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A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulated professions and occupations; amending s. 326.004, F.S.; deleting a requirement that yacht and ship brokers maintain a separate license for each branch office and related fees; amending s. 447.02, F.S.; deleting a definition; repealing s. 447.04, F.S., relating to business agents, licenses, and permits; repealing s. 447.041, F.S., relating to hearings; repealing s. 447.045, F.S., relating to certain confidential information; repealing s. 447.06, F.S., relating to the required registration of labor organizations; amending s. 447.09, F.S.; deleting prohibitions against specified actions; repealing s. 447.12, F.S., relating to registration fees; repealing s. 447.16, F.S., relating to the applicability of ch. 447, F.S.; amending s. 468.381, F.S.; revising legislative findings and intent; amending s. 468.382, F.S.; deleting definitions; repealing s. 468.384, F.S., relating to the Florida Board of Auctioneers; repealing s. 468.385, F.S., relating to required licenses, qualifications, and examination to practice auctioneering; repealing s. 468.3851, F.S., relating to license renewals for auctioneers; repealing s. 468.3852, F.S., relating to reactivation of license and fees; repealing s. 468.3855, F.S., relating to apprenticeship training requirements; repealing s. 468.386, F.S., relating to fees and local licensing requirements; repealing s. 468.387, F.S., relating to licensing of nonresidents, endorsement, and reciprocity; amending s. 468.388, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.

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468.389, F.S.; providing for a civil cause of action, rather than disciplinary proceedings, for certain prohibited acts; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 468.391, F.S.; conforming cross-references; repealing s. 468.392, F.S., relating to the Auctioneer Recovery Fund; repealing s. 468.393, F.S., relating to a license fee surcharge and assessments; repealing s. 468.394, F.S., relating to credited interest and payment of expenses; repealing s. 468.395, F.S., relating to conditions of recovery and eligibility; repealing s. 468.396, F.S., relating to claims against a single licensee in excess of dollar limitation, joinder of claims, payment, and insufficient funds; repealing s. 468.397, F.S., relating to payment of claims; repealing s. 468.398, F.S., relating to suspension of a judgment debtor's license, repayment by the licensee, and interest; repealing s. 468.399, F.S., relating to the expenditure of excess funds; amending s. 468.401, F.S.; deleting the definitions of the terms "department," "license," and "licensee"; repealing s. 468.402, F.S., relating to the duties of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; repealing s. 468.403, F.S., relating to licensure and application requirements for owners and operators of talent agencies; repealing s. 468.404, F.S., relating to fees and renewal of talent agency licenses; repealing s. 468.405, F.S., relating to qualification for talent agency licenses; amending s. 468.406, F.S.;

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deleting the requirement for talent agencies to file with the department an itemized schedule of certain fees and an amended or supplemental schedule under certain circumstances; repealing s. 468.407, F.S., relating to license contents and posting; amending s. 468.408, F.S.; deleting a requirement that a talent agency file a bond for each talent agency license; deleting a departmental requirement to approve talent agency bonds; requiring that a bonding company notify the talent agency, rather than the department, of certain claims; amending s. 468.409, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring talent agencies to make specified records readily available for inspection by the department; amending s. 468.410, F.S.; deleting a reference to the department in talent agency contracts; amending s. 468.412, F.S.; revising the information that talent agencies are required to enter on records; revising the requirements for talent agencies to post certain laws and rules; revising the information required in talent agency publications; amending s. 468.413, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to criminal violations for failing to obtain or maintain licensure with the department; deleting provisions authorizing the court to suspend or revoke a license; deleting a provision authorizing the department to impose a \$5,000 fine under certain circumstances; repealing s. 468.414, F.S., relating to collection and deposit of fines, fees, and penalties by the department; amending s. 468.415, F.S.; deleting

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a provision authorizing the department to permanently revoke a license; amending s. 469.006, F.S.; requiring an individual applicant to apply for licensure in the name of the business organization that he or she proposes to operate under; requiring that a license be in the name of a qualifying agent rather than the name of a business organization; requiring the qualifying agent, rather than the business organization, to report certain changes in information; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 469.009, F.S.; deleting the authority of the department to reprimand, censure, or impose probation on certain business organizations; amending s. 476.034, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 476.114, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure by examination for barbers; providing requirements for licensure by examination to practice restricted barbering; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 476.144, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 477.013, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "specialty"; repealing s. 477.0132, F.S., relating to hair braiding, hair wrapping, and body wrapping registration; amending s. 477.0135, F.S.; exempting from certain licensure and registration requirements persons whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping; amending s. 477.019, F.S.; deleting an exemption from certain continuing education requirements for persons whose occupation or practice

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is confined solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping; amending s. 477.0201, F.S.; providing requirements for registration as a specialist in nail specialty practices, facial specialty practices, and full specialty practices; amending s. 477.026, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.203, F.S.; defining the term "business organization"; deleting the definition of the term "certificate of authorization"; amending s. 481.219, F.S.; revising the process by which a business organization obtains the requisite license to perform architectural services; requiring that a licensee or an applicant apply to qualify a business organization under certain circumstances; specifying application requirements; authorizing the Board of Architecture and Interior Design to deny an application under certain circumstances; requiring that a qualifying agent be a registered architect or a registered interior designer under certain circumstances; requiring that a qualifying agent notify the department when she or he ceases to be affiliated with a business organization; prohibiting a business organization from engaging in certain practices until it is qualified by a qualifying agent; authorizing the executive director or the chair of the board to authorize a certain registered architect or interior designer to temporarily serve as the business organization's qualifying agent for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring the

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qualifying agent to give written notice to the department before engaging in practice under her or his own name or in affiliation with another business organization; requiring the board to certify an applicant to qualify one or more business organizations or to operate using a fictitious name under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.221, F.S.; requiring a business organization to include the license number of a certain registered architect or interior designer in any advertising; providing an exception; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.229, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reordering and amending s. 481.303, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 481.321, F.S.; revising provisions that require persons to display certificate numbers under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 481.311, 481.317, and 481.319, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.329, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 492.111, F.S.; revising requirements for the practice of, or offer to practice, professional geology; deleting a requirement that a firm, corporation, or partnership be issued a specified certificate of authorization; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 492.104, 492.113, and 492.115, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act;

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2017802 178 amending s. 548.017, F.S.; revising the persons 179 required to be licensed by the State Boxing Commission; amending s. 548.003, F.S.; conforming a 180 181 provision to changes made by the act; providing an 182 effective date. 183 184 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 185 186 Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 326.004, Florida 187 Statutes, is amended to read: 188 326.004 Licensing.-189 (13) Each broker must maintain a principal place of 190 business in this state and may establish branch offices in the 191 state. A separate license must be maintained for each branch 192 office. The division shall establish by rule a fee not to exceed 193 \$100 for each branch office license. 194 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 447.02, Florida 195 Statutes, is amended to read: 196 447.02 Definitions.—The following terms, when used in this 197 chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this 198 section: 199 (3) The term "department" means the Department of Business 200 and Professional Regulation. 201 Section 3. Section 447.04, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 202 Section 4. Section 447.041, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 203 Section 5. Section 447.045, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 204 Section 6. Section 447.06, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 205 Section 7. Subsections (6) and (8) of section 447.09, 206 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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28-00505-17 2017802 447.09 Right of franchise preserved; penalties.—It shall be unlawful for any person: (6) To act as a business agent without having obtained and possessing a valid and subsisting license or permit. (8) To make any false statement in an application for a license. Section 8. Section 447.12, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 9. Section 447.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 10. Section 468.381, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 468.381 Purpose.—The Legislature finds that dishonest or unscrupulous unqualified auctioneers and apprentices and unreliable auction businesses present a significant threat to the public. It is the intent of the Legislature to protect the public by creating civil and criminal causes of action against a board to regulate auctioneers, apprentices, and auction businesses and by requiring a license to operate. Section 11. Present subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section 468.382, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3), (4), and (5), respectively, and subsection (2) and present subsections (3), (4), and (5) of that section are amended, to read: 468.382 Definitions.—As used in this act, the term: (2) "Auctioneer" means any person who conducts auctions within the State of Florida licensed pursuant to this part who holds a valid Florida auctioneer license. (3) "Apprentice" means any person who is being trained as an auctioneer by a licensed auctioneer.

(4) "Board" means the Florida Board of Auctioneers.

28-00505-17 2017802 236 (5) "Department" means the Department of Business and 237 Professional Regulation. 238 Section 12. Section 468.384, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 239 Section 13. Section 468.385, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 240 Section 14. Section 468.3851, Florida Statutes, is 241 repealed. 242 Section 15. Section 468.3852, Florida Statutes, is 243 repealed. 244 Section 16. Section 468.3855, Florida Statutes, is 245 repealed. 246 Section 17. Section 468.386, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 247 Section 18. Section 46<u>8.387</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 19. Section 468.388, Florida Statutes, is amended 248 to read: 249 468.388 Conduct of an auction. 250 251 (1) Prior to conducting an auction in this state, an 252 auctioneer or auction business shall execute a written agreement 253 with the owner, or the agent of the owner, of any property to be 254 offered for sale, stating: 255 (a) The name and address of the owner of the property; 256 (b) The name and address of the person employing the 257 auctioneer or auction business, if different from the owner; and 258 (c) The terms or conditions upon which the auctioneer or 259 auction business will receive the property for sale and remit 260 the sales proceeds to the owner. 261 (2) The auctioneer or auction business shall give the owner one copy of the agreement and shall keep one copy for 2 years 262 after the date of the auction. 263

(3) Each auctioneer or auction business shall maintain a

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record book of all sales. The record book shall be open to inspection by the board at reasonable times.

- (4) Each auction must be conducted by an auctioneer who has an active license or by an apprentice who has an active apprentice auctioneer license and who has received prior written sponsor consent. Each auction must be conducted under the auspices of a licensed auction business. Any auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer conducting an auction, and any auction business under whose auspices such auction is held, shall be responsible for determining that any auctioneer, apprentice, or auction business with whom they are associated in conducting such auction has an active Florida auctioneer, apprentice, or auction business license.
- (5) The principal auctioneer shall prominently display at the auction site the licenses of the principal auctioneer, the auction business, and any other licensed auctioneers or apprentices who are actively participating in the auction. If such a display is not practicable, then an oral announcement at the beginning of the auction or a prominent written announcement that these licenses are available for inspection at the auction site must be made.
- (4)(6) If a buyer premium or any surcharge is a condition to sale at any auction, the amount of the premium or surcharge must be announced at the beginning of the auction and a written notice of this information must be conspicuously displayed or distributed to the public at the auction site.
- (5) (7) At the beginning of an auction must be announced the terms of bidding and sale and whether the sale is with reserve, without reserve, or absolute or if a minimum bid is required. If

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the sale is absolute and has been announced or advertised as such, an article or lot may not be withdrawn from sale once a bid has been accepted. If no bid is received within a reasonable time, the item or lot may be withdrawn.

- (6) (8) If an auction has been advertised as absolute, no bid shall be accepted from the owner of the property or from someone acting on behalf of the owner unless the right to bid is specifically permitted by law.
- (7) (9) The auction business under which the auction is conducted is responsible for all other aspects of the auction as required by this part board rule. The auction business may delegate in whole, or in part, different aspects of the auction only to the extent that such delegation is permitted by law and that such delegation will not impede the principal auctioneer's ability to ensure the proper conduct of his or her independent responsibility for the auction. The auction business under whose auspices the auction is conducted is responsible for ensuring compliance as required by this part board rule.
- (8)(a)(10)(a) When settlement is not made immediately after an auction, all sale proceeds received for another person must be deposited in an escrow or trust account in an insured bank or savings and loan association located in this state within 2 working days after the auction. A maximum of \$100 may be kept in the escrow account for administrative purposes.
- (b) Each auction business shall maintain, for not less than 2 years, a separate ledger showing the funds held for another person deposited and disbursed by the auction business for each auction. The escrow or trust account must be reconciled monthly with the bank statement. A signed and dated record shall be

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maintained for a 2-year period and be available for inspection by the department or at the request of the board.

- (c) Any interest which accrues to sale proceeds on deposit shall be the property of the seller for whom the funds were received unless the parties have agreed otherwise by written agreement executed prior to the auction.
- (d) Unless otherwise provided by written agreement executed prior to the auction, funds received by a licensee from the seller or his or her agent for expenses, including advertising, must be expended for the purposes advanced or refunded to the seller at the time of final settlement. Any funds so received shall be maintained in an escrow or trust account in an insured bank or savings and loan association located in this state. However, this does not prohibit advanced payment of a flat fee.
- (11) (a) All advertising by an auctioneer or auction business shall include the name and Florida license number of such auctioneer and auction business. The term "advertising" shall not include articles of clothing, directional signs, or other promotional novelty items.
- $\underline{(9)(a)}$ \underline{A} No licensed auctioneer, apprentice, or auction business may <u>not</u> disseminate or cause to be disseminated any advertisement or advertising <u>that</u> which is false, deceptive, misleading, or untruthful. Any advertisement or advertising <u>is</u> shall be deemed to be false, deceptive, misleading, or untruthful if it:
 - 1. Contains misrepresentations of facts.
- 2. Is misleading or deceptive because, in its content or in the context in which it is presented, it makes only a partial disclosure of relevant facts.

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3. Creates false or unjustified expectations of the services to be performed.

- 4. Contains any representation or claim which the advertising licensee fails to perform.
- 5. Fails to include the name and license number of the principal auctioneer and the auction business.
- 6. Fails to include the name and license number of the sponsor if an apprentice is acting as the principal auctioneer.
- 7. Advertises an auction as absolute without specifying any and all items to be sold with reserve or with minimum bids.
- 8. Fails to include the percentage amount of any buyer's premium or surcharge which is a condition to sale.
- (b) (c) The provisions of This subsection applies apply to media exposure of any nature, regardless of whether it is in the form of paid advertising.
- $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ (d) The auction business $\underline{\text{is}}$ shall be responsible for the content of all advertising disseminated in preparation for an auction.

Section 20. Section 468.389, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.389 Prohibited acts; penalties.-

(1) The following acts are shall be grounds for a civil cause of action for damages against the auctioneer, auction business, or any owner or manager thereof, or, in the case of corporate ownership, any substantial stockholder of the corporation owning the auction business the disciplinary activities provided in subsections (2) and (3):

(1)(a) A violation of any law relating to trade or commerce of this state or of the state in which an auction is conducted.

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(2) (b) Misrepresentation of property for sale at auction or making false promises concerning the use, value, or condition of such property by an auctioneer or auction business or by anyone acting as an agent of or with the consent of the auctioneer or auction business.

- (3) (c) Failure to account for or to pay or return, within a reasonable time not to exceed 30 days, money or property belonging to another which has come into the control of an auctioneer or auction business through an auction.
- $\underline{\text{(4)}}$ False, deceptive, misleading, or untruthful advertising.
- $\underline{(5)}$ (e) Any conduct in connection with a sales transaction which demonstrates bad faith or dishonesty.
- $\underline{\text{(6)}}$ (f) Using or permitting the use of false bidders, cappers, or shills.
- $\underline{\text{(7)}}$ (g) Making any material false statement on a license application.
- (8) (h) Commingling money or property of another person with his or her own. Every auctioneer and auction business shall maintain a separate trust or escrow account in an insured bank or savings and loan association located in this state in which shall be deposited all proceeds received for another person through an auction sale.
- (9)(i) Refusal or neglect of any auctioneer or other receiver of public moneys to pay the moneys so received into the State Treasury at the times and under the regulations prescribed by law.
- $\underline{\text{(10)}}$ Violating a statute or administrative rule regulating practice under this part or a lawful disciplinary

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28-00505-17 2017802 order of the board or the department. (k) Having a license to practice a comparable profession revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against by another state, territory, or country. (11) (1) Being convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice or the ability to practice the profession of auctioneering. (2) When the board finds any person guilty of any of the prohibited acts set forth in subsection (1), it may enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: (a) Refusal to certify to the department an application for licensure. (b) Revocation or suspension of a license. (c) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each count or separate offense. (d) Issuance of a reprimand. (e) Placement of the auctioneer on probation for a period of time and subject to conditions as the board may specify, including requiring the auctioneer to successfully complete the licensure examination. (f) Requirement that the person in violation make restitution to each consumer affected by that violation. Proof of such restitution shall be a signed and notarized release executed by the consumer or the consumer's estate. (3) (a) Failure to pay a fine within a reasonable time, as prescribed by board rule, may be grounds for disciplinary

(b) The department may file for an injunction or bring any

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whose partnership, firm, or corporation owns a talent agency, or any individual who is the sole owner of a talent agency.

- (3) "Compensation" means any one or more of the following:
- (a) Any money or other valuable consideration paid or promised to be paid for services rendered by any person conducting the business of a talent agency under this part;
- (b) Any money received by any person in excess of that which has been paid out by such person for transportation, transfer of baggage, or board and lodging for any applicant for employment; or
- (c) The difference between the amount of money received by any person who furnishes employees, performers, or entertainers for circus, vaudeville, theatrical, or other entertainments, exhibitions, engagements, or performances and the amount paid by him or her to such employee, performer, or entertainer.
- (4) "Engagement" means any employment or placement of an artist, where the artist performs in his or her artistic capacity. However, the term "engagement" shall not apply to procuring opera, music, theater, or dance engagements for any organization defined in s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any nonprofit Florida arts organization that has received a grant from the Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State or has participated in the state touring program of the Division of Cultural Affairs.
- (5) "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- (5) "Operator" means the person who is or who will be in actual charge of a talent agency.
 - (2) (7) "Buyer" or "employer" means a person, company,

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28-00505-17 2017802 497 partnership, or corporation that uses the services of a talent 498 agency to provide artists. 499 (1) "Artist" means a person performing on the 500 professional stage or in the production of television, radio, or 501 motion pictures; a musician or group of musicians; or a model. 502 (7) (9) "Person" means any individual, company, society, 503 firm, partnership, association, corporation, manager, or any 504 agent or employee of any of the foregoing. 505 (10) "License" means a license issued by the Department of 506 Business and Professional Regulation to carry on the business of 507 a talent agency under this part. 508 (11) "Licensee" means a talent agency which holds a valid 509 unrevoked and unforfeited license issued under this part. Section 31. Section 468.402, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 510 Section 32. Section 468.403, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 511 512 Section 33. Section 468.404, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 34. Section 468.405, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 513 514 Section 35. Subsection (1) of section 468.406, Florida 515 Statutes, is amended to read: 516 468.406 Fees to be charged by talent agencies; rates; 517 display.-518 (1) Each owner or operator of a talent agency shall post applicant for a license shall file with the application an 519 520 itemized schedule of maximum fees, charges, and commissions that 521 which it intends to charge and collect for its services. This 522 schedule may thereafter be raised only by filing with the 523 department an amended or supplemental schedule at least 30 days

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posted in a conspicuous place in each place of business of the

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agency, and the schedule shall be printed in not less than a 30-point boldfaced type, except that an agency that uses written contracts containing maximum fee schedules need not post such schedules.

Section 36. <u>Section 468.407</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>is repealed</u>. Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 468.408, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.408 Bond required.-

- (1) A There shall be filed with the department for each talent agency shall obtain license a bond in the form of a surety by a reputable company engaged in the bonding business and authorized to do business in this state. The bond shall be for the penal sum of \$5,000, with one or more sureties to be approved by the department, and be conditioned that the talent agency applicant conform to and not violate any of the duties, terms, conditions, provisions, or requirements of this part.
- (a) If any person is aggrieved by the misconduct of any talent agency, the person may maintain an action in his or her own name upon the bond of the agency in any court having jurisdiction of the amount claimed. All such claims shall be assignable, and the assignee shall be entitled to the same remedies, upon the bond of the agency or otherwise, as the person aggrieved would have been entitled to if such claim had not been assigned. Any claim or claims so assigned may be enforced in the name of such assignee.
- (b) The bonding company shall notify the <u>talent agency</u> department of any claim against such bond, and a copy of such notice shall be sent to the talent agency against which the claim is made.

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Section 38. Section 468.409, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.409 Records required to be kept.—Each talent agency shall keep on file the application, registration, or contract of each artist. In addition, such file must include the name and address of each artist, the amount of the compensation received, and all attempts to procure engagements for the artist. No such agency or employee thereof shall knowingly make any false entry in applicant files or receipt files. Each card or document in such files shall be preserved for a period of 1 year after the date of the last entry thereon. Records required under this section shall be readily available for inspection by the department during reasonable business hours at the talent agency's principal office. A talent agency must provide the department with true copies of the records in the manner prescribed by the department.

Section 39. Subsection (3) of section 468.410, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.410 Prohibition against registration fees; referral.-

(3) A talent agency shall give each applicant a copy of a contract, within 24 hours after the contract's execution, which lists the services to be provided and the fees to be charged.

The contract shall state that the talent agency is regulated by the department and shall list the address and telephone number of the department.

Section 40. Section 468.412, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.412 Talent agency regulations; prohibited acts.-

(1) A talent agency shall maintain a record sheet for each

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booking. This shall be the only required record of placement and shall be kept for a period of 1 year after the date of the last entry in the buyer's file.

- (2) Each talent agency shall keep records in which shall be entered:
- (a) The name and address of each artist employing such talent agency;
 - (b) The amount of fees received from each such artist; and
- (c) The employment in which each such artist is engaged at the time of employing such talent agency and the amount of compensation of the artist in such employment, if any, and the employments subsequently secured by such artist during the term of the contract between the artist and the talent agency and the amount of compensation received by the artist pursuant thereto. + and
- (d) Other information which the department may require from time to time.
- (3) All books, records, and other papers kept pursuant to this act by any talent agency shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of the department and its agents. Each talent agency shall furnish to the department, upon request, a true copy of such books, records, and papers, or any portion thereof, and shall make such reports as the department may prescribe from time to time.
- (3) (4) Each talent agency shall post in a conspicuous place in the office of such talent agency a printed copy of this part and of the rules adopted under this part. Such copies shall also contain the name and address of the officer charged with enforcing this part. The department shall furnish to talent

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agencies printed copies of any statute or rule required to be posted under this subsection.

- (4)(a)(5)(a) No talent agency may knowingly issue a contract for employment containing any term or condition which, if complied with, would be in violation of law, or attempt to fill an order for help to be employed in violation of law.
- (b) A talent agency must advise an artist, in writing, that the artist has a right to rescind a contract for employment within the first 3 business days after the contract's execution. Any engagement procured by the talent agency for the artist during the first 3 business days of the contract remains commissionable to the talent agency.
- (5)(6) No talent agency may publish or cause to be published any false, fraudulent, or misleading information, representation, notice, or advertisement. All advertisements of a talent agency by means of card, circulars, or signs, and in newspapers and other publications, and all letterheads, receipts, and blanks shall be printed and contain the licensed name, department license number, and address of the talent agency and the words "talent agency." No talent agency may give any false information or make any false promises or representations concerning an engagement or employment to any applicant who applies for an engagement or employment.
- (6) (7) No talent agency may send or cause to be sent any person as an employee to any house of ill fame, to any house or place of amusement for immoral purposes, to any place resorted to for the purposes of prostitution, to any place for the modeling or photographing of a minor in the nude in the absence of written permission from the minor's parents or legal

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guardians, the character of which places the talent agency could have ascertained upon reasonable inquiry.

- (7) (8) No talent agency, without the written consent of the artist, may divide fees with anyone, including, but not limited to, an agent or other employee of an employer, a buyer, a casting director, a producer, a director, or any venue that uses entertainment. For purposes of this subsection, to "divide fees" includes the sharing among two or more persons of those fees charged to an artist for services performed on behalf of that artist, the total amount of which fees exceeds the amount that would have been charged to the artist by the talent agency alone.
- (8) (9) If a talent agency collects from an artist a fee or expenses for obtaining employment for the artist, and the artist fails to procure such employment, or the artist fails to be paid for such employment if procured, such talent agency shall, upon demand therefor, repay to the artist the fee and expenses so collected. Unless repayment thereof is made within 48 hours after demand therefor, the talent agency shall pay to the artist an additional sum equal to the amount of the fee.
- (9) (10) Each talent agency must maintain a permanent office and must maintain regular operating hours at that office.
- (10) (11) A talent agency may assign an engagement contract to another talent agency licensed in this state only if the artist agrees in writing to the assignment. The assignment must occur, and written notice of the assignment must be given to the artist, within 30 days after the artist agrees in writing to the assignment.
 - Section 41. Section 468.413, Florida Statutes, is amended

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28-00505-17 2017802 671 to read: 672 468.413 Legal requirements; penalties.-(1) Each of the following acts constitutes a felony of the 673 674 third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, 675 or s. 775.084: 676 (a) Owning or operating, or soliciting business as, a 677 talent agency in this state without first procuring a license 678 from the department. 679 (b) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license by means of 680 fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment. 681 (2) Each of the following acts constitutes a misdemeanor of 682 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 683 775.083: 684 (a) Relocating a business as a talent agency, or operating 685 under any name other than that designated on the license, unless 686 written notification is given to the department and to the 687 surety or sureties on the original bond, and unless the license 688 is returned to the department for the recording thereon of such 689 changes. 690 (b) Assigning or attempting to assign a license issued 691 under this part. 692 (c) Failing to show on a license application whether or not 693 the agency or any owner of the agency is financially interested in any other business of like nature and, if so, failing to 694 695 specify such interest or interests. 696 (a) (d) Failing to maintain the records required by s. 697 468.409 or knowingly making false entries in such records.

employment or placement for any applicant that the applicant

(b) (e) Requiring as a condition to registering or obtaining

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subscribe to, purchase, or attend any publication, postcard service, advertisement, resume service, photography service, school, acting school, workshop, or acting workshop.

(c) (f) Failing to give each applicant a copy of a contract which lists the services to be provided and the fees to be charged by, which states that the talent agency is regulated by the department, and which lists the address and telephone number of the department.

 $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ (g) Failing to maintain a record sheet as required by s. 468.412(1).

(e) (h) Knowingly sending or causing to be sent any artist to a prospective employer or place of business, the character or operation of which employer or place of business the talent agency knows to be in violation of the laws of the United States or of this state.

(3) The court may, in addition to other punishment provided for in subsection (2), suspend or revoke the license of any licensee under this part who has been found guilty of any misdemeanor listed in subsection (2).

(2)(4) In the event that the department or any state attorney shall have probable cause to believe that a talent agency or other person has violated any provision of subsection (1), an action may be brought by the department or any state attorney to enjoin such talent agency or any person from continuing such violation, or engaging therein or doing any acts in furtherance thereof, and for such other relief as to the court seems appropriate. In addition to this remedy, the department may assess a penalty against any talent agency or any person in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

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Section 42. Section 468.414, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 43. Section 468.415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.415 Sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency.—The talent agent—artist relationship is founded on mutual trust. Sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency means violation of the talent agent—artist relationship through which the talent agent uses the relationship to induce or attempt to induce the artist to engage or attempt to engage in sexual activity. Sexual misconduct is prohibited in the operation of a talent agency. If Any agent, owner, or operator of a licensed talent agency who commits is found to have committed sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency, the agency license shall be permanently revoked. Such agent, owner, or operator shall be permanently prohibited from acting disqualified from present and future licensure as an agent, owner, or operator of a Florida talent agency.

Section 44. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (2), subsection (3), paragraph (b) of subsection (4), and subsection (6) of section 469.006, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

469.006 Licensure of business organizations; qualifying agents.—

(2) (a) If the applicant proposes to engage in consulting or contracting as a partnership, corporation, business trust, or other legal entity, or in any name other than the applicant's legal name, the legal entity must apply for licensure through a qualifying agent or the individual applicant must apply for licensure under the name of the business organization fictitious name.

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(e) A The license, when issued upon application of a business organization, must be in the name of the qualifying agent business organization, and the name of the business organization qualifying agent must be noted on the license thereon. If there is a change in any information that is required to be stated on the application, the qualifying agent business organization shall, within 45 days after such change occurs, mail the correct information to the department.

(3) The qualifying agent must shall be licensed under this chapter in order for the business organization to be qualified licensed in the category of the business conducted for which the qualifying agent is licensed. If any qualifying agent ceases to be affiliated with such business organization, the agent shall so inform the department. In addition, if such qualifying agent is the only licensed individual affiliated with the business organization, the business organization shall notify the department of the termination of the qualifying agent and has shall have 60 days after from the date of termination of the qualifying agent's affiliation with the business organization $\frac{1}{2}$ which to employ another qualifying agent. The business organization may not engage in consulting or contracting until a qualifying agent is employed, unless the department has granted a temporary nonrenewable license to the financially responsible officer, the president, the sole proprietor, a partner, or, in the case of a limited partnership, the general partner, who assumes all responsibilities of a primary qualifying agent for the entity. This temporary license only allows shall only allow the entity to proceed with incomplete contracts.

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(b) Upon a favorable determination by the department, after investigation of the financial responsibility, credit, and business reputation of the qualifying agent and the new business organization, the department shall issue, without any examination, a new license in the qualifying agent's business organization's name, and the name of the business organization qualifying agent shall be noted thereon.

(6) Each qualifying agent shall pay the department an amount equal to the original fee for licensure of a new business organization. if the qualifying agent for a business organization desires to qualify additional business organizations. The department shall require the agent to present evidence of supervisory ability and financial responsibility of each such organization. Allowing a licensee to qualify more than one business organization must shall be conditioned upon the licensee showing that the licensee has both the capacity and intent to adequately supervise each business organization. The department may shall not limit the number of business organizations that which the licensee may qualify except upon the licensee's failure to provide such information as is required under this subsection or upon a finding that the such information or evidence as is supplied is incomplete or unpersuasive in showing the licensee's capacity and intent to comply with the requirements of this subsection. A qualification for an additional business organization may be revoked or suspended upon a finding by the department that the licensee has failed in the licensee's responsibility to adequately supervise the operations of the business organization. Failure to adequately supervise the operations of a business organization

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<u>is</u> shall be grounds for denial to qualify additional business organizations.

Section 45. Subsection (1) of section 469.009, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

469.009 License revocation, suspension, and denial of issuance or renewal.—

- (1) The department may revoke, suspend, or deny the issuance or renewal of a license; reprimand, censure, or place on probation any contractor, consultant, or financially responsible officer, or business organization; require financial restitution to a consumer; impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 per violation; require continuing education; or assess costs associated with any investigation and prosecution if the contractor or consultant, or business organization or officer or agent thereof, is found guilty of any of the following acts:
- (a) Willfully or deliberately disregarding or violating the health and safety standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Construction Safety Act, the National Emission Standards for Asbestos, the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Abatement Projects Worker Protection Rule, the Florida Statutes or rules promulgated thereunder, or any ordinance enacted by a political subdivision of this state.
 - (b) Violating any provision of chapter 455.
- (c) Failing in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated hereunder.
- (d) Acting in the capacity of an asbestos contractor or asbestos consultant under any license issued under this chapter except in the name of the licensee as set forth on the issued

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license.

(e) Proceeding on any job without obtaining all applicable approvals, authorizations, permits, and inspections.

- (f) Obtaining a license by fraud or misrepresentation.
- (g) Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting or the ability to practice asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (h) Knowingly violating any building code, lifesafety code, or county or municipal ordinance relating to the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (i) Performing any act which assists a person or entity in engaging in the prohibited unlicensed practice of asbestos consulting or contracting, if the licensee knows or has reasonable grounds to know that the person or entity was unlicensed.
- (j) Committing mismanagement or misconduct in the practice of contracting that causes financial harm to a customer. Financial mismanagement or misconduct occurs when:
- 1. Valid liens have been recorded against the property of a contractor's customer for supplies or services ordered by the contractor for the customer's job; the contractor has received funds from the customer to pay for the supplies or services; and the contractor has not had the liens removed from the property, by payment or by bond, within 75 days after the date of such liens;
- 2. The contractor has abandoned a customer's job and the percentage of completion is less than the percentage of the

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total contract price paid to the contractor as of the time of abandonment, unless the contractor is entitled to retain such funds under the terms of the contract or refunds the excess funds within 30 days after the date the job is abandoned; or

- 3. The contractor's job has been completed, and it is shown that the customer has had to pay more for the contracted job than the original contract price, as adjusted for subsequent change orders, unless such increase in cost was the result of circumstances beyond the control of the contractor, was the result of circumstances caused by the customer, or was otherwise permitted by the terms of the contract between the contractor and the customer.
- (k) Being disciplined by any municipality or county for an act or violation of this chapter.
- (1) Failing in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter, or violating a rule or lawful order of the department.
- (m) Abandoning an asbestos abatement project in which the asbestos contractor is engaged or under contract as a contractor. A project may be presumed abandoned after 20 days if the contractor terminates the project without just cause and without proper notification to the owner, including the reason for termination; if the contractor fails to reasonably secure the project to safeguard the public while work is stopped; or if the contractor fails to perform work without just cause for 20 days.
- (n) Signing a statement with respect to a project or contract falsely indicating that the work is bonded; falsely indicating that payment has been made for all subcontracted

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work, labor, and materials which results in a financial loss to the owner, purchaser, or contractor; or falsely indicating that workers' compensation and public liability insurance are provided.

- (o) Committing fraud or deceit in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (p) Committing incompetency or misconduct in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (q) Committing gross negligence, repeated negligence, or negligence resulting in a significant danger to life or property in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (r) Intimidating, threatening, coercing, or otherwise discouraging the service of a notice to owner under part I of chapter 713 or a notice to contractor under chapter 255 or part I of chapter 713.
- (s) Failing to satisfy, within a reasonable time, the terms of a civil judgment obtained against the licensee, or the business organization qualified by the licensee, relating to the practice of the licensee's profession.

For the purposes of this subsection, construction is considered to be commenced when the contract is executed and the contractor has accepted funds from the customer or lender.

Section 46. Subsection (2) of section 476.034, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (6) and (7) are added to that section, to read:

476.034 Definitions.—As used in this act:

(2) "Barbering" means any of the following practices when done for remuneration and for the public, but not when done for

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the treatment of disease or physical or mental ailments: shaving, cutting, trimming, coloring, shampooing, arranging, dressing, curling, or waving the hair or beard or applying oils, creams, lotions, or other preparations to the face, scalp, or neck, either by hand or by mechanical appliances, and includes restricted barbering services.

- (6) "Restricted barber" means a person who is licensed to engage in the practice of restricted barbering in this state under the authority of this chapter and is subject to the same requirements and restrictions as a barber, except as specified in s. 476.114.
- (7) "Restricted barbering" means any of the following practices when done for remuneration and for the public, but not when done for the treatment of disease or physical or mental ailments: shaving, cutting, trimming, shampooing, arranging, dressing, or curling the hair or beard, including the application of shampoo, hair conditioners, shaving creams, hair tonic, and hair spray to the face, scalp, or neck, either by hand or by mechanical appliances. The term does not include the application of oils, creams, lotions, or other preparations to the face, scalp, or neck.

Section 47. Section 476.114, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 476.114 Examination; prerequisites.—
- (1) A person desiring to be licensed as a barber shall apply to the department for licensure $\underline{\text{and is}}$.
- (2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by examination to practice barbering if he or she the applicant:
 - (a) Is at least 16 years of age;

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(b) Pays the required application fee; and

- (c)1. Holds an active valid license to practice barbering in another state, has held the license for at least 1 year, and does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided for in s. 476.144(5); or
- 2. Has received a minimum of 800 1,200 hours of training in sanitation, safety, and laws and rules, as established by the board, which must shall include, but is shall not be limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly related to the practice of barbering at one of the following:
 - a. A school of barbering licensed pursuant to chapter 1005;
 - b. A barbering program within the public school system; or
 - c. A government-operated barbering program in this state.

The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the required examination after the completion of a minimum of 1,000 actual school hours. If the person passes the examination, she or he shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the person fails the examination, she or he shall not be qualified to take the examination again until the completion of the full requirements provided by this section.

- (2) An applicant is eligible for licensure by examination to practice restricted barbering if he or she:
 - (a) Is at least 16 years of age;
 - (b) Pays the required application fee; and
- (c)1. Holds an active valid license to practice barbering in another state, has held the license for at least 1 year, and does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided for in

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s. 476.144(5); or

- 2. Has received a minimum of 525 hours of training in sanitation, safety, and laws and rules, as established by the board, which must include, but is not limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly related to the practice of restricted barbering at one of the following:
 - a. A school of barbering licensed pursuant to chapter 1005;
 - b. A barbering program within the public school system; or
 - c. A government-operated barbering program in this state.
- (3) An applicant who meets the requirements set forth in subparagraphs (1)(c)1. and 2. and (2)(c)1. and 2. who fails to pass the examination may take subsequent examinations as many times as necessary to pass, except that the board may specify by rule reasonable timeframes for rescheduling the examination and additional training requirements for applicants who, after the third attempt, fail to pass the examination. Prior to reexamination, the applicant must file the appropriate form and pay the reexamination fee as required by rule.

Section 48. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 476.144, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

476.144 Licensure.

- (6) A person may apply for a restricted license to practice barbering. The board shall adopt rules specifying procedures for an applicant to obtain a restricted license if the applicant:
- (a)1. Has successfully completed a restricted barber course, as established by rule of the board, at a school of barbering licensed pursuant to chapter 1005, a barbering program within the public school system, or a government-operated barbering program in this state; or

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2.a. Holds or has within the previous 5 years held an active valid license to practice barbering in another state or country or has held a Florida barbering license which has been declared null and void for failure to renew the license, and the applicant fulfilled the requirements of \underline{s} . $\underline{476.114(2)(c)2}$. for initial licensure; and

b. Has not been disciplined relating to the practice of barbering in the previous 5 years; and

The restricted license shall limit the licensee's practice to those specific areas in which the applicant has demonstrated competence pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

Section 49. Subsection (6) of section 477.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.013 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

- (6) "Specialty" means the practice of one or more of the following:
 - (a) Nail specialty, which includes:
- 1. Manicuring, or the cutting, polishing, tinting, coloring, cleansing, adding, or extending of the nails, and massaging of the hands. This term includes any procedure or process for the affixing of artificial nails, except those nails which may be applied solely by use of a simple adhesive; and.
- 2.(b) Pedicuring, or the shaping, polishing, tinting, or cleansing of the nails of the feet, and massaging or beautifying of the feet.
- (b) (c) Facial specialty, which includes facials, or the massaging or treating of the face or scalp with oils, creams, lotions, or other preparations, and skin care services.

28-00505-17 2017802 1048 (c) Full specialty, which includes manicuring, pedicuring, 1049 and facial services, including all services as described in 1050 paragraphs (a) and (b). 1051 Section 50. Section 477.0132, Florida Statutes, is 1052 repealed. 1053 Section 51. Subsections (7), (8), and (9) are added to 1054 section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, to read: 477.0135 Exemptions.-1055 1056 (7) A license or registration is not required for a person 1057 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding 1058 as defined in s. 477.013(9). 1059 (8) A license or registration is not required for a person 1060 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair wrapping 1061 as defined in s. 477.013(10). 1062 (9) A license or registration is not required for a person 1063 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to body wrapping 1064 as defined in s. 477.013(12). 1065 Section 52. Present paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of 1066 section 477.019, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) 1067 of that subsection is redesignated as paragraph (b), to read: 1068 477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure; 1069 supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing 1070 education.-(7) 1071 (b) Any person whose occupation or practice is confined 1072 1073 solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping is 1074 exempt from the continuing education requirements of this 1075 subsection.

Section 53. Subsection (1) of section 477.0201, Florida

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Statutes, is amended, present subsections (2) through (6) of that section are redesignated as subsections (4) through (8), respectively, and new subsections (2) and (3) are added to that section, to read:

- 477.0201 Specialty registration; qualifications; registration renewal; endorsement.—
- (1) \underline{A} Any person is qualified for registration as a specialist in \underline{nail} any one or more of the specialty practices within the practice of cosmetology under this chapter \underline{if} he or she meets both of the following requirements \underline{who} :
- (a) Is at least 16 years of age or has received a high school diploma.
- (b) Has received a minimum of 150 hours of training as established by the board, which must focus primarily on sanitation and safety and include, but not be limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly related to the practice of a nail certificate of completion in a specialty pursuant to s. 477.013(6)(a), s. 477.013(6) from one of the following:
 - 1. A school licensed pursuant to s. 477.023.
- 2. A school licensed pursuant to chapter 1005 or the equivalent licensing authority of another state.
 - 3. A specialty program within the public school system.
- 4. A specialty division within the Cosmetology Division of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, provided the training programs comply with minimum curriculum requirements established by the board.
- (2) A person is qualified for registration as a specialist in facial specialty practices within the practice of cosmetology

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1106 <u>under this chapter if he or she meets both of the following</u>
1107 requirements:

- (a) Is at least 16 years of age or has received a high school diploma.
- (b) Has received a minimum of 165 hours of training as established by the board, which must focus on sanitation and safety and include, but not be limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly related to the practice of facial specialty pursuant to s. 477.013(6)(b), from one of the following:
 - 1. A school licensed pursuant to s. 477.023.
- 2. A school licensed pursuant to chapter 1005 or the equivalent licensing authority of another state.
 - 3. A specialty program within the public school system.
- 4. A specialty division within the Cosmetology Division of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, provided the training programs comply with minimum curriculum requirements established by the board.
- (3) A person is qualified for registration as a specialist in full specialty practices within the practice of cosmetology under this chapter if he or she meets both of the following requirements:
- (a) Is at least 16 years of age or has received a high school diploma.
- (b) Has received a minimum of 300 hours of training as established by the board, which must focus primarily on sanitation and safety and include, but not be limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly related to the practice of full specialty pursuant to s. 477.013(6)(c), from

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(1) A licensee may The practice of or the offer to practice architecture or interior design by licensees through a business organization that offers corporation, limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural or interior design services to the public, or through by a business organization that offers corporation, limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural or interior design services to the public through such licensees under this part as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is permitted, subject to the provisions of this section.

- (2) If a licensee or an applicant proposes to engage in the practice of architecture or interior design as a business organization, the licensee or applicant must apply to qualify the business organization For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or person practicing under a fictitious name, offering architectural services to the public jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing architecture in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required to be certified under this section. Certification under this subsection to offer architectural services shall include all the rights and privileges of certification under subsection (3) to offer interior design services.
 - (a) An application to qualify a business organization must:
- 1. If the business is a partnership, state the names of the partnership and its partners.
- 2. If the business is a corporation, state the names of the corporation and its officers and directors and the name of each

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of its stockholders who is also an officer or a director.

- 3. If the business is operating under a fictitious name, state the fictitious name under which it is doing business.
- 4. If the business is not a partnership, a corporation, or operating under a fictitious name, state the name of such other legal entity and its members.
- (b) The board may deny an application to qualify a business organization if the applicant or any person required to be named pursuant to paragraph (a) has been involved in past disciplinary actions or on any grounds for which an individual registration or certification may be denied.
- (3) (a) A business organization may not engage in the practice of architecture unless its qualifying agent is a registered architect under this part. A business organization may not engage in the practice of interior design unless its qualifying agent is a registered architect or a registered interior designer under this part. A qualifying agent who terminates her or his affiliation with a business organization shall immediately notify the department of such termination. If the qualifying agent who terminates her or his affiliation is the only qualifying agent for a business organization, the business organization must be qualified by another qualifying agent within 60 days after the termination. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the business organization may not engage in the practice of architecture or interior design until it is qualified by a qualifying agent.
- (b) In the event a qualifying architect or interior designer ceases employment with the business organization, the executive director or the chair of the board may authorize

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another registered architect or interior designer employed by
the business organization to temporarily serve as its qualifying
agent for a period of no more than 60 days. The business
organization is not authorized to operate beyond such period
under this chapter absent replacement of the qualifying
architect or interior designer who has ceased employment.

- (c) A qualifying agent shall notify the department in writing before engaging in the practice of architecture or interior design in her or his own name or in affiliation with a different business organization, and she or he or such business organization shall supply the same information to the department as required of applicants under this part For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or person operating under a fictitious name, offering interior design services to the public jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing interior design in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required to be certified under this section.
- (4) All final construction documents and instruments of service which include drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other papers or documents that involve involving the practice of architecture which are prepared or approved for the use of the business organization corporation, limited liability company, or partnership and filed for public record within the state must shall bear the signature and seal of the licensee who prepared or approved them and the date on which they were sealed.
 - (5) All drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other

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papers or documents prepared or approved for the use of the <u>business organization</u> corporation, limited liability company, or <u>partnership</u> by an interior designer in her or his professional capacity and filed for public record within the state <u>must shall</u> bear the signature and seal of the licensee who prepared or approved them and the date on which they were sealed.

- (6) The department shall issue a certificate of authorization to any applicant who the board certifies as qualified for a certificate of authorization and who has paid the fee set in s. 481.207.
- (6) (7) The board shall allow certify an applicant to qualify one or more business organizations as qualified for a certificate of authorization to offer architectural or interior design services, or to use a fictitious name to offer such services, if one of the following criteria is met provided that:
- (a) One or more of the principal officers of the corporation or limited liability company, or one or more partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership who act in its behalf in this state as architects, are registered as provided by this part.; or
- (b) One or more of the principal officers of the corporation or one or more partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership who act in its behalf in this state as interior designers, are registered as provided by this part.
- (8) The department shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of certificates of authorization.

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(9) The department shall renew a certificate of authorization upon receipt of the renewal application and biennial renewal fee.

(7) (10) Each qualifying agent approved to qualify a business organization partnership, limited liability company, and corporation certified under this section shall notify the department within 30 days after of any change in the information contained in the application upon which the qualification certification is based. Any registered architect or interior designer who qualifies the business organization shall ensure corporation, limited liability company, or partnership as provided in subsection (7) shall be responsible for ensuring responsible supervising control of projects of the business organization entity and shall notify the department of the upon termination of her or his employment with a business organization qualified partnership, limited liability company, or corporation certified under this section shall notify the department of the termination within 30 days after such termination.

(8) (11) A business organization is not No corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees, or officers by reason of its compliance with this section. However, except as provided in s. 558.0035, the architect who signs and seals the construction documents and instruments of service is shall be liable for the professional services performed, and the interior designer who signs and seals the interior design drawings, plans, or specifications is shall be liable for the professional services performed.

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(12) Disciplinary action against a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall be administered in the same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action against a registered architect or interior designer, respectively.

(9) (13) Nothing in This section may not shall be construed to mean that a certificate of registration to practice architecture or interior design must shall be held by a business organization corporation, limited liability company, or partnership. Nothing in This section does not prohibit a business organization from offering prohibits corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships from joining together to offer architectural, engineering, interior design, surveying and mapping, and landscape architectural services, or any combination of such services, to the public if the business organization, provided that each corporation, limited liability company, or partnership otherwise meets the requirements of law.

(10) (14) A business organization that is qualified by a registered architect may Corporations, limited liability companies, or partnerships holding a valid certificate of authorization to practice architecture shall be permitted to use in their title the term "interior designer" or "registered interior designer" in its title. designer."

Section 57. Subsection (10) of section 481.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.221 Seals; display of certificate number.-

(10) Each registered architect or interior designer $\underline{\text{must}}_{\tau}$ and each corporation, limited liability company, or partnership holding a certificate of authorization, shall include her or his

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license its certificate number in any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used by the registered licensee architect, interior designer, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership. Each business organization must include the license number of the registered architect or interior designer who serves as the qualifying agent for that business organization in any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used by the business organization, but is not required to display the license numbers of other registered architects or interior designers employed by the business organization A corporation, limited liability company, or partnership is not required to display the certificate number of individual registered architects or interior designers employed by or working within the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership.

Section 58. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (5) of section 481.229, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.-

- (5) (a) Nothing contained in This part does not prohibit shall prevent a registered architect or a qualified business organization partnership, limited liability company, or corporation holding a valid certificate of authorization to provide architectural services from performing any interior design service or from using the title "interior designer" or "registered interior designer."
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, a registered architect or qualified business organization certified any corporation, partnership, or person operating under a fictitious name which holds a certificate of

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authorization to provide architectural services <u>must</u> <u>shall</u> be qualified, without fee, <u>for a certificate of authorization</u> to provide interior design services upon submission of a completed application <u>for qualification</u> <u>therefor</u>. <u>For corporations</u>, <u>partnerships</u>, <u>and persons operating under a fictitious name</u> <u>which hold a certificate of authorization to provide interior</u> <u>design services</u>, <u>satisfaction of the requirements for renewal of the certificate of authorization to provide architectural services under s. 481.219 shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements for renewal of the certificate of authorization to provide interior design services under that section.</u>

Section 59. Section 481.303, Florida Statutes, is reordered and amended to read:

- 481.303 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (1) "Board" means the Board of Landscape Architecture.
- (2) "Business organization" means any partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or individual operating under a fictitious name.
- $\underline{(4)}$ "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- (8) (3) "Registered landscape architect" means a person who holds a license to practice landscape architecture in this state under the authority of this act.
- $\underline{(3)}$ "Certificate of registration" means a license issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the practice of landscape architecture.
- (5) "Certificate of authorization" means a license issued by the department to a corporation or partnership to engage in the practice of landscape architecture.

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(5) "Landscape architecture" means professional services, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Consultation, investigation, research, planning, design, preparation of drawings, specifications, contract documents and reports, responsible construction supervision, or landscape management in connection with the planning and development of land and incidental water areas, including the use of Florida-friendly landscaping as defined in s. 373.185, where, and to the extent that, the dominant purpose of such services or creative works is the preservation, conservation, enhancement, or determination of proper land uses, natural land features, ground cover and plantings, or naturalistic and aesthetic values;
- (b) The determination of settings, grounds, and approaches for and the siting of buildings and structures, outdoor areas, or other improvements;
- (c) The setting of grades, shaping and contouring of land and water forms, determination of drainage, and provision for storm drainage and irrigation systems where such systems are necessary to the purposes outlined herein; and
- (d) The design of such tangible objects and features as are necessary to the purpose outlined herein.
- (6) (7) "Landscape design" means consultation for and preparation of planting plans drawn for compensation, including specifications and installation details for plant materials, soil amendments, mulches, edging, gravel, and other similar materials. Such plans may include only recommendations for the conceptual placement of tangible objects for landscape design projects. Construction documents, details, and specifications

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for tangible objects and irrigation systems shall be designed or approved by licensed professionals as required by law.

(7) "Qualifying agent" means an owner, officer, or director of the corporation, or partner of the partnership, who is responsible for the supervision, direction, and management of projects of the business organization with which she or he is affiliated and for ensuring that responsible supervising control is being exercised.

Section 60. Subsection (5) of section 481.321, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.321 Seals; display of certificate number.-

(5) Each registered landscape architect <u>must</u> and each corporation or partnership holding a certificate of authorization shall include <u>her or his</u> its certificate number in any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used by the registered landscape architect, corporation, or partnership. A corporation or partnership <u>must</u> is not required to display the certificate <u>number</u> numbers of at least one officer, director, owner, or partner who is a individual registered landscape <u>architect</u> architects employed by or practicing with the corporation or partnership.

Section 61. Subsection (4) of section 481.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.311 Licensure.-

(4) The board shall certify as qualified for a certificate of authorization any applicant corporation or partnership who satisfies the requirements of s. 481.319.

Section 62. Subsection (2) of section 481.317, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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481.317 Temporary certificates.-

(2) Upon approval by the board and payment of the fee set in s. 481.307, the department shall grant a temporary certificate of authorization for work on one specified project in this state for a period not to exceed 1 year to an out-of-state corporation, partnership, or firm, provided one of the principal officers of the corporation, one of the partners of the partnership, or one of the principals in the fictitiously named firm has obtained a temporary certificate of registration in accordance with subsection (1).

Section 63. Section 481.319, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.319 Corporate and partnership practice of landscape architecture; certificate of authorization.

- (1) The practice of or offer to practice landscape architecture by registered landscape architects registered under this part through a corporation or partnership offering landscape architectural services to the public, or through a corporation or partnership offering landscape architectural services to the public through individual registered landscape architects as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is permitted, subject to the provisions of this section, if:
- (a) One or more of the principal officers of the corporation, or partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation or partnership who act in its behalf as landscape architects in this state are registered landscape architects; and
- (b) One or more of the officers, one or more of the directors, one or more of the owners of the corporation, or one

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or more of the partners of the partnership is a registered landscape architect and has applied to be the qualifying agent for the business organization; and

- (c) The corporation or partnership has been issued a certificate of authorization by the board as provided herein.
- (2) All documents involving the practice of landscape architecture which are prepared for the use of the corporation or partnership $\underline{\text{must}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ bear the signature and seal of a registered landscape architect.
- (3) A landscape architect applying to practice in the name of a An applicant corporation must shall file with the department the names and addresses of all officers and board members of the corporation, including the principal officer or officers, duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state and, also, of all individuals duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by the corporation in this state. A landscape architect applying to practice in the name of a An applicant partnership must shall file with the department the names and addresses of all partners of the partnership, including the partner or partners duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state and, also, of an individual or individuals duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by said partnership in this state.
- (4) Each <u>landscape architect qualifying a partnership or</u> and corporation licensed under this part <u>must shall</u> notify the department within 1 month of any change in the information

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contained in the application upon which the license is based.

Any landscape architect who terminates <u>her or</u> his or her

employment with a partnership or corporation licensed under this

part shall notify the department of the termination within 1

month.

- (5) Disciplinary action against a corporation or partnership shall be administered in the same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action against a registered landscape architect.
- (5)(6) Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a registered landscape architect practices landscape architecture through a corporation or partnership as provided in this section does not relieve the landscape architect from personal liability for her or his or her professional acts.

Section 64. Subsection (5) of section 481.329, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.329 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.-

(5) This part does not prohibit any person from engaging in the practice of landscape design, as defined in s.481.303(6) s.481.303(7), or from submitting for approval to a governmental agency planting plans that are independent of, or a component of, construction documents that are prepared by a Floridaregistered professional. Persons providing landscape design services shall not use the title, term, or designation "landscape architect," "landscape architectural," "landscape architecture," "L.A.," "landscape engineering," or any description tending to convey the impression that she or he is a landscape architect unless she or he is registered as provided in this part.

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Section 65. Section 492.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

492.111 Practice of professional geology by a firm, corporation, or partnership; certificate of authorization.—The practice of, or offer to practice, professional geology by individual professional geologists licensed under the provisions of this chapter through a firm, corporation, or partnership offering geological services to the public through individually licensed professional geologists as agents, employees, officers, or partners thereof is permitted subject to the provisions of this chapter, if provided that:

(1) At all times that it offers geological services to the public, the firm, corporation, or partnership is qualified by has on file with the department the name and license number of one or more individuals who hold a current, active license as a professional geologist in the state and are serving as a geologist of record for the firm, corporation, or partnership. A geologist of record may be any principal officer or employee of such firm or corporation, or any partner or employee of such partnership, who holds a current, active license as a professional geologist in this state, or any other Floridalicensed professional geologist with whom the firm, corporation, or partnership has entered into a long-term, ongoing relationship, as defined by rule of the board, to serve as one of its geologists of record. It shall be the responsibility of the firm, corporation, or partnership and The geologist of record shall to notify the department of any changes in the relationship or identity of that geologist of record within 30 days after such change.

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(2) The firm, corporation, or partnership has been issued a certificate of authorization by the department as provided in this chapter. For purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required of any firm, corporation, partnership, association, or person practicing under a fictitious name and offering geological services to the public; except that, when an individual is practicing professional geology in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required to obtain a certificate of authorization under this section. Such certificate of authorization shall be renewed every 2 years.

(3) All final geological papers or documents involving the practice of the profession of geology which have been prepared or approved for the use of such firm, corporation, or partnership, for delivery to any person for public record with the state, shall be dated and bear the signature and seal of the professional geologist or professional geologists who prepared or approved them.

(3)(4) Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a licensed professional geologist practices through a corporation or partnership does not relieve the registrant from personal liability for negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by her or him. The partnership and all partners are jointly and severally liable for the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by their agents, employees, or partners while acting in a professional capacity. Any officer, agent, or employee of a corporation is personally liable and accountable only for negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by her or him or committed by any person under her or his direct

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supervision and control, while rendering professional services on behalf of the corporation. The personal liability of a shareholder of a corporation, in her or his capacity as shareholder, may be no greater than that of a shareholder-employee of a corporation incorporated under chapter 607. The corporation is liable up to the full value of its property for any negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by any of its officers, agents, or employees while they are engaged on behalf of the corporation in the rendering of professional services.

- (5) The firm, corporation, or partnership desiring a certificate of authorization shall file with the department an application therefor, upon a form to be prescribed by the department, accompanied by the required application fee.
- (6) The department may refuse to issue a certificate of authorization if any facts exist which would entitle the department to suspend or revoke an existing certificate of authorization or if the department, after giving persons involved a full and fair hearing, determines that any of the officers or directors of said firm or corporation, or partners of said partnership, have violated the provisions of s. 492.113.

Section 66. Section 492.104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

492.104 Rulemaking authority.—The Board of Professional Geologists may has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this chapter. Every licensee shall be governed and controlled by this chapter and the rules adopted by the board. The board may establish is authorized to set, by rule, fees for application, examination, certificate of

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authorization, late renewal, initial licensure, and license renewal. These fees <u>may</u> should not exceed the cost of implementing the application, examination, initial licensure, and license renewal or other administrative process and <u>are shall be</u> established as follows:

- (1) The application fee $\underline{\text{may}}$ shall not exceed \$150 and $\underline{\text{is}}$ shall be nonrefundable.
- (2) The examination fee \underline{may} shall not exceed \$250 $_{7}$ and the fee may be apportioned to each part of a multipart examination. The examination fee \underline{is} shall be refundable in whole or part if the applicant is found to be ineligible to take any portion of the licensure examination.
 - (3) The initial license fee may shall not exceed \$100.
 - (4) The biennial renewal fee may shall not exceed \$150.
- (5) The fee for a certificate of authorization shall not exceed \$350 and the fee for renewal of the certificate shall not exceed \$350.
- $\frac{\text{(6)}}{\text{The fee}}$ The fee for reactivation of an inactive license $\underline{\text{may}}$ shall not exceed \$50.
- $\underline{\text{(6)}}$ The fee for a provisional license $\underline{\text{may}}$ shall not exceed \$400.
- $\underline{(7)}$ (8) The fee for application, examination, and licensure for a license by endorsement \underline{is} shall be as provided in this section for licenses in general.
- Section 67. Subsection (4) of section 492.113, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 492.113 Disciplinary proceedings.
- 1655 (4) The department shall reissue the license of a 1656 disciplined professional geologist or business upon

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certification by the board that the disciplined person has complied with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the terms and conditions set forth in the final order.

Section 68. Section 492.115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

492.115 Roster of licensed professional geologists.—A roster showing the names and places of business or residence of all licensed professional geologists and all properly qualified firms, corporations, or partnerships practicing holding certificates of authorization to practice professional geology in the state shall be prepared annually by the department. A copy of this roster must be made available to shall be obtainable by each licensed professional geologist and each firm, corporation, or partnership qualified by a professional geologist holding a certificate of authorization, and copies thereof shall be placed on file with the department.

Section 69. Subsection (1) of section 548.017, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

548.017 Participants, managers, and other persons required to have licenses.—

(1) A participant, manager, trainer, second, timekeeper, referee, judge, announcer, physician, matchmaker, or promoter must be licensed before directly or indirectly acting in such capacity in connection with any match involving a participant. A physician approved by the commission must be licensed pursuant to chapter 458 or chapter 459, must maintain an unencumbered license in good standing, and must demonstrate satisfactory medical training or experience in boxing, or a combination of both, to the executive director before working as the ringside

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1686 physician. 1687 Section 70. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section 1688 548.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1689 548.003 Florida State Boxing Commission. -1690 (2) The Florida State Boxing Commission, as created by 1691 subsection (1), shall administer the provisions of this chapter. 1692 The commission has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this 1693 1694 chapter and to implement each of the duties and responsibilities 1695 conferred upon the commission, including, but not limited to:

(i) Designation and duties of a knockdown timekeeper.

Section 71. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

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