	(8) This section does not apply to a person operating
893	under a food permit issued pursuant to s. 500.12.
894	Section 47. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection
895	(8) of section 501.160, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
896	501.160 Rental or sale of essential commodities during a
897	declared state of emergency; prohibition against unconscionable
898	prices
899	(1) As used in this section:
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900 (b) It is prima facie evidence that a price is 901 unconscionable if:

902 1. The amount charged represents a gross disparity between the price of the commodity or rental or lease of any dwelling 903 904 unit or self-storage facility that is the subject of the offer 905 or transaction and the average price at which that commodity or 906 dwelling unit or self-storage facility was rented, leased, sold, 907 or offered for rent or sale in the usual course of business 908 during the 30 days immediately before prior to a declaration of 909 a state of emergency, unless and the increase in the amount 910 charged is not attributable to additional costs incurred in 911 connection with the rental or sale of the commodity or rental or 912 lease of any dwelling unit or self-storage facility, or regional, national, or international market trends; or 913

The amount charged grossly exceeds the average price at 914 2. 915 which the same or similar commodity was readily obtainable in 916 the trade area during the 30 days immediately before prior to a 917 declaration of a state of emergency, unless and the increase in 918 the amount charged is not attributable to additional costs 919 incurred in connection with the rental or sale of the commodity 920 or rental or lease of any dwelling unit or self-storage 921 facility, or regional, national, or international market trends.

922 (8) Any violation of this section may be enforced by the
 923 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the office of
 924 the state attorney, or the Department of Legal Affairs.

925 Section 48. Subsection (7) of section 509.032, Florida 926 Statutes, is amended to read:

509.032 Duties.-

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Amendment No. 928 PREEMPTION AUTHORITY.-The regulation of public lodging (7)929 establishments and public food service establishments, 930 including, but not limited to, the inspection of public lodging 931 establishments and public food service establishments for 932 compliance with the sanitation standards, inspections adopted 933 under this section, and the regulation of food safety protection 934 standards for required training and testing of food service establishment personnel, and matters related to the nutritional 935 936 content and marketing of foods offered in such establishments, 937 are preempted to the state. This subsection does not preempt the 938 authority of a local government or local enforcement district to 939 conduct inspections of public lodging and public food service 940 establishments for compliance with the Florida Building Code and 941 the Florida Fire Prevention Code_{τ} pursuant to ss. 553.80 and 942 633.022. 943 Section 49. Subsection (1) of section 509.261, Florida 944 Statutes, is amended to read: 945 509.261 Revocation or suspension of licenses; fines; 946 procedure.-947 (1)Any public lodging establishment or public food

948 service establishment that has operated or is operating in 949 violation of this chapter or the rules of the division, 950 operating without a license, or operating with a suspended or 951 revoked license may be subject by the division to:

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

953 (b) Mandatory <u>completion</u> attendance, at personal expense, 954 of a remedial at an educational program administered sponsored

955 by <u>a food safety training program provider whose program is</u> 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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956 approved by the division as provided in s. 509.049 the 957 Hospitality Education Program; and The suspension, revocation, or refusal of a license 958 (C) 959 issued pursuant to this chapter. 960 Section 50. Subsection (2) of section 633.537, Florida 961 Statutes, is amended to read: 962 633.537 Certificate; expiration; renewal; inactive 963 certificate; continuing education.-964 A person who holds a valid certificate may maintain (2) 965 such certificate in an inactive status during which time she or 966 he may not engage in contracting. An inactive status certificate 967 shall be void after four $\frac{1}{2}$ -year periods period. The biennial 968 renewal fee for an inactive status certificate shall be \$75. An 969 inactive status certificate may be reactivated upon application 970 to the State Fire Marshal and payment of the initial application 971 fee. 972 Section 51. Subsections (8) through (23) of section 973 681.102, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) 974 through (22), respectively, and present subsection (7) of that 975 section is amended to read: 976 681.102 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the term: (7) "Division" means the Division of Consumer Services of 977 978 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. 979 Section 52. Subsection (3) of section 681.103, Florida 980 Statutes, is amended to read: 981 681.103 Duty of manufacturer to conform a motor vehicle to 982 the warranty.-774853

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983 (3) At the time of acquisition, the manufacturer shall 984 inform the consumer clearly and conspicuously in writing how and 985 where to file a claim with a certified procedure if such 986 procedure has been established by the manufacturer pursuant to 987 s. 681.108. The nameplate manufacturer of a recreational vehicle 988 shall, at the time of vehicle acquisition, inform the consumer 989 clearly and conspicuously in writing how and where to file a 990 claim with a program pursuant to s. 681.1096. The manufacturer 991 shall provide to the dealer and, at the time of acquisition, the 992 dealer shall provide to the consumer a written statement that 993 explains the consumer's rights under this chapter. The written 994 statement shall be prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs 995 and shall contain a toll-free number for the department which 996 division that the consumer can contact to obtain information 997 regarding the consumer's rights and obligations under this 998 chapter or to commence arbitration. If the manufacturer obtains 999 a signed receipt for timely delivery of sufficient quantities of this written statement to meet the dealer's vehicle sales 1000 1001 requirements, it shall constitute prima facie evidence of 1002 compliance with this subsection by the manufacturer. The consumer's signed acknowledgment of receipt of materials 1003 1004 required under this subsection shall constitute prima facie 1005 evidence of compliance by the manufacturer and dealer. The form 1006 of the acknowledgments shall be approved by the Department of 1007 Legal Affairs, and the dealer shall maintain the consumer's 1008 signed acknowledgment for 3 years.

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1009 Section 53. Section 681.108, Florida Statutes, is amended 1010 to read: 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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681.108 Dispute-settlement procedures.-

1012 If a manufacturer has established a procedure that au(1)1013 which the department division has certified as substantially 1014 complying with the provisions of 16 C.F.R. part 703, in effect October 1, 1983, and with the provisions of this chapter and the 1015 1016 rules adopted under this chapter, and has informed the consumer 1017 how and where to file a claim with such procedure pursuant to s. 681.103(3), the provisions of s. 681.104(2) apply to the 1018 consumer only if the consumer has first resorted to such 1019 procedure. The decisionmakers for a certified procedure shall, 1020 1021 in rendering decisions, take into account all legal and 1022 equitable factors germane to a fair and just decision, 1023 including, but not limited to, the warranty; the rights and 1024 remedies conferred under 16 C.F.R. part 703, in effect October 1025 1, 1983; the provisions of this chapter; and any other equitable considerations appropriate under the circumstances. 1026 1027 Decisionmakers and staff of a procedure shall be trained in the provisions of this chapter and in 16 C.F.R. part 703, in effect 1028 1029 October 1, 1983. In an action brought by a consumer concerning 1030 an alleged nonconformity, the decision that results from a certified procedure is admissible in evidence. 1031

(2) A manufacturer may apply to the <u>department</u> division
for certification of its procedure. After receipt and evaluation
of the application, the <u>department</u> division shall certify the
procedure or notify the manufacturer of any deficiencies in the
application or the procedure.

(3) A certified procedure or a procedure of an applicant seeking certification shall submit to the <u>department</u> division a 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 38 of 53

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1039 copy of each settlement approved by the procedure or decision 1040 made by a decisionmaker within 30 days after the settlement is 1041 reached or the decision is rendered. The decision or settlement 1042 must contain at a minimum the: Name and address of the consumer; 1043 (a) 1044 (b) Name of the manufacturer and address of the dealership 1045 from which the motor vehicle was purchased; 1046 Date the claim was received and the location of the (C) procedure office that handled the claim; 1047 1048 (d) Relief requested by the consumer; 1049 Name of each decisionmaker rendering the decision or (e) 1050 person approving the settlement; 1051 (f) Statement of the terms of the settlement or decision; 1052 Date of the settlement or decision; and (q) 1053 (h) Statement of whether the decision was accepted or 1054 rejected by the consumer. 1055 (4) Any manufacturer establishing or applying to establish 1056 a certified procedure must file with the department division a 1057 copy of the annual audit required under the provisions of 16 1058 C.F.R. part 703, in effect October 1, 1983, together with any additional information required for purposes of certification, 1059 1060 including the number of refunds and replacements made in this 1061 state pursuant to the provisions of this chapter by the 1062 manufacturer during the period audited. 1063 The department division shall review each certified (5)1064 procedure at least annually, prepare an annual report evaluating 1065 the operation of certified procedures established by motor 1066 vehicle manufacturers and procedures of applicants seeking 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 39 of 53

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1076 (6) A manufacturer whose certification is denied or1077 revoked is entitled to a hearing pursuant to chapter 120.

1078 (7) If federal preemption of state authority to regulate 1079 procedures occurs, the provisions of subsection (1) concerning 1080 prior resort do not apply.

1081 (8) The <u>department may</u> division shall adopt rules to 1082 administer implement this section.

1083 Section 54. Section 681.109, Florida Statutes, is amended 1084 to read:

1085 681.109 Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board; 1086 dispute eligibility.-

1087 If a manufacturer has a certified procedure, a (1)1088 consumer claim arising during the Lemon Law rights period must 1089 be filed with the certified procedure no later than 60 days 1090 after the expiration of the Lemon Law rights period. If a 1091 decision is not rendered by the certified procedure within 40 1092 days of filing, the consumer may apply to the department 1093 division to have the dispute removed to the board for 1094 arbitration. 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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Amendment No. 1095 If a manufacturer has a certified procedure, a (2)1096 consumer claim arising during the Lemon Law rights period must 1097 be filed with the certified procedure no later than 60 days 1098 after the expiration of the Lemon Law rights period. If a consumer is not satisfied with the decision or the 1099 1100 manufacturer's compliance therewith, the consumer may apply to 1101 the department division to have the dispute submitted to the 1102 board for arbitration. A manufacturer may not seek review of a decision made under its procedure. 1103

(3) If a manufacturer <u>does not have a has no</u> certified procedure or if <u>the</u> a certified procedure does not have jurisdiction to resolve the dispute, a consumer may apply directly to the <u>department</u> division to have the dispute submitted to the board for arbitration.

(4) A consumer must request arbitration before the board with respect to a claim arising during the Lemon Law rights period no later than 60 days after the expiration of the Lemon Law rights period, or within 30 days after the final action of a certified procedure, whichever date occurs later.

(5) The <u>department</u> division shall screen all requests for arbitration before the board to determine eligibility. The consumer's request for arbitration before the board shall be made on a form prescribed by the department. The <u>department</u> division shall forward to the board all disputes that the <u>department</u> division determines are potentially entitled to relief under this chapter.

(6) The <u>department</u> division may reject a dispute that it determines to be fraudulent or outside the scope of the board's 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 41 of 53

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1123 authority. Any dispute deemed by the department division to be 1124 ineligible for arbitration by the board due to insufficient 1125 evidence may be reconsidered upon the submission of new 1126 information regarding the dispute. Following a second review, the department division may reject a dispute if the evidence is 1127 clearly insufficient to qualify for relief. If the department 1128 1129 rejects a dispute, the department must provide notice of the 1130 rejection and a brief explanation of the reason for rejection Any dispute rejected by the division shall be forwarded to the 1131 1132 department and a copy shall be sent by registered mail to the 1133 consumer and the manufacturer, containing a brief explanation as 1134 to the reason for rejection.

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(7) If the <u>department</u> division rejects a dispute, the consumer may file a lawsuit to enforce the remedies provided under this chapter. In any civil action arising under this chapter and relating to a matter considered by the <u>department</u> division, any determination made to reject a dispute is admissible in evidence.

1141 (8) The department <u>may</u> shall have the authority to adopt 1142 reasonable rules to <u>administer</u> carry out the provisions of this 1143 section.

1144 Section 55. Subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (9), (11), and 1145 (12) of section 681.1095, Florida Statutes, are amended, and 1146 subsection (17) is added to that section, to read:

1147 681.1095 Florida New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board; 1148 creation and function.-

(2) The <u>board</u> boards shall hear cases in various locations throughout the state so any consumer whose dispute is approved 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 42 of 53

1151 for arbitration by the <u>department</u> division may attend an 1152 arbitration hearing at a reasonably convenient location and 1153 present a dispute orally. Hearings shall be conducted by panels 1154 of three board members assigned by the department. A majority 1155 vote of the three-member board panel shall be required to render 1156 a decision. Arbitration proceedings under this section shall be 1157 open to the public on reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms.

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Each region of the board shall consist of up to eight 1158 (3) 1159 members. The members of the board shall construe and apply the provisions of this chapter, and rules adopted under this chapter 1160 1161 thereunder, in making their decisions. An administrator and a 1162 secretary shall be assigned to each region of the board by the 1163 Department of Legal Affairs. At least one member of the each board in each region must have be a person with expertise in 1164 motor vehicle mechanics. A member may must not be employed by a 1165 manufacturer or a franchised motor vehicle dealer or be a staff 1166 1167 member, a decisionmaker, or a consultant for a procedure. Board members shall be trained in the application of this chapter and 1168 1169 any rules adopted under this chapter. Members of the board $_{ au}$ 1170 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, and shall be compensated at a rate or wage prescribed by the 1171 1172 Attorney General and are entitled to reimbursement for per diem 1173 and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

(4) Before filing a civil action on a matter subject to s.
681.104, the consumer must first submit the dispute to the
<u>department division</u>, and to the board if such dispute is deemed
eligible for arbitration.

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(5) Manufacturers shall submit to arbitration conducted by the board if such arbitration is requested by a consumer and the dispute is deemed eligible for arbitration by the <u>department</u> division pursuant to s. 681.109.

The decision of the board shall be sent by any method 1182 (9) 1183 providing a delivery confirmation registered mail to the 1184 consumer and the manufacturer, and shall contain written 1185 findings of fact and rationale for the decision. If the decision is in favor of the consumer, the manufacturer must, within 40 1186 days after receipt of the decision, comply with the terms of the 1187 decision. Compliance occurs on the date the consumer receives 1188 1189 delivery of an acceptable replacement motor vehicle or the 1190 refund specified in the arbitration award. In any civil action arising under this chapter and relating to a dispute arbitrated 1191 1192 before the board, any decision by the board is admissible in 1193 evidence.

(11) <u>The All</u> provisions <u>of</u> in this section and s. 681.109 pertaining to compulsory arbitration before the board, the dispute eligibility screening by the <u>department</u> division, the proceedings and decisions of the board, and any appeals thereof, are exempt from the provisions of chapter 120.

1199 (12) An appeal of a decision by the board to the circuit 1200 court by a consumer or a manufacturer shall be by trial de novo. 1201 In a written petition to appeal a decision by the board, the 1202 appealing party must state the action requested and the grounds relied upon for appeal. Within 15 30 days after of final 1203 disposition of the appeal, the appealing party shall furnish the 1204 1205 department with notice of such disposition and, upon request, 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM Page 44 of 53

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1206 shall furnish the department with a copy of the settlement or 1207 the order or judgment of the court.

1208 (17) The department may adopt rules to administer this 1209 section.

1210 Section 56. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 681.1096, 1211 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1212 681.1096 RV Mediation and Arbitration Program; creation 1213 and qualifications.-

(2) Each manufacturer of a recreational vehicle involved in a dispute that is determined eligible under this chapter, including chassis and component manufacturers which separately warrant the chassis and components and which otherwise meet the definition of manufacturer set forth in s. 681.102(14), shall participate in a mediation and arbitration program that is deemed qualified by the department.

1221 (4) The department shall monitor the program for 1222 compliance with this chapter. If the program is determined not 1223 qualified or if qualification is revoked, then disputes shall be 1224 subject to the provisions of ss. 681.109 and 681.1095. If the 1225 program is determined not qualified or if qualification is 1226 revoked as to a manufacturer, all those manufacturers 1227 potentially involved in the eligible consumer dispute shall be 1228 required to submit to arbitration conducted by the board if such 1229 arbitration is requested by a consumer and the dispute is deemed 1230 eligible for arbitration by the department division pursuant to 1231 s. 681.109. A consumer having a dispute involving one or more 1232 manufacturers for which the program has been determined not 1233 qualified, or for which qualification has been revoked, is not 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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1234 required to submit the dispute to the program irrespective of 1235 whether the program may be qualified as to some of the 1236 manufacturers potentially involved in the dispute.

1237 Section 57. Subsection (2) of section 681.112, Florida 1238 Statutes, is amended to read:

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681.112 Consumer remedies.-

(2) An action brought under this chapter must be commenced within 1 year after the expiration of the Lemon Law rights period, or, if a consumer resorts to an informal disputesettlement procedure or submits a dispute to the <u>department</u> division or board, within 1 year after the final action of the procedure, department <u>division</u>, or board.

1246 Section 58. Subsection (1) of section 681.117, Florida 1247 Statutes, is amended to read:

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681.117 Fee.-

A \$2 fee shall be collected by a motor vehicle dealer, 1249 (1)1250 or by a person engaged in the business of leasing motor 1251 vehicles, from the consumer at the consummation of the sale of a 1252 motor vehicle or at the time of entry into a lease agreement for 1253 a motor vehicle. Such fees shall be remitted to the county tax 1254 collector or private tag agency acting as agent for the 1255 Department of Revenue. If the purchaser or lessee removes the 1256 motor vehicle from the state for titling and registration 1257 outside this state, the fee shall be remitted to the Department 1258 of Revenue. All fees, less the cost of administration, shall be 1259 transferred monthly to the Department of Legal Affairs for 1260 deposit into the Motor Vehicle Warranty Trust Fund. The 1261 Department of Legal Affairs shall distribute monthly an amount 774853

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1262 not exceeding one-fourth of the fees received to the Division of 1263 Consumer Services of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 1264 Services to carry out the provisions of ss. 681.108 and 681.109. 1265 The Department of Legal Affairs shall contract with the Division of Consumer Services for payment of services performed by the 1266 1267 division pursuant to ss. 681.108 and 681.109. 1268 Section 59. (1) Effective upon this act becoming a law, 1269 section 10 of chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, is amended to 1270 read: 1271 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014 2011. 1272 If this act becomes a law after June 30, 2011, this (2) 1273 section shall operate retroactively to June 30, 2011. 1274 Section 60. The Department of Financial Services shall 1275 conduct a review of the regulatory structure for the state's 1276 title insurance industry, whereby title insurance agents and 1277 agencies are regulated by the Department of Financial Services and title insurance companies are regulated by the Office of 1278 1279 Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission. By 1280 December 31, 2011, the Department of Financial Services shall 1281 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the 1282 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the 1283 Senate. The report shall determine whether effective and 1284 efficient oversight may be provided under the existing regulatory structure or whether consolidation of all aspects of 1285 1286 title insurance regulation under the Department of Financial 1287 Services would provide a more effective and viable method of 1288 regulation. The Office of Insurance Regulation shall cooperate

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Amendment No. 1289 with the Department of Financial Services in the department's 1290 conduct of this review. 1291 Section 61. The Legislature recognizes that there is a 1292 need to conform the Florida Statutes to the policy decisions reflected in this act. The Division of Statutory Revision of the 1293 1294 Office of Legislative Services is requested to provide the 1295 relevant substantive committees and subcommittees of the Senate 1296 and the House of Representatives with assistance, upon request, 1297 to enable such committees or subcommittees to prepare draft legislation to conform the Florida Statutes to the provisions of 1298 1299 this act. 1300 Section 62. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 1301 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 1302 1303 2011. 1304 1305 _____ 1306 TITLE AMENDMENT Remove the entire title and insert: 1307 1308 A bill to be entitled 1309 An act relating to reducing and streamlining regulations; 1310 amending s. 320.90, F.S.; transferring the responsibility 1311 for distribution of a motor vehicle consumer's rights 1312 pamphlet to a motor vehicle owner from the Department of 1313 Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Department of 1314 Legal Affairs; amending s. 322.142, F.S.; providing for the release of certain driver license information by the 1315 1316 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to the 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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1317	Department of Business and Professional Regulation under
1318	certain circumstances; amending s. 455.213, F.S.;
1319	authorizing the Department of Business and Professional
1320	Regulation to grant waivers of license renewal fees under
1321	certain circumstances; amending s. 468.8324, F.S.;
1322	providing alternative criteria for obtaining a home
1323	inspector's license; removing certain application
1324	requirements for a person who performs home inspection
1325	services and who qualifies for licensure on or before a
1326	specified date; amending ss. 468.8413 and 468.8414, F.S.;
1327	revising licensing requirements for mold assessors and
1328	remediators; deleting certain training requirements;
1329	amending s. 468.8419, F.S.; revising prohibitions and
1330	penalties for mold assessors and remediators, to conform;
1331	conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 468.8423, F.S.;
1332	revising alternative criteria for obtaining a mold
1333	assessor's or mold remediator's license; deleting certain
1334	education requirements; amending s. 469.006, F.S.;
1335	authorizing an asbestos consultant or contractor doing
1336	business as a sole proprietorship to be licensed under his
1337	or her fictitious name; amending s. 475.611, F.S.;
1338	deleting the definition of the term "Uniform Standards of
1339	Professional Appraisal Practice"; amending s. 373.461,
1340	F.S.; revising requirements for the standards of
1341	professional practice followed by appraisers providing
1342	appraisals to the St. Johns River Water Management
1343	District for certain agricultural lands discharging to
1344	Lake Apopka for purposes of a limit on the purchase price
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1345	of such lands, to conform; amending ss. 475.615 and
1346	475.6235, F.S.; revising the application requirements for
1347	registered or certified appraisers, and registered
1348	appraisal management companies, to conform; amending ss.
1349	475.617 and 475.6175, F.S.; revising the education
1350	requirements for registered trainee appraisers, to
1351	conform; amending ss. 475.25, 475.624, and 475.6245, F.S.;
1352	revising the grounds for discipline of licensed real
1353	estate brokers and sales associates, registered brokerage
1354	firms, real estate school permittees, registered or
1355	certified appraisers, registered appraisal management
1356	companies, and applicants for licensure, registration,
1357	certification, or permit, to which penalties apply;
1358	prohibiting violations of the standards of professional
1359	practice established by the Florida Real Estate Appraisal
1360	Board; prohibiting an appraisal management company from
1361	instructing an appraiser to violate the standards of
1362	professional practice; conforming provisions; amending s.
1363	475.628, F.S.; authorizing the board to adopt rules
1364	establishing standards of professional practice; requiring
1365	registered, licensed, and certified appraisers to comply
1366	with the rules; amending ss. 475.42, 475.626, and
1367	477.0265, F.S.; deleting criminal penalties for persons
1368	who violate orders or rules of the Florida Real Estate
1369	Commission, persons who violate orders or rules of the
1370	Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board or related grounds for
1371	disciplinary action, and persons who commit certain
1372	violations of the Florida Cosmetology Act or rules of the
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1373	Board of Cosmetology; amending ss. 455.271, 468.8317,
1374	468.8417, 477.0212, 481.217, 481.315, 489.116, and
1375	489.519, F.S.; revising the continuing education
1376	requirements for reactivating a license, certificate, or
1377	registration to practice certain regulated professions and
1378	occupations; amending s. 473.308, F.S.; revising licensure
1379	requirements for certified public accountants and firms;
1380	revising licensure requirements for certain persons
1381	licensed to practice public accounting in another state or
1382	territory; amending s. 475.17, F.S.; revising the
1383	education requirements for licensed real estate brokers
1384	and sales associates; amending s. 481.205, F.S.;
1385	authorizing the Board of Architecture and Interior Design
1386	to contract for services under the Management
1387	Privatization Act; amending s. 481.219, F.S.; providing
1388	that a certificate of authorization is not required for an
1389	architect doing business as a sole proprietorship under
1390	his or her fictitious name; amending s. 481.329, F.S.;
1391	providing for applicability of provisions regulating the
1392	practice of landscape architecture; amending ss. 493.6107
1393	and 493.6202, F.S.; revising requirements for the method
1394	of payment of certain fees; amending s. 493.6401, F.S.;
1395	revising terminology for repossessor schools and training
1396	facilities; amending s. 493.6402, F.S.; conforming
1397	terminology; revising requirements for the method of
1398	payment of certain fees; amending s. 493.6406, F.S.;
1399	revising the license application requirements for recovery
1400	agent schools, training facilities, and instructors;
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1401 conforming terminology; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; 1402 providing and revising definitions for purposes of the 1403 Florida Food Safety Act; amending s. 500.121, F.S.; 1404 providing penalties for food safety violations committed by cottage food operations; creating s. 500.80, F.S.; 1405 1406 exempting cottage food operations from food permitting 1407 requirements; limiting the annual gross sales of cottage 1408 food operations and the methods by which cottage food 1409 products may be sold or offered for sale; requiring certain packaging and labeling of cottage food products; 1410 1411 requiring cottage food products that are resold to meet 1412 the packaging and labeling requirements; providing for 1413 application; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and 1414 Consumer Services to investigate complaints and enter into the premises of a cottage food operation; amending s. 1415 1416 501.160, F.S.; revising the conditions to establish prima 1417 facie evidence that prices charged during a declared state 1418 of emergency are unconscionable; deleting authority for 1419 the department to enforce certain prohibitions against 1420 unconscionable practices during a declared state of 1421 emergency; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; revising which 1422 matters relating to the regulation of public lodging 1423 establishments and public food service establishments are 1424 preempted to the state; amending s. 509.261, F.S.; 1425 authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the 1426 Department of Business and Professional Regulation to 1427 require certain public lodging establishments and public 1428 food service establishments to complete certain remedial 774853 Approved For Filing: 5/5/2011 11:09:50 AM

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Amendment No. 1429 educational programs; amending s. 633.537, F.S.; revising 1430 the validity period for inactive status certificates of 1431 fire protection system contractors; amending ss. 681.102, 1432 681.103, 681.108, and 681.109, F.S.; deleting a 1433 definition; transferring certain responsibilities of the 1434 Division of Consumer Services for the Motor Vehicle 1435 Warranty Enforcement Act to the Department of Legal 1436 Affairs; conforming provisions; amending s. 681.1095, 1437 F.S.; authorizing that notices of rejected Lemon Law disputes and decisions of the Florida New Motor Vehicle 1438 1439 Arbitration Board be provided by methods other than 1440 registered mail; authorizing the Department of Legal 1441 Affairs to adopt rules; conforming provisions; amending 1442 ss. 681.1096 and 681.112, F.S.; conforming a cross-1443 reference; conforming provisions; amending s. 681.117, 1444 F.S.; deleting provisions providing for the transfer of 1445 certain fees and interagency contracting between the 1446 Department of Legal Affairs and the Division of Consumer 1447 Services, to conform; amending s. 10, ch. 2010-84, Laws of 1448 Florida; revising the effective date of provisions 1449 relating to the regulation of real estate appraisers and 1450 appraisal management companies; providing for retroactive 1451 operation under certain circumstances; directing the 1452 Department of Financial Services to submit a report to the 1453 Legislature on the regulatory structure for the title 1454 insurance industry; providing a directive to the Division 1455 of Statutory Revision; providing effective dates.

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