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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency management; amending s.
3 252.34, F.S.; defining the term "activate" for
4 purposes of part I of ch. 252, F.S.; amending ss.
5 163.360, 474.2125, and 627.659, F.S.; conforming
6 cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Present subsections (1) through (9) of section
11 252.34, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
12 through (10), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to
13 that section, to read:

14 252.34 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

15 (1) "Activate" means the execution and implementation of
16 the necessary plans and activities required to mitigate, respond
17 to, or recover from a potential or actual state of emergency or
18 disaster declared pursuant to this chapter and the state
19 comprehensive emergency management plan which specifies levels
20 of activation.

21 Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 163.360, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 163.360 Community redevelopment plans.—

24 (10) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part,
25 when the governing body certifies that an area is in need of
26 redevelopment or rehabilitation as a result of an emergency
27 under s. 252.34(4) ~~s. 252.34(3)~~, with respect to which the
28 Governor has certified the need for emergency assistance under
29 federal law, that area may be certified as a "blighted area,"
30 and the governing body may approve a community redevelopment
31 plan and community redevelopment with respect to such area
32 without regard to the provisions of this section requiring a

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33 general plan for the county or municipality and a public hearing
34 on the community redevelopment.

35 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 474.2125, Florida
36 Statutes, is amended to read:

37 474.2125 Temporary license.—

38 (1) The board shall adopt rules providing for the issuance
39 of a temporary license to a licensed veterinarian of another
40 state for the purpose of enabling her or him to provide
41 veterinary medical services in this state for the animals of a
42 specific owner or, as may be needed in an emergency as defined
43 in s. 252.34(4) ~~s. 252.34(3)~~, for the animals of multiple
44 owners, provided the applicant would qualify for licensure by
45 endorsement under s. 474.217. No temporary license shall be
46 valid for more than 30 days after its issuance, and no license
47 shall cover more than the treatment of the animals of one owner
48 except in an emergency as defined in s. 252.34(4) ~~s. 252.34(3)~~.
49 After the expiration of 30 days, a new license is required.

50 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 627.659, Florida
51 Statutes, is amended to read:

52 627.659 Blanket health insurance; eligible groups.—Blanket
53 health insurance is that form of health insurance which covers
54 special groups of individuals as enumerated in one of the
55 following subsections:

56 (4) Under a policy or contract issued in the name of a
57 volunteer fire department, first aid group, local emergency
58 management agency as defined in s. 252.34(6) ~~s. 252.34(5)~~, or
59 other group of first responders as defined in s. 112.1815, which
60 is deemed the policyholder, covering all or any grouping of the
61 members or employees of the policyholder or covering all or any

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62 participants in an activity or operation sponsored or supervised
63 by the policyholder.

64 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.