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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to certified copies of deeds of
3 conveyance of real property; amending s. 695.19, F.S.;
4 providing a limitation on the amount that a business
5 entity may charge for furnishing a certified copy of a
6 deed of conveyance of real property unless the
7 business entity makes certain disclosures in a
8 solicitation offering to furnish a certified copy of a
9 deed of conveyance of real property; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 695.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to
15 read:

16 695.19 Certified copies of recorded instruments may be
17 recorded.—

18 (1) Certified copies of deeds, mortgages, powers of
19 attorney, and all other instruments of any kind which have been
20 or may hereafter be duly recorded or filed among the public
21 records of any county in this state may be recorded or
22 rerecorded among the public records of any other county in this
23 state as fully and in the same manner and with like effect as if
24 such certified copy were the original instrument.

25 (2) Any business entity that furnishes a certified copy of
26 a deed of conveyance of real property to a grantor or grantee
27 named in the deed:

28 (a) May charge no more than four times the actual amount
29 charged by the clerk of court for issuance of the certified copy

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30 or \$12 more than the actual amount charged by the clerk of
31 court, whichever is greater; or

32 (b) Must disclose in any solicitation offering to furnish a
33 certified copy of a deed of conveyance of real property the
34 actual amount that the clerk of court charges for issuing a
35 certified copy, the actual amount that the business charges for
36 furnishing a certified copy, and the website address and
37 telephone number that may be used by an individual to order a
38 certified copy of a deed of conveyance directly from the clerk
39 of court.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.