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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.; creating s.
5 252.359, F.S.; directing the Division of Emergency
6 Management to create a statewide system to facilitate
7 the transport and distribution of essentials in
8 commerce during a declared emergency; defining the
9 term "essentials"; directing the division to create a
10 certification system for persons transporting or
11 distributing essentials in commerce; providing
12 requirements and conditions for the certification
13 system; permitting certain activities by certified
14 persons during a curfew; authorizing a law enforcement
15 officer to specify a permissible route of ingress or
16 egress for a certified person; amending ss. 163.360,
17 474.2125, and 627.659, F.S.; conforming cross-
18 references; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Present subsections (1) through (9) of section
23 252.34, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (2)
24 through (10), respectively, and a new subsection (1) is added to
25 that section, to read:

26 252.34 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

27 (1) "Activate" means the execution and implementation of
28 the necessary plans and activities required to mitigate, respond
29 to, or recover from an emergency or disaster pursuant to this

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30 chapter and the state comprehensive emergency management plan.

31 Section 2. Section 252.359, Florida Statutes, is created to
32 read:

33 252.359 Ensuring availability of emergency supplies.-

34 (1) In order to meet the needs of residents affected during
35 a declared emergency and to ensure the continuing economic
36 resilience of communities impacted by disaster, the division
37 shall establish a statewide system to facilitate the transport
38 and distribution of essentials in commerce.

39 (2) As used in this section, the term "essentials" means
40 goods that are consumed or used as a direct result of a declared
41 emergency, or that are consumed or used to preserve, protect, or
42 sustain life, health, safety, or economic well-being.

43 (3) The division shall develop a system to certify each
44 person who facilitates the transport or distribution of
45 essentials in commerce. The division may not certify a person
46 other than a person who routinely transports or distributes
47 essentials. In developing the system, the division:

48 (a) May provide for a preemergency or postemergency
49 declaration certification.

50 (b) Shall allow the certification of an employer, if
51 requested by the employer, to constitute a certification of the
52 employer's employees.

53 (c) Shall create an easily recognizable indicium of
54 certification to assist local officials' efforts in determining
55 which persons have been certified under this subsection.

56 (d) Shall limit the duration of each certificate to no more
57 than 1 year. Each certificate may be renewed so long as the
58 criteria for certification are met.

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59 (4) A person or employer certified under subsection (3) is
60 not required to obtain any additional certification or fulfill
61 any additional requirement to transport or distribute
62 essentials.

63 (5) Notwithstanding any curfew, a person or employer
64 certified under subsection (3) may enter or remain in the curfew
65 area for the limited purpose of facilitating the transport or
66 distribution of essentials and may provide service that exceeds
67 otherwise applicable hours of service maximums to the extent
68 authorized by a duly executed declaration of a state of
69 emergency.

70 (6) This section does not prohibit a law enforcement
71 officer from specifying the permissible route of ingress or
72 egress for a person certified under subsection (3).

73 Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 163.360, Florida
74 Statutes, is amended to read:

75 163.360 Community redevelopment plans.—

76 (10) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part,
77 when the governing body certifies that an area is in need of
78 redevelopment or rehabilitation as a result of an emergency
79 under s. 252.34(4) ~~s. 252.34(3)~~, with respect to which the
80 Governor has certified the need for emergency assistance under
81 federal law, that area may be certified as a "blighted area,"
82 and the governing body may approve a community redevelopment
83 plan and community redevelopment with respect to such area
84 without regard to the provisions of this section requiring a
85 general plan for the county or municipality and a public hearing
86 on the community redevelopment.

87 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 474.2125, Florida

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88 Statutes, is amended to read:

89 474.2125 Temporary license.—

90 (1) The board shall adopt rules providing for the issuance
91 of a temporary license to a licensed veterinarian of another
92 state for the purpose of enabling her or him to provide
93 veterinary medical services in this state for the animals of a
94 specific owner or, as may be needed in an emergency as defined
95 in s. 252.34(4) ~~s. 252.34(3)~~, for the animals of multiple
96 owners, provided the applicant would qualify for licensure by
97 endorsement under s. 474.217. No temporary license shall be
98 valid for more than 30 days after its issuance, and no license
99 shall cover more than the treatment of the animals of one owner
100 except in an emergency as defined in s. 252.34(4) ~~s. 252.34(3)~~.
101 After the expiration of 30 days, a new license is required.

102 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 627.659, Florida
103 Statutes, is amended to read:

104 627.659 Blanket health insurance; eligible groups.—Blanket
105 health insurance is that form of health insurance which covers
106 special groups of individuals as enumerated in one of the
107 following subsections:

108 (4) Under a policy or contract issued in the name of a
109 volunteer fire department, first aid group, local emergency
110 management agency as defined in s. 252.34(6) ~~s. 252.34(5)~~, or
111 other group of first responders as defined in s. 112.1815, which
112 is deemed the policyholder, covering all or any grouping of the
113 members or employees of the policyholder or covering all or any
114 participants in an activity or operation sponsored or supervised
115 by the policyholder.

116 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.