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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Broxson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 250.483, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

250.483 Active duty; licensure or qualification.-

(1) If a member of the Florida National Guard or the United States Armed Forces Reserves seeking licensure or qualification for a trade, occupation, or profession is ordered into state



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11 active duty or into active duty as defined in this chapter, and
12 his or her period of training, study, apprenticeship, or
13 practical experience is interrupted or the start thereof is
14 delayed, he or she is entitled to licensure or qualification
15 under the laws covering his or her licensure or qualification at
16 the time of entrance into active duty pursuant to subsection
17 (2).

18 (2) A board of examiners or other qualification board
19 regulated under general law shall accept periods of training and
20 practical experience in the Florida National Guard or the United
21 States Armed Forces Reserves in place of the interrupted or
22 delayed periods of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical
23 experience if the board finds the standard and type of work or
24 training performed in the Florida National Guard or the United
25 States Armed Forces Reserves to be substantially the same as the
26 standard and type required under the laws of this state.

27 (3) A member of the National Guard or the United States
28 Armed Forces Reserves must request licensure or qualification
29 pursuant to this section by the respective board of examiners or
30 other qualification board within 6 months after release from
31 active duty with the Florida National Guard or the United States
32 Armed Forces Reserves.

33 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
34 295.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

35 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

36 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

37 (c) Each member of the board of directors shall be
38 appointed for a term of 4 years, except that, to achieve
39 staggered terms, the initial appointees of the Governor shall



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40 serve terms of 2 years. A member is eligible ~~ineligible~~ for
41 reappointment to the board ~~except that a member appointed to a~~
42 ~~term of 2 years or less may be reappointed for one~~ an additional
43 term of 4 years. ~~The initial appointments to the board must be~~
44 ~~made by July 15, 2014.~~ Vacancies on the board shall be filled in
45 the same manner as the original appointment. A vacancy that
46 occurs before the scheduled expiration of the term of the member
47 shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

48 Section 3. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of
49 section 295.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

50 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

51 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall
52 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program
53 and perform all of the following functions:

54 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist
55 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of businesses
56 seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve specialized
57 skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval of requests
58 for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this program.
59 Grant funds may be used only in the absence of available
60 veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may fund
61 specialized training specific to a particular business.

62 1. ~~Grant funds may be allocated to any training provider~~
63 ~~selected by the business, including a career center, a Florida~~
64 ~~College System institution, a state university, or an in-house~~
65 ~~training provider of the business.~~ If grant funds are used to
66 provide a technical certificate, a licensure, or a degree, funds
67 may be allocated only upon a review that includes, but is not
68 limited to, documentation of accreditation and licensure.



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69 Instruction funded through the program terminates when
70 participants demonstrate competence at the level specified in
71 the request but may not exceed 12 ~~48~~ months. Preference shall be
72 given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.106,
73 and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,
74 or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.

75 ~~2. Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be~~
76 ~~documented and separated from those incurred by the training~~
77 ~~provider.~~ Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per
78 veteran trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire cost
79 for all of the training provided before receiving reimbursement
80 from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the cost to train a
81 veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee. Eligible costs
82 and expenditures include:

83 a. Tuition and fees.

84 ~~b. Curriculum development.~~

85 ~~b.e.~~ Books and classroom materials.

86 ~~c.d.~~ Rental fees for facilities ~~at public colleges and~~
87 ~~universities, including virtual training labs.~~

88 ~~e. Overhead or indirect costs not to exceed 5 percent of~~
89 ~~the grant amount.~~

90 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to
91 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement
92 between the business requesting funds, ~~the educational~~
93 ~~institution or training provider receiving funding through the~~
94 ~~program,~~ and the corporation. Such agreement must include, but
95 need not be limited to:

96 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct the
97 instructional program, instructional program description, and



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98 ~~any vendors used to conduct the instructional program the~~
99 ~~qualifications of such personnel, and the respective~~
100 ~~responsibilities of the parties for paying costs associated with~~
101 ~~the employment of such personnel.~~

102 ~~b. Identification of the match provided by the business,~~
103 ~~including cash and in-kind contributions, equal to at least 50~~
104 ~~percent of the total grant amount.~~

105 ~~b.e.~~ Identification of the estimated duration of the
106 instructional program.

107 ~~c.d.~~ Identification of all direct, training-related costs.

108 ~~d.e.~~ Identification of special program requirements that
109 are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

110 ~~e.f.~~ Permission to access aggregate information specific to
111 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of
112 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify
113 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may
114 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

115 4. A business may receive a grant under the Quick-Response
116 Training Program created under s. 288.047 and a grant under this
117 section for the same veteran trainee. If a business receives
118 funds under both programs, one grant agreement may be entered
119 into with CareerSource Florida, Inc., as the grant
120 administrator.

121 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an
122 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which
123 connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to
124 become entrepreneurs.

125 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance
126 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one



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127 or more public or private entities ~~universities~~ that:
128 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and the
129 commitment of ~~university~~ resources, including financial
130 resources, to such programs.
131 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with ~~military and~~
132 veteran entrepreneurs ~~resource center~~.
133 ~~e. Have a regional small business development center in the~~
134 ~~Florida Small Business Development Center Network.~~
135 ~~c.d.~~ As determined by the corporation, have been ~~nationally~~
136 recognized for their performance in assisting entrepreneurs to
137 launch successful businesses in the state ~~commitment to the~~
138 ~~military and veterans~~.
139 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
140 including a focus on employment and business creation. ~~Each~~
141 ~~university must coordinate with any entrepreneurship center~~
142 ~~located at the university.~~ The entity ~~university~~ may also work
143 with a university or college ~~an entity~~ offering related programs
144 to refer veterans or to provide services. The entrepreneur
145 initiative program may include activities and assistance such as
146 peer-to-peer learning sessions, mentoring, technical assistance,
147 business roundtables, networking opportunities, support of
148 student organizations, speaker series, or other tools within a
149 virtual environment.
150 Section 4. Subsections (7) through (12) of section 446.041,
151 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8) through
152 (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that
153 section, to read:
154 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.-
155 The department shall:



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156 (7) Lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate
157 veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities.

158 Section 5. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081,
159 Florida Statutes, to read:

160 446.081 Limitation.—

161 (4) Nothing in ss. 446.011-446.092 or in any rules adopted
162 or contained in any approved apprentice agreement under such
163 sections invalidates any special provision for veterans,
164 minority persons, or women in the standards, qualifications, or
165 operation of the apprenticeship program which is not otherwise
166 prohibited by any applicable general law, rule, or regulation.

167 Section 6. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 455.02,
168 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

169 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good
170 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with
171 administrative boards or programs.—

172 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
173 ~~United States~~ now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time
174 of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any of the
175 boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 and was entitled to
176 practice or engage in his or her profession or occupation
177 ~~vocation~~ in the state shall be kept in good standing by the
178 applicable board or program, without registering, paying dues or
179 fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be
180 performed, as long as he or she is a member of the United States
181 ~~Armed Forces of the United States~~ on active duty and for a
182 period of 2 years after discharge from active duty ~~as a member~~
183 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he or she is not~~
184 ~~engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the~~



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185 ~~private sector for profit. A member, during active duty and for~~
186 ~~a period of 2 years after discharge from active duty, engaged in~~
187 ~~his or her licensed profession or occupation in the private~~
188 ~~sector for profit in this state must complete all license~~
189 ~~renewal provisions except remitting the license renewal fee,~~
190 ~~which shall be waived by the department.~~

191 (2) A spouse of a member of the ~~Armed Services of the~~
192 United States Armed Forces who is married to a member during a
193 period of active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at
194 the time of death was serving on active duty, who is in good
195 standing with any of the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165
196 shall be kept in good standing by the applicable board or
197 program as described in subsection (1) and shall be exempt from
198 licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of his or her
199 absence from the state because of his or her spouse's duties
200 with the United States Armed Forces. The department or the
201 appropriate board or program shall waive any license renewal fee
202 for such spouse when he or she is present in this state because
203 of such member's active duty and for a surviving spouse of a
204 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
205 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

206 Section 7. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and
207 paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida
208 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
209 section, to read:

210 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
211 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

212 (3) (a) A person is eligible for licensure as a health care
213 practitioner in this state if he or she:



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214 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in
215 the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve
216 Forces, or the National Guard;

217 2. Serves or has served on active duty with the United
218 States Armed Forces as a health care practitioner in the United
219 States Public Health Service; or

220 3. Is a health care practitioner, ~~other than a dentist,~~ in
221 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
222 territory of the United States and is the spouse of a person
223 serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces.

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225 The department shall develop an application form, and each
226 board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the
227 application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for
228 such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care
229 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.
230 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or
231 part IV of chapter 468.

232 (b) The board, or the department if there is no board,
233 shall issue a license to practice in this state to a person who:

234 1. Submits a complete application.

235 2. If he or she is a member of the United States Armed
236 Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard,
237 submits proof that he or she has received an honorable discharge
238 within 6 months before, or will receive an honorable discharge
239 within 6 months after, the date of submission of the
240 application.

241 3.a. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by
242 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or



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243 territory of the United States and who has not had disciplinary
244 action taken against him or her in the 5 years preceding the
245 date of submission of the application;

246 b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession
247 for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required
248 to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she
249 submits to the department evidence of military training or
250 experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for
251 licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he
252 or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate
253 examination of a national or regional standards organization if
254 required for licensure in this state; or

255 c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the
256 United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in
257 a profession, ~~excluding dentistry,~~ for which licensure in
258 another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she
259 submits to the department evidence of training or experience
260 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
261 this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has
262 obtained a passing score on the appropriate examination of a
263 national or regional standards organization if required for
264 licensure in this state.

265 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission
266 of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in
267 a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the
268 United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the
269 practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.

270 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she is
271 applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of the



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272 application.

273 6. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background screening
274 pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the profession for
275 which he or she is applying.

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277 The department shall verify information submitted by the
278 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
279 Data Bank.

280 (4)

281 ~~(j) An applicant who is issued a temporary professional~~
282 ~~license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must~~
283 ~~practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s.~~
284 ~~466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466.~~

285 (5) The spouse of a person serving on active duty with the
286 United States Armed Forces shall have a defense to any citation
287 and related cause of action brought under s. 456.065 if the
288 following conditions are met:

289 (a) The spouse holds an active, unencumbered license issued
290 by another state or jurisdiction to provide health care services
291 for which there is no equivalent license in this state.

292 (b) The spouse is providing health care services within the
293 scope of practice of the out-of-state license.

294 (c) The training or experience required by the out-of-state
295 license is substantially similar to the license requirements to
296 practice a similar health care profession in this state.

297 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
298 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

299 472.015 Licensure.—

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301 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
302 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
303 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
304 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
305 on active duty or the spouse of such a member, the surviving
306 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died
307 while serving on active duty, or a business entity that has a
308 majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving
309 spouse if the department receives an application~~7~~ in a format
310 prescribed by the department. The application format must
311 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
312 supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the~~
313 ~~veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed~~
314 ~~Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

315 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
316 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
317 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
318 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

319 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
320 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
321 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
322 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
323 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
324 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
325 veteran at the time of discharge; or

326 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
327 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
328 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
329 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department



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330 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
331 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
332 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
333 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
334 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

335 Section 9. Section 472.016, Florida Statutes, is amended to
336 read:

337 472.016 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with the
338 board.—

339 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
340 ~~United States~~ who is now or in the future on active duty and
341 who, at the time of becoming such a member of the United States
342 Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled
343 to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state
344 shall be kept in good standing by the board, without
345 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on
346 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a
347 member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on
348 active duty and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge
349 from active duty, ~~provided that he or she is not engaged in the~~
350 ~~practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for~~
351 ~~profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for a period of 2 years
352 after discharge from active duty, engaged in the practice of
353 surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this
354 state must complete all licensure renewal provisions except
355 remitting the license renewal fee, which shall be waived by the
356 department.

357 (2) The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of
358 members of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~



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359 from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence
360 from the state because of their spouses' duties with the United
361 States Armed Forces. The department or the appropriate board or
362 program shall waive any license renewal fee for the spouse of a
363 member of the United States Armed Forces when such member is
364 present in this state because of the member's active duty with
365 the United States Armed Forces, and for the surviving spouse of
366 a member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
367 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

368 Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida
369 Statutes, is amended to read:

370 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

371 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
372 corporation, shall file with the department a complete
373 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
374 except that an ~~the~~ applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G"
375 license is not required to submit an application fee. An
376 application fee is not required for an applicant who qualifies
377 for the fee waiver in s. 493.6107(6). The application fee is not
378 refundable.

379 (a) The application submitted by any individual, partner,
380 or corporate officer must be approved by the department before
381 the individual, partner, or corporate officer assumes his or her
382 duties.

383 (b) Individuals who invest in the ownership of a licensed
384 agency but do not participate in, direct, or control the
385 operations of the agency are not required to file an
386 application.

387 ~~(c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined~~



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388 ~~in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class~~
389 ~~"C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K,"~~
390 ~~Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI"~~
391 ~~license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of~~
392 ~~the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include~~
393 ~~a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States~~
394 ~~Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of~~
395 ~~identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'~~
396 ~~Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.~~

397 Section 11. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida
398 Statutes, is amended to read:

399 493.6107 Fees.—

400 (6) The initial application license fee for a veteran, as
401 defined in s. 1.01, the spouse or surviving spouse of such
402 veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who has
403 served on active duty, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such
404 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
405 died within the 2 years preceding the initial application, shall
406 be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC,"
407 Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class
408 "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license in a format
409 prescribed by the department. The application format must
410 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
411 supporting documentation ~~Class "M" or Class "K" license within~~
412 ~~24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United~~
413 ~~States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of~~
414 ~~his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States~~
415 ~~Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of~~
416 ~~identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'~~



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417 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

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419 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
420 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
421 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

422 Section 12. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6113,
423 Florida Statutes, to read:

424 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.—

425 (7) The department shall waive the respective fees for a
426 licensee who:

427 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
428 Forces or the spouse of such member;

429 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
430 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
431 expiration date of the license. A licensee who is a former
432 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
433 duty within the 2 years preceding the application must have
434 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
435 from the United States Armed Forces; or

436 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
437 States Armed Forces who was serving on active duty at the time
438 of death and died within the 2 years preceding the expiration
439 date of the license.

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441 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
442 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
443 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

444 Section 13. Subsection (8) is added to section 494.00312,
445 Florida Statutes, to read:



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446 494.00312 Loan originator license.-

447 (8) The office shall waive the fees required by paragraph
448 (2) (e) for an applicant who:

449 (a) Is or was an active duty member of the United States
450 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
451 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
452 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
453 from the United States Armed Forces;

454 (b) Is married to a current or former member of the United
455 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
456 any period of active duty; or

457 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
458 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
459 the time of death.

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461 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
462 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
463 of the qualifications in this subsection.

464 Section 14. Subsection (4) is added to section 494.00313,
465 Florida Statutes, to read:

466 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.-

467 (4) The office shall waive the fees required by paragraph
468 (1) (b) for a loan originator who:

469 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
470 Forces or the spouse of such member;

471 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
472 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
473 expiration date of the license pursuant to s. 494.00312(7). To
474 qualify for the fee waiver, a loan originator who is a former



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475 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
476 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
477 license must have received an honorable discharge upon
478 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or
479 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
480 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
481 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
482 surviving spouse's license expiration date pursuant to s.
483 494.00312(7).

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485 A loan originator seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in
486 a form prescribed by commission rule, that the loan originator
487 meets one of the qualifications in this subsection.

488 Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
489 497.140, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

490 497.140 Fees.—

491 (6) (a) 1. The department shall impose, upon initial
492 licensure and each renewal thereof, a special unlicensed
493 activity fee of \$5 per licensee, in addition to all other fees
494 provided for in this chapter. Such fee shall be used by the
495 department to fund efforts to identify and combat unlicensed
496 activity which violates this chapter. Such fee shall be in
497 addition to all other fees collected from each licensee and
498 shall be deposited in a separate account of the Regulatory Trust
499 Fund; however, the department is not limited to the funds in
500 such an account for combating improper unlicensed activity in
501 violation of this chapter.

502 2. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
503 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces



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504 who separated from service within 2 years preceding the
505 application for licensure are exempt from the special unlicensed
506 activity fee associated with initial licensure. To qualify for
507 the fee exemption under this subparagraph, a licensee must
508 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
509 dependent identification card, military service record, military
510 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
511 document that indicates such member is currently in good
512 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

513 Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 497.141, Florida
514 Statutes, is amended to read:

515 497.141 Licensing; general application procedures.—

516 (4) Before the issuance of any license, the department
517 shall collect such initial fee as specified by this chapter or,
518 where authorized, by rule of the board, unless an applicant is
519 exempted as specified by this chapter. Upon receipt of a
520 completed application and the appropriate fee, and certification
521 by the board that the applicant meets the applicable
522 requirements of law and rules, the department shall issue the
523 license applied for. However, an applicant who is not otherwise
524 qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely
525 based on a passing score on a required examination.

526 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 497.281, Florida
527 Statutes, is amended to read:

528 497.281 Licensure of brokers of burial rights.—

529 (1) (a) No person shall receive compensation to act as a
530 third party to the sale or transfer of three or more burial
531 rights in a 12-month period unless the person pays a license fee
532 as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed \$250



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533 and is licensed with the department as a burial rights broker in
534 accordance with this section.

535 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
536 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
537 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
538 application for licensure are exempt from the initial license
539 fee. To qualify for the initial license fee exemption, an
540 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
541 military dependent identification card, military service record,
542 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
543 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
544 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

545 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
546 (3) of section 497.368, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

547 497.368 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by examination;
548 provisional license.—

549 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an embalmer shall
550 apply to the licensing authority to take the licensure
551 examination. The licensing authority shall examine each
552 applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the
553 licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual per
554 applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of the
555 examination and who has:

556 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
557 nonrefundable application fee set by the licensing authority not
558 to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
559 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
560 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
561 application for licensure, are exempt from the application fee.



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562 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
563 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
564 dependent identification card, military service record, military
565 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
566 document that indicates such member is currently in good
567 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

568 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
569 internship and has been approved for examination as an embalmer
570 may qualify for a provisional license to work in a licensed
571 funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of a
572 licensed embalmer for a limited period of 6 months as provided
573 by rule of the licensing authority. The fee for provisional
574 licensure shall be set by rule of the licensing authority, but
575 may not exceed \$200, and shall be nonrefundable and in addition
576 to the fee required in subsection (1). This provisional license
577 may be renewed no more than one time. A member of the United
578 States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the
579 United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the
580 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
581 initial provisional licensure fee. To qualify for the initial
582 provisional licensure fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
583 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
584 identification card, military service record, military personnel
585 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
586 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
587 veteran was honorably discharged.

588 Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
589 (5) of section 497.369, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
590 497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by endorsement;



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591 licensure of a temporary embalmer.-

592 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
593 endorsement to practice embalming to an applicant who has
594 remitted an examination fee set by rule of the licensing
595 authority not to exceed \$200 and who the licensing authority
596 certifies:

597 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
598 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
599 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
600 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
601 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
602 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
603 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
604 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
605 card, military dependent identification card, military service
606 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
607 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
608 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
609 discharged.

610 (5) (a) There may be adopted by the licensing authority
611 rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of
612 paragraphs (1) (b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to
613 take the examination required by subsection (4) to be licensed
614 as a temporary licensed embalmer. A temporary licensed embalmer
615 may work as an embalmer in a licensed funeral establishment
616 under the general supervision of a licensed embalmer. Such
617 temporary license shall expire 60 days after the date of the
618 next available examination required under subsection (4);
619 however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the



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620 same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for issuance or
621 renewal of an embalmer temporary license shall be set by rule of
622 the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee
623 required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in
624 addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

625 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
626 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
627 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
628 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
629 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
630 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
631 military dependent identification card, military service record,
632 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
633 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
634 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

635 Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 497.370, Florida
636 Statutes, is amended to read:

637 497.370 Embalmers; licensure of an embalmer intern.-

638 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become an embalmer intern
639 shall make application to the licensing authority on forms
640 specified by rule, together with a nonrefundable fee determined
641 by rule of the licensing authority but not to exceed \$200.

642 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
643 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
644 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
645 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
646 To qualify for the application fee exemption under this
647 paragraph, an applicant must provide a copy of a military
648 identification card, military dependent identification card,



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649 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
650 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
651 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
652 honorably discharged.

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654 The application shall indicate the name and address of the
655 licensed embalmer under whose supervision the intern will
656 receive training and the name of the licensed funeral
657 establishment or centralized embalming facility where such
658 training is to be conducted. The embalmer intern shall intern
659 under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer who has an
660 active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.

661 Section 21. Section 497.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
662 to read:

663 497.371 Embalmers; establishment of embalmer apprentice
664 program.—

665 (1) The licensing authority adopts rules establishing an
666 embalmer apprentice program. An embalmer apprentice may perform
667 only those tasks, functions, and duties relating to embalming
668 which are performed under the direct supervision of an embalmer
669 who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.
670 An embalmer apprentice is eligible to serve in an apprentice
671 capacity for a period not to exceed 3 years as may be determined
672 by licensing authority rule or for a period not to exceed 5
673 years if the apprentice is enrolled in and attending a course in
674 mortuary science or funeral service education at any mortuary
675 college or funeral service education college or school. An
676 embalmer apprentice shall be issued a license upon payment of a
677 licensure fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not



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678 to exceed \$200.

679 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
680 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
681 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
682 application for licensure are exempt from the licensure fee. To
683 qualify for the licensure fee exemption under this subsection,
684 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
685 card, military dependent identification card, military service
686 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
687 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
688 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
689 discharged.

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691 An applicant for the embalmer apprentice program may not be
692 issued a license unless the licensing authority determines that
693 the applicant is of good character and has not demonstrated a
694 history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or
695 professional matters.

696 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
697 (3) of section 497.373, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

698 497.373 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
699 by examination; provisional license.—

700 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a funeral
701 director shall apply to the licensing authority to take the
702 licensure examination. The licensing authority shall examine
703 each applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule
704 of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual
705 per applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of
706 the examination and who the licensing authority certifies has:



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707 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
708 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
709 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
710 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
711 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
712 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
713 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
714 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
715 card, military dependent identification card, military service
716 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
717 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
718 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
719 discharged.

720 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
721 internship and has been approved for examination as a funeral
722 director may qualify for a provisional license to work in a
723 licensed funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of
724 a licensed funeral director for 6 months as provided by rule of
725 the licensing authority. However, a provisional licensee may
726 work under the general supervision of a licensed funeral
727 director upon passage of the laws and rules examination required
728 under paragraph (2) (b). The fee for provisional licensure shall
729 be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed
730 \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable
731 and in addition to the fee required by subsection (1). This
732 provisional license may be renewed no more than one time. A
733 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
734 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
735 from service within the 2 years preceding application for



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736 licensure are exempt from the initial provisional licensure fee.
737 To qualify for the initial provisional licensure fee exemption,
738 a licensee must provide a copy of a military identification
739 card, military dependent identification card, military service
740 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
741 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
742 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
743 discharged.

744 Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
745 (5) of section 497.374, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

746 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
747 by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.—

748 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
749 endorsement to practice funeral directing to an applicant who
750 has remitted a fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
751 exceed \$200 and who:

752 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
753 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
754 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
755 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
756 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
757 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
758 nonrefundable application fee. To qualify for the exemption, an
759 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
760 military dependent identification card, military service record,
761 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
762 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
763 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

764 (5) There may be adopted rules authorizing an applicant who



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765 has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and who is
766 awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required by
767 subsection (4) to obtain a license as a temporary funeral
768 director. A licensed temporary funeral director may work as a
769 funeral director in a licensed funeral establishment under the
770 general supervision of a funeral director licensed under
771 subsection (1) or s. 497.373. Such license shall expire 60 days
772 after the date of the next available examination required under
773 subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed
774 one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee
775 for initial issuance or renewal of a temporary license under
776 this subsection shall be set by rule of the licensing authority
777 but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection
778 shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in
779 subsection (1). A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
780 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
781 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
782 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
783 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
784 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
785 military dependent identification card, military service record,
786 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
787 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
788 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

789 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
790 497.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

791 497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director
792 intern.—

793 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director



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794 intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed
795 by rule of the licensing authority, together with a
796 nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
797 exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
798 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
799 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
800 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
801 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
802 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
803 dependent identification card, military service record, military
804 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
805 document that indicates such member is currently in good
806 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

807 Section 25. Section 497.393, Florida Statutes, is created
808 to read:

809 497.393 Licensure; military-issued credentials for
810 licensure.—The licensing authority shall recognize military-
811 issued credentials relating to funeral and cemetery services for
812 purposes of licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. A
813 member of the United States Armed Forces and a veteran of the
814 United States Armed Forces seeking licensure as a funeral
815 director or embalmer under this section shall submit to the
816 licensing authority a certification that the military-issued
817 credential reflects knowledge, training, and experience
818 substantially similar to the requirements of this chapter for
819 licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. The licensing
820 authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
821 be used by persons seeking licensure under this section. The
822 licensing authority may conduct an investigation and further



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823 inquiry of any person regarding any military-issued credential
824 sought to be recognized.

825 Section 26. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section
826 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

827 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and
828 criteria; renewal; reports.—

829 (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

830 (n) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
831 fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed
832 \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's
833 spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who
834 separated from service within the 2 years preceding application
835 for licensure are exempt from the application fee when applying
836 as an individual. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
837 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
838 card, military dependent identification card, military service
839 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
840 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
841 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
842 discharged.

843 Section 27. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
844 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

845 497.466 Preneed sales agents, license required; application
846 procedures and criteria; appointment of agents; responsibility
847 of preneed licensee.—

848 (2) PRENEED SALES AGENT LICENSE; APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

849 (h) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
850 fee of \$150 if made through the department's online licensing
851 system or \$175 if made using paper forms. Payment of either fee



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852 shall entitle the applicant to one initial appointment without
853 payment of further fees by the preneed sales agent or the
854 appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales agent license is
855 issued. The licensing authority may from time to time increase
856 such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of the United States
857 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
858 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
859 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
860 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
861 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
862 card, military dependent identification card, military service
863 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
864 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
865 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
866 discharged.

867 Section 28. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
868 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

869 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.—

870 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—Licensure as a monument
871 establishment sales agent shall be by submission of an
872 application for licensure to the department on a form prescribed
873 by rule.

874 (e) The monument establishment sales agent application
875 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority
876 may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but
877 not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
878 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
879 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
880 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.



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881 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
882 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
883 dependent identification card, military service record, military
884 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
885 document that indicates such member is currently in good
886 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

887 Section 29. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) and subsection
888 (4) of section 497.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

889 497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing
890 procedures and criteria; regulation.—

891 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

892 (i) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
893 fee of \$300. The licensing authority may from time to time
894 increase the fee by rule but not to exceed more than \$500. A
895 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
896 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
897 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
898 licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for
899 the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy
900 of a military identification card, military dependent
901 identification card, military service record, military personnel
902 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
903 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
904 veteran was honorably discharged.

905 (4) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Upon approval of the application
906 by the licensing authority, the license shall be issued. The
907 licensing authority shall recognize military-issued credentials
908 relating to funeral and cemetery services for purposes of
909 licensure as a direct disposer. A member of the United States



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910 Armed Forces and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
911 seeking licensure as a direct disposer under this section shall
912 submit to the licensing authority a certification that the
913 military-issued credential reflects knowledge, training, and
914 experience substantially similar to the requirements of this
915 chapter for licensure as a direct disposer. The licensing
916 authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
917 be used by members and veterans of the United States Armed
918 Forces seeking licensure under this section. The licensing
919 authority may conduct investigation and further inquiry of any
920 person regarding any military-issued credential sought to be
921 recognized.

922 Section 30. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
923 Statutes, is amended to read:

924 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
925 fees.—Each health studio shall:

926 (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the
927 department at the time of registration for each of the health
928 studio's business locations.

929 (a) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
930 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
931 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
932 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
933 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
934 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
935 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
936 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
937 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
938 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format



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939 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
940 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
941 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
942 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

943 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
944 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
945 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
946 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

947 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
948 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
949 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
950 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
951 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
952 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
953 veteran at the time of discharge; or

954 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
955 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
956 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
957 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
958 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
959 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
960 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
961 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
962 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

963 (b) The department shall waive the registration renewal fee
964 for a registrant who:

965 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
966 Forces or the spouse of such member;

967 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and



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968 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
969 date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a
970 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
971 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
972 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
973 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or
974 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
975 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
976 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the date of
977 renewal.

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979 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
980 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
981 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
982 documentation.

983 Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
984 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and
986 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

987 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be
988 verified and accompanied by:

989 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
990 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
991 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
992 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse
993 or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
994 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
995 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
996 United States Armed Forces if such member died while serving on



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997 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
998 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
999 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
1000 the department. The application format must include the
1001 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1002 documentation, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
1003 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
1004 qualify for the waiver:7

1005 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1006 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1007 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1008 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1009 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1010 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1011 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1012 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1013 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1014 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1015 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1016 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1017 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1018 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1019 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1020 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1021 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1022 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1023 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1024 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1025 Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section



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1026 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1027 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—

1028 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be
1029 verified and be accompanied by:

1030 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
1031 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
1032 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
1033 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
1034 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall
1035 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged
1036 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse or
1037 surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
1038 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
1039 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
1040 United States Armed Forces if the member died while serving on
1041 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
1042 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
1043 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
1044 the department. The application format must include the
1045 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1046 documentation, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
1047 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
1048 qualify for the waiver:7

1049 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1050 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1051 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1052 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1053 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1054 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued



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1055 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1056 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1057 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1058 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1059 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1060 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1061 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1062 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1063 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1064 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1065 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1066 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1067 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1068 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1069 Section 33. Subsection (5) is added to section 501.609,
1070 Florida Statutes, to read:

1071 501.609 License renewal.—

1072 (5) The department shall waive the annual fee to renew for
1073 a licensee who:

1074 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1075 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1076 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
1077 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1078 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a licensee who is a
1079 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
1080 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
1081 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1082 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1083 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United



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1084 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1085 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1086 renewal.

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1088 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1089 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
1090 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1091 Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1092 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
1093 to that subsection, to read:

1094 507.03 Registration.—

1095 (3)

1096 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1097 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1098 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1099 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1100 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1101 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1102 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1103 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1104 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1105 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1106 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1107 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
1108 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
1109 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: 7

1110 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1111 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1112 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as



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1113 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1114 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1115 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1116 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1117 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1118 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1119 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1120 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1121 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1122 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1123 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1124 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1125 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1126 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1127 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1128 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1129 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1130 (c) The department shall waive the biennial fee to renew
1131 for a registrant who:

1132 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1133 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1134 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1135 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1136 expiration date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who
1137 is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served
1138 on active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date
1139 of the registration must have received an honorable discharge
1140 upon separation or discharge from the United States Armed
1141 Forces; or



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1142 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1143 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1144 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1146 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1147 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1148 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1149 documentation.

1150 Section 35. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 517.12,
1151 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1152 517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons,
1153 intermediaries, and investment advisers.—

1154 (10) (a) An applicant for registration shall pay an
1155 assessment fee of \$200, in the case of a dealer or investment
1156 adviser, or \$50, in the case of an associated person. An
1157 associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the
1158 cost for the fingerprints to be processed by the office. Such
1159 fee shall be determined by rule of the commission. Such fees
1160 become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments
1161 provided for under s. 517.131(1) until such time as the
1162 Securities Guaranty Fund satisfies the statutory limits, and are
1163 not returnable in the event that registration is withdrawn or
1164 not granted.

1165 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1166 associated person required by paragraph (a) for an applicant
1167 who:

1168 1. Is or was an active duty member of the United States
1169 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
1170 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have



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1171 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
1172 from the United States Armed Forces;

1173 2. Is married to a current or former member of the United
1174 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
1175 any period of active duty; or

1176 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1177 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1178 time of death.

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1180 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
1181 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
1182 of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1183 (11) (a) If the office finds that the applicant is of good
1184 repute and character and has complied with the provisions of
1185 this chapter and the rules made pursuant hereto, it shall
1186 register the applicant. The registration of each dealer,
1187 investment adviser, and associated person expires on December 31
1188 of the year the registration became effective unless the
1189 registrant has renewed his or her registration on or before that
1190 date. Registration may be renewed by furnishing such information
1191 as the commission may require, together with payment of the fee
1192 required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for dealers,
1193 investment advisers, or associated persons and the payment of
1194 any amount lawfully due and owing to the office pursuant to any
1195 order of the office or pursuant to any agreement with the
1196 office. Any dealer, investment adviser, or associated person who
1197 has not renewed a registration by the time the current
1198 registration expires may request reinstatement of such
1199 registration by filing with the office, on or before January 31



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1200 of the year following the year of expiration, such information
1201 as may be required by the commission, together with payment of
1202 the fee required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for
1203 dealers, investment advisers, or associated persons and a late
1204 fee equal to the amount of such fee. Any reinstatement of
1205 registration granted by the office during the month of January
1206 shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.

1207 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1208 associated person required by paragraph (10) (a) for a registrant
1209 renewing his or her registration who:

1210 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1211 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1212 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1213 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1214 expiration date of the registration pursuant to paragraph (a).

1215 To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a former
1216 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
1217 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
1218 registration must have received an honorable discharge upon

1219 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1220 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1221 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1222 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1223 surviving spouse's registration expiration date pursuant to
1224 paragraph (a).

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1226 A registrant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
1227 form prescribed by commission rule, that the registrant meets
1228 one of the qualifications in this paragraph.



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1229 Section 36. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1230 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
1231 to that subsection, to read:

1232 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

1233 (3)

1234 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
1235 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1236 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1237 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1238 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1239 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1240 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1241 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1242 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1243 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1244 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1245 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
1246 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
1247 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: 7

1248 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1249 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1250 Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
1251 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1252 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1253 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1254 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1255 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1256 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1257 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the



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1258 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1259 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1260 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1261 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1262 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1263 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1264 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1265 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1266 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1267 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1268 (c) The department shall waive license renewal fees for a
1269 licensee who:

1270 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1271 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1272 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1273 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1274 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1275 licensee who is a former member of the United States Armed
1276 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1277 the annual renewal date must have received an honorable
1278 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States
1279 Armed Forces; or

1280 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1281 Armed Forces if such member was serving on active duty at the
1282 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1283 surviving spouse's renewal.

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1285 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1286 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under



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1287 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1288 Section 37. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
1289 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
1290 added to that subsection, to read:

1291 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

1292 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

1293 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
1294 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
1295 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
1296 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300
1297 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
1298 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1299 States Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a
1300 veteran, a current member of the United States Armed Forces who
1301 has served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1302 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
1303 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1304 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1305 spouse or surviving spouse if the agency receives an
1306 application, in a format prescribed by the agency. The
1307 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1308 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60
1309 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch
1310 of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:7

1311 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
1312 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1313 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1314 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1315 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide



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1316 to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by
1317 the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable
1318 form of identification as specified by the Department of
1319 Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1320 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1321 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1322 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that
1323 a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran holds a
1324 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
1325 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,
1326 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
1327 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
1328 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
1329 or surviving spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the
1330 veteran at the time of discharge.

1331 (g) The agency shall waive license renewal fee for a
1332 licensee who:

1333 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1334 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1335 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
1336 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1337 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
1338 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United
1339 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1340 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
1341 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1342 States Armed Forces; or

1343 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1344 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the



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1345 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1347 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1348 by the agency, including the applicant's signature, under
1349 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1350 Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1351 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is
1352 added to that subsection, to read:

1353 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
1354 application; exemption.-

1355 (3)

1356 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1357 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1358 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1359 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1360 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1361 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1362 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1363 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1364 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1365 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1366 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1367 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
1368 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
1369 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: 7

1370 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1371 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1372 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1373 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;



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1374 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1375 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1376 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1377 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1378 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1379 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1380 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1381 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1382 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1383 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1384 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1385 of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
1386 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1387 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1388 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1389 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1390 (c) The department shall waive registration renewal fees
1391 for a registrant who:

1392 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1393 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1394 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1395 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1396 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1397 registrant who is a former member of the United States Armed
1398 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1399 the biennial renewal date must have received an honorable
1400 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States
1401 Armed Forces; or

1402 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States



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1403 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1404 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1406 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1407 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1408 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1409 documentation.

1410 Section 39. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
1411 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
1412 added to that subsection, to read:

1413 559.928 Registration.—

1414 (2)

1415 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1416 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1417 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1418 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1419 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1420 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1421 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1422 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1423 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1424 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1425 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1426 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
1427 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1428 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

1429 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1430 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1431 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as



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1432 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1433 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1434 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1435 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1436 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1437 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1438 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1439 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1440 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1441 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1442 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1443 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1444 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1445 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1446 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1447 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1448 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1449 (d) The department shall waive the registration renewal fee
1450 for a registrant who:

1451 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1452 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1453 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1454 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1455 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1456 registrant who is a former member of the United States Armed
1457 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1458 the annual registration renewal date must have received an
1459 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1460 States Armed Forces; or



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1461 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1462 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1463 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1465 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1466 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1467 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1468 documentation.

1469 Section 40. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida
1470 Statutes, is amended to read:

1471 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
1472 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
1473 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

1474 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
1475 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
1476 separated from service ~~retired~~ within 24 months before
1477 application for licensure, are exempt from the application
1478 filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must
1479 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1480 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1481 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~
1482 ~~document,~~ or a separation document that indicates such members
1483 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing
1484 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

1485 Section 41. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida
1486 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
1487 (6) is added to that section, to read:

1488 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1489 instruction.—



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1490 (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1491 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1492 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1493 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1494 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1495 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1496 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1497 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1498 discharged.

1499 Section 42. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended
1500 to read:

1501 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1502 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except
1503 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified
1504 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the
1505 date the application for a license is filed with the department
1506 he or she has:

1507 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life
1508 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the
1509 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1510 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1511 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1512 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1513 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life
1514 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the
1515 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1516 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1517 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1518 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as Chartered



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1519 Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College of
1520 Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLMI)
1521 from the Life Management Institute;

1522 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another
1523 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state
1524 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1525 the state; or

1526 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1527 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who
1528 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
1529 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1530 employment with the department or office.

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1532 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
1533 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
1534 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
1535 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1536 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1537 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1538 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1539 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1540 Section 43. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended
1541 to read:

1542 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1543 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,
1544 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be
1545 qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately
1546 preceding the date the application for license is filed with the
1547 department he or she has:



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1548 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in health
1549 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
1550 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
1551 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
1552 engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida
1553 Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the
1554 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et
1555 seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by
1556 employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

1557 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1558 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health
1559 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
1560 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
1561 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
1562 engaging in the business of insurance;

1563 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a
1564 Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare
1565 Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant
1566 (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;
1567 Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton
1568 School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance
1569 Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;

1570 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another
1571 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state
1572 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1573 Florida; or

1574 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1575 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who
1576 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is



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1577 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1578 employment with the department or office.

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1580 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
1581 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
1582 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
1583 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1584 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1585 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1586 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1587 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1588 Section 44. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,
1589 Florida Statutes, to read:

1590 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.—
1591 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1592 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1593 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1594 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1595 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1596 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1597 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1598 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1599 discharged.

1600 Section 45. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,
1601 Florida Statutes, to read:

1602 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.—
1603 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1604 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1605 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified



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1606 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1607 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1608 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1609 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1610 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1611 discharged.

1612 Section 46. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended
1613 to read:

1614 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter
1615 certifications.—

1616 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his
1617 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she
1618 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter
1619 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:

1620 (a) Be active as a firefighter.

1621 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor
1622 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year
1623 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,
1624 which proof must be registered in an electronic database
1625 designated by the division.

1626 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1627 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course
1628 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed
1629 by rule.

1630 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1631 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course
1632 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.

1633 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or
1634 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4



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1635 years he or she must:

1636 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or

1637 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of
1638 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.

1639 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified
1640 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as
1641 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety
1642 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment
1643 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.

1644 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"
1645 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a
1646 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within
1647 a 4-year period.

1648 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the
1649 certificate or separation from employment.

1650 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer
1651 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements
1652 of this section.

1653 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,
1654 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer
1655 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the
1656 following grounds exists:

1657 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could
1658 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to
1659 the division.

1660 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any
1661 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

1662 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate
1663 issued by the division.



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1665 The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be
1666 extended to 12 months after discharge from military service for
1667 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1668 Forces or the spouse of such a veteran. A qualified individual
1669 must provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1670 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1671 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1672 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1673 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1674 Section 47. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,
1675 Florida Statutes, to read:

1676 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire
1677 College.—

1678 (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental
1679 expenses, excluding expenses for meal plans and bunker gear
1680 rentals, associated with attending the Florida State Fire
1681 College to obtain a Certificate of Compliance or a Firesafety
1682 Inspector I certification for an active duty member of the
1683 United States Armed Forces, the surviving spouse of such a
1684 member who was serving on active duty at the time of his or her
1685 death and who died within the 2 years preceding his or her
1686 spouse's attendance at the college, an honorably discharged
1687 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or
1688 surviving spouse of such a veteran. A qualified individual must
1689 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1690 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1691 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1692 document that indicates such member is currently in good



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1693 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1694 Section 48. Section 683.147, Florida Statutes, is created
1695 to read:

1696 683.147 Medal of Honor Day.-

1697 (1) March 25 of each year is designated as "Medal of Honor
1698 Day."

1699 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation
1700 designating March 25 as Medal of Honor Day and calling upon
1701 public officials, schools, private organizations, and all
1702 residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and
1703 honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who
1704 distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and
1705 gallantry during wartime, and at considerable risk to their own
1706 lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed
1707 Forces.

1708 Section 49. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1709 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1710 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.-

1711 (1)

1712 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to provide
1713 students with technology-based educational opportunities to gain
1714 the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The school shall
1715 serve any student in the state who meets the profile for success
1716 in this educational delivery context and shall give priority to:

1717 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order to
1718 meet their educational goals, such as home education students
1719 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not
1720 have access to higher-level courses.

1721 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain a



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1722 high school diploma at least one semester early.

1723 3. Students who are children of an active duty member of
1724 the United States Armed Forces who is not stationed in this
1725 state whose home of record or state of legal residence is
1726 Florida.

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1728 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall
1729 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on
1730 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission
1731 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for
1732 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and
1733 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high
1734 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.

1735 Section 50. Subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida
1736 Statutes, is amended to read:

1737 1003.42 Required instruction.—

1738 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
1739 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
1740 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
1741 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
1742 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
1743 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
1744 approved methods of instruction, the following:

1745 (a) The history and content of the Declaration of
1746 Independence, including national sovereignty, natural law, self-
1747 evident truth, equality of all persons, limited government,
1748 popular sovereignty, and inalienable rights of life, liberty,
1749 and property, and how they form the philosophical foundation of
1750 our government.



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1751 (b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the
1752 provisions of the Constitution of the United States and
1753 amendments thereto, with emphasis on each of the 10 amendments
1754 that make up the Bill of Rights and how the constitution
1755 provides the structure of our government.

1756 (c) The arguments in support of adopting our republican
1757 form of government, as they are embodied in the most important
1758 of the Federalist Papers.

1759 (d) Flag education, including proper flag display and flag
1760 salute.

1761 (e) The elements of civil government, including the primary
1762 functions of and interrelationships between the Federal
1763 Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school
1764 districts, and special districts.

1765 (f) The history of the United States, including the period
1766 of discovery, early colonies, the War for Independence, the
1767 Civil War, the expansion of the United States to its present
1768 boundaries, the world wars, and the civil rights movement to the
1769 present. American history shall be viewed as factual, not as
1770 constructed, shall be viewed as knowable, teachable, and
1771 testable, and shall be defined as the creation of a new nation
1772 based largely on the universal principles stated in the
1773 Declaration of Independence.

1774 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
1775 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
1776 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
1777 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
1778 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
1779 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an



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1780 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
1781 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
1782 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
1783 democratic values and institutions.

1784 (h) The history of African Americans, including the history
1785 of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to
1786 the development of slavery, the passage to America, the
1787 enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of
1788 African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall
1789 include the contributions of African Americans to American
1790 society.

1791 (i) The elementary principles of agriculture.

1792 (j) The true effects of all alcoholic and intoxicating
1793 liquors and beverages and narcotics upon the human body and
1794 mind.

1795 (k) Kindness to animals.

1796 (l) The history of the state.

1797 (m) The conservation of natural resources.

1798 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
1799 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
1800 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
1801 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
1802 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
1803 prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal
1804 health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and
1805 abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7
1806 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse
1807 component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition
1808 of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating



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1809 violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy
1810 relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and
1811 abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating
1812 violence and abuse.

1813 (o) Such additional materials, subjects, courses, or fields
1814 in such grades as are prescribed by law or by rules of the State
1815 Board of Education and the district school board in fulfilling
1816 the requirements of law.

1817 (p) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United
1818 States.

1819 (q) The study of women's contributions to the United
1820 States.

1821 (r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the
1822 United States economy.

1823 (s) A character-development program in the elementary
1824 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which
1825 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the
1826 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten
1827 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or
1828 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that
1829 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The
1830 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of
1831 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for
1832 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;
1833 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
1834 and cooperation. The character-development curriculum for grades
1835 9 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on
1836 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization
1837 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and



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1838 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;
1839 conflict resolution, workplace ethics, and workplace law;
1840 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that
1841 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

1842 (t) In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that
1843 veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our
1844 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
1845 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,
1846 Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional
1847 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
1848 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

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1850 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
1851 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
1852 character development program that incorporates the values of
1853 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
1854 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
1855 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
1856 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

1857 Section 51. Subsection (4) of section 1012.55, Florida
1858 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection
1859 (1) of that section, to read:

1860 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

1861 (1)

1862 (e)1. The department shall issue a 3-year temporary
1863 certificate in educational leadership under s. 1012.56(7) to an
1864 individual who:

1865 a. Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational
1866 Leadership Examination.



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1867 b. Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military
1868 officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years.

1869 c. Was honorably discharged or has retired from the United
1870 States Armed Forces.

1871 d. Is employed full time in a position for which an
1872 educator certificate is required in a Florida public school,
1873 state-supported school, or nonpublic school that has a Level II
1874 program under s. 1012.562.

1875 2. A Level II program under s. 1012.562 must accept an
1876 applicant who holds a temporary certificate under subparagraph
1877 1. The department shall issue a permanent certification as a
1878 school principal to an individual who holds a temporary
1879 certificate under subparagraph 1. and successfully completes the
1880 Level II program.

1881 (4) A commissioned or noncommissioned military officer who
1882 is an instructor of junior reserve officer training shall be
1883 exempt from requirements for teacher certification, except for
1884 the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32, if he or she
1885 meets the following qualifications:

1886 (a) Is retired from active military duty, pursuant to
1887 chapter 102 of Title 10 U.S.C.

1888 (b) Satisfies criteria established by the appropriate
1889 military service for certification by the service as a junior
1890 reserve officer training instructor.

1891 (c) Has an exemplary military record.

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1893 If such instructor is assigned instructional duties other than
1894 junior reserve officer training, he or she shall hold the
1895 certificate required by law and rules of the state board for the



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1896 type of service rendered. An instructor of junior reserve
1897 officer training under this subsection may receive funding
1898 through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program
1899 under s. 1012.71.

1900 Section 52. Subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida
1901 Statutes, is amended to read:

1902 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

1903 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

1904 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional
1905 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant
1906 who fulfills one of the following:

1907 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).

1908 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6 through
1909 12:

1910 a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a)-(h).

1911 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of
1912 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

1913 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the
1914 advanced degree.

1915 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the teacher's
1916 performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part on
1917 student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized
1918 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International
1919 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate
1920 examination.

1921 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional
1922 education competency examination required by state board rule.

1923 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a)-(h) and
1924 completes a professional preparation and education competence



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1925 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8) (c).
1926 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly
1927 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation
1928 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing
1929 score on the professional education competency examination in
1930 order to be awarded a professional certificate.

1931 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to
1932 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in
1933 paragraphs (2) (a)-(f) and completes the subject area content
1934 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates
1935 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and
1936 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the
1937 Department of Education at the level required for the subject
1938 area specialization in state board rule.

1939 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year
1940 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional
1941 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's
1942 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for
1943 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language
1944 impairment.

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1946 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years
1947 and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph
1948 (2) (g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of
1949 employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are
1950 employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time
1951 period may continue to be employed through the end of the school
1952 year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall
1953 not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a



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1954 position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond
1955 this time period if the individual has not met the requirement
1956 of paragraph (2)(g). At least 1 year before an individual's
1957 temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall
1958 electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or
1959 her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by
1960 which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be
1961 completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
1962 allow the department to extend the validity period of a
1963 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the
1964 professional certificate, not including the requirement in
1965 paragraph (2)(g), were not completed due to the serious illness
1966 or injury of the applicant, the military service of an
1967 applicant's spouse, or other extraordinary extenuating
1968 circumstances. The rules must authorize the department to extend
1969 the validity period of a temporary certificate ~~or~~ for 1 year if
1970 the ~~temporary~~ certificateholder is rated effective or highly
1971 effective based solely on a student learning growth formula
1972 approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s.
1973 1012.34(8). The department shall reissue the temporary
1974 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the
1975 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of
1976 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school
1977 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab
1978 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or
1979 the governing authority of a private school.

1980 Section 53. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.59,
1981 Florida Statutes, to read:

1982 1012.59 Certification fees.—



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1983 (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial
1984 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area
1985 examination fees and certification fees for:

1986 (a) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a reserve
1987 component thereof who is serving or has served on active duty or
1988 the spouse of such a member.

1989 (b) The surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1990 Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on
1991 active duty at the time of death.

1992 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
1993 Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who
1994 served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such
1995 a veteran.

1996 Section 54. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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1998 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

1999 And the title is amended as follows:

2000 Delete everything before the enacting clause
2001 and insert:

2002 A bill to be entitled
2003 An act relating to military and veterans affairs;
2004 creating s. 250.483, F.S.; providing requirements
2005 relating to licensure or qualification of persons
2006 ordered into active duty or state active duty;
2007 amending s. 295.21, F.S.; providing that a member of
2008 the board of directors for Florida is for Veterans,
2009 Inc., is eligible for reappointment under certain
2010 circumstances; amending s. 295.22, F.S.; revising
2011 provisions relating to receiving training grants from



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2012 Florida is for Veterans, Inc.; amending s. 446.041,
2013 F.S.; providing duties of the Department of Education;
2014 amending s. 446.081, F.S.; providing construction;
2015 amending s. 455.02, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2016 Business and Professional Regulation to waive certain
2017 fees; amending s. 456.024, F.S.; revising licensure
2018 eligibility requirements; providing an exemption from
2019 certain penalties; amending ss. 472.015, 472.016,
2020 493.6105, 493.6107, and 493.6113, F.S.; requiring the
2021 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
2022 waive certain fees; amending ss. 494.00312 and
2023 494.00313, F.S.; requiring the Office of Financial
2024 Regulation to waive certain fees; amending s. 497.140,
2025 F.S.; providing an exemption from a certain fee;
2026 amending s. 497.141, F.S.; providing an exemption from
2027 a certain fee; amending ss. 497.281, 497.368, 497.369,
2028 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, and 497.375, F.S.;
2029 providing exemptions from certain fees; creating s.
2030 497.393, F.S.; authorizing the licensing authority to
2031 recognize certain military-issued credentials for
2032 purposes of licensure; amending ss. 497.453, 497.466,
2033 and 497.554, F.S.; providing exemptions from certain
2034 fees; amending s. 497.602, F.S.; providing an
2035 exemption from an application fee; authorizing the
2036 licensing authority to recognize certain military-
2037 issued credentials for purposes of licensure; amending
2038 s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2039 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive a
2040 registration fee; amending ss. 501.605, 501.607,



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2041 501.609, and 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2042 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
2043 fees for certain licensees; amending s. 517.12, F.S.;
2044 requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to waive
2045 certain fees; amending ss. 527.02 and 539.001, F.S.;
2046 waiving certain licensing fees; amending ss. 559.904
2047 and 559.928, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2048 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
2049 registration fees; amending s. 626.171, F.S.; revising
2050 fee waiver qualification requirements for certain
2051 applicants; amending ss. 626.732, 626.7851, 626.8311,
2052 626.8417, and 626.927, F.S.; revising prelicensure
2053 course requirements for certain applicants; amending
2054 s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an extension for
2055 firefighter certification renewal for certain persons;
2056 amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring the Division of
2057 State Fire Marshal to waive certain expenses
2058 associated with attending the Florida State Fire
2059 College; creating s. 683.147, F.S.; designating March
2060 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day"; amending s.
2061 1002.37, F.S.; revising the order of priority given to
2062 students seeking enrollment in the Florida Virtual
2063 School; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing for a
2064 character development program that incorporates the
2065 values of the Congressional Medal of Honor; amending
2066 s. 1012.55, F.S.; requiring the State Board of
2067 Education to issue a temporary certificate in
2068 educational leadership to certain persons; revising
2069 certain exemptions from requirements for teacher



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2070 certification for certain individuals; amending s.
2071 1012.56, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education
2072 to adopt certain rules; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.;
2073 requiring the State Board of Education to waive
2074 certain fees; providing an effective date.