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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to regulatory boards; amending s.
3 455.203, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business
4 and Professional Regulation to indemnify, defend, and
5 hold harmless from claims, actions, demands, suits,
6 investigations, damages, and liability all current and
7 former board members and any companies or businesses
8 with which they have or had specified affiliations,
9 but only if their service meets a specified
10 requirement; providing an 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. Subsection (11) is added to section 455.203,
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 455.203 Department; powers and duties.—The department, for
17 the boards under its jurisdiction, shall:

18 (11) Indemnify, defend, and hold harmless all current and
19 former board members and any companies or businesses in which
20 they have or had an equity interest or in which they serve or
21 served as an employee, director, officer, or representative,
22 against all claims, actions, demands, suits, investigations,
23 damages, and liability incurred by any board member in
24 connection with any action or inaction by a current or former
25 board member in the course and conduct of his or her service.
26 However, this subsection applies only if, in providing such
27 service, the current or former board members acted in good faith
28 and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in conformity
29 with, or not contrary to, the laws of this state and the United
30 States.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.