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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

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The Committee on Judiciary (Soto) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (7) and (8) are added to section  
468.8411, Florida Statutes, to read:

468.8411 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:  
(7) "Professional water damage restorer" means any person  
who performs water damage restoration.

(8) "Water damage restoration" means water removal,  
demolition, dehumidification, or other treatment related to



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12 water damage or water-contaminated matter greater than 10 square  
13 feet.

14 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 468.8414, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended, present subsection (4) is redesignated as  
16 subsection (6) of that section, and new subsections (4) and (5)  
17 are added to that section, to read:

18 468.8414 Licensure.—

19 (1) The department shall license any applicant who the  
20 department certifies is qualified to practice mold assessment,  
21 ~~or~~ mold remediation, or water damage restoration.

22 (4) The department shall certify for licensure as a  
23 professional water damage restorer an applicant who:

24 (a) Is of good moral character;

25 (b) Has the insurance coverage required under s. 468.8421;  
26 and

27 (c) Satisfies the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and  
28 Restoration Certification S500 standards.

29 (5) The prohibitions and penalties described in s. 468.8419  
30 apply to a professional water damage restorer.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
36 and insert:

37 A bill to be entitled  
38 An act relating to water damage restoration; amending  
39 s. 468.8411, F.S.; defining the terms "professional  
40 water damage restorer" and "water damage restoration";



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41 amending s. 468.8414, F.S.; requiring the Department  
42 of Business and Professional Regulation to license an  
43 applicant who the department certifies as qualified to  
44 practice water damage restoration; specifying  
45 requirements for such licensure; providing that  
46 certain prohibitions and penalties apply to a licensed  
47 professional water damage restorer; providing an  
48 effective date.