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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the regulation of water damage
3 restoration; amending s. 468.8411, F.S.; defining the
4 terms "professional water damage restorer" and "water
5 damage restoration"; amending s. 468.8414, F.S.;
6 requiring the Department of Business and Professional
7 Regulation to license applicants who are qualified to
8 practice water damage restoration; specifying
9 qualifications for licensure; providing applicability
10 of certain prohibitions and penalties to professional
11 water damage restorers; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsections (7) and (8) are added to section
16 468.8411, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 468.8411 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

18 (7) "Professional water damage restorer" means any person
19 who performs water damage restoration.

20 (8) "Water damage restoration" means water removal,
21 demolition, dehumidification, or other treatment related to
22 water damage or water-contaminated matter greater than 10 square
23 feet.

24 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 468.8414, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended, present subsection (4) of that section is
26 redesignated as subsection (6), and a new subsection (4) and
27 subsection (5) are added to that section, to read:

28 468.8414 Licensure.—

29 (1) The department shall license any applicant who the

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30 department certifies is qualified to practice mold assessment,
31 ~~or~~ mold remediation, or water damage restoration.

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

34 (a) Is of good moral character;

35 (b) Has the insurance coverage required under s. 468.8421;
36 and

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

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

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.