

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to military and veterans affairs;
3 creating s. 250.483, F.S.; providing requirements
4 relating to licensure or qualification of persons
5 ordered into active duty or state active duty;
6 amending s. 295.21, F.S.; providing that a member of
7 the board of directors for Florida is for Veterans,
8 Inc., shall be eligible for reappointment under
9 certain circumstances; amending s. 295.22, F.S.;
10 revising provisions relating to receiving training
11 grants from Florida is for Veterans, Inc.; amending s.
12 446.041, F.S.; providing duties of the Department of
13 Education; amending s. 446.081, F.S.; providing
14 construction; amending s. 455.02, F.S.; requiring the
15 Department of Business and Professional Regulation to
16 waive certain fees; amending s. 456.024, F.S.;
17 revising licensure eligibility requirements; providing
18 an exemption from certain penalties; amending ss.
19 472.015, 472.016, 493.6105, 493.6107, and 493.6113,
20 F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture and
21 Consumer Services to waive certain fees; amending ss.
22 494.00312 and 494.00313, F.S.; requiring the Office of
23 Financial Regulation to waive certain fees; amending
24 s. 497.140, F.S.; providing an exemption from a
25 certain fee; amending s. 497.141, F.S.; providing an

26 exemption from a certain fee; amending ss. 497.281,
27 497.368, 497.369, 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374,
28 and 497.375, F.S.; providing exemptions from certain
29 fees; creating s. 497.393, F.S.; authorizing the
30 licensing authority to recognize certain military-
31 issued credentials for purposes of licensure; amending
32 ss. 497.453, 497.466, and 497.554, F.S.; providing
33 exemptions from certain fees; amending s. 497.602,
34 F.S.; providing an exemption from an application fee;
35 authorizing the licensing authority to recognize
36 certain military-issued credentials for purposes of
37 licensure; amending s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the
38 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
39 waive a registration fee; amending ss. 501.605,
40 501.607, 501.609, and 507.03, F.S.; requiring the
41 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
42 waive certain fees for certain licensees; amending s.
43 517.12, F.S.; requiring the Office of Financial
44 Regulation to waive certain fees; amending ss. 527.02
45 and 539.001, F.S.; waiving certain licensing fees;
46 amending ss. 559.904 and 559.928, F.S.; requiring the
47 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
48 waive certain registration fees; amending s. 626.171,
49 F.S.; revising fee waiver qualification requirements
50 for certain applicants; amending ss. 626.732,

51 626.7851, 626.8311, 626.8417, and 626.927, F.S.;

52 revising prelicensure course requirements for certain

53 applicants; amending s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an

54 extension for firefighter certification renewal for

55 certain persons; amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring

56 the Division of State Fire Marshal to waive certain

57 expenses associated with attending the Florida State

58 Fire College; creating s. 683.147, F.S.; designating

59 March 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day";

60 amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; revising priority of

61 Florida Virtual Schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.;

62 providing for a character development program that

63 incorporates the values of the Congressional Medal of

64 Honor; amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; requiring the State

65 Board of Education to issue a temporary certificate in

66 educational leadership to certain persons; revising

67 certain exemptions from requirements for teacher

68 certification for certain individuals; amending s.

69 1012.56, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education

70 to adopt certain rules; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.;

71 requiring the State Board of Education to waive

72 certain fees; providing an effective date.

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

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

78 250.483 Active duty; licensure or qualification.—

79 (1) If a member of the Florida National Guard or the
 80 United States Armed Forces Reserves seeking licensure or
 81 qualification for a trade, occupation, or profession is ordered
 82 into state active duty or into active duty as defined in this
 83 chapter, and his or her period of training, study,
 84 apprenticeship, or practical experience is interrupted or the
 85 start thereof is delayed, he or she is entitled to licensure or
 86 qualification under the laws covering his or her licensure or
 87 qualification at the time of entrance into active duty pursuant
 88 to subsection (2).

89 (2) A board of examiners or other qualification board
 90 regulated under general law shall accept periods of training and
 91 practical experience in the Florida National Guard or the United
 92 States Armed Forces Reserves in place of the interrupted or
 93 delayed periods of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical
 94 experience if the board finds the standard and type of work or
 95 training performed in the Florida National Guard or the United
 96 States Armed Forces Reserves to be substantially the same as the
 97 standard and type required under the laws of this state.

98 (3) A member of the National Guard or the United States
 99 Armed Forces Reserves must request licensure or qualification
 100 pursuant to this section by the respective board of examiners or

101 other qualification board within 6 months after release from
102 active duty with the Florida National Guard or the United States
103 Armed Forces Reserves.

104 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
105 295.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

107 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

108 (c) Each member of the board of directors shall be
109 appointed for a term of 4 years, except that, to achieve
110 staggered terms, the initial appointees of the Governor shall
111 serve terms of 2 years. A member is eligible ~~ineligible~~ for
112 reappointment to the board ~~except that a member appointed to a~~
113 ~~term of 2 years or less may be reappointed for one an~~ additional
114 term of 4 years. ~~The initial appointments to the board must be~~
115 ~~made by July 15, 2014.~~ Vacancies on the board shall be filled in
116 the same manner as the original appointment. A vacancy that
117 occurs before the scheduled expiration of the term of the member
118 shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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

121 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

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

125 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist

126 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of businesses
127 seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve specialized
128 skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval of requests
129 for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this program.
130 Grant funds may be used only in the absence of available
131 veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may fund
132 specialized training specific to a particular business.

133 1. ~~Grant funds may be allocated to any training provider~~
134 ~~selected by the business, including a career center, a Florida~~
135 ~~College System institution, a state university, or an in-house~~
136 ~~training provider of the business.~~ If grant funds are used to
137 provide a technical certificate, a licensure, or a degree, funds
138 may be allocated only upon a review that includes, but is not
139 limited to, documentation of accreditation and licensure.
140 Instruction funded through the program terminates when
141 participants demonstrate competence at the level specified in
142 the request but may not exceed 12 ~~48~~ months. Preference shall be
143 given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.106,
144 and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,
145 or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.

146 2. ~~Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be~~
147 ~~documented and separated from those incurred by the training~~
148 ~~provider.~~ Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per
149 veteran trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire cost
150 for all of the training provided before receiving reimbursement

151 from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the cost to train a
152 veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee. Eligible costs
153 and expenditures include:

154 a. Tuition and fees.

155 ~~b. Curriculum development.~~

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

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

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

161 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to
162 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement
163 between the business requesting funds, ~~the educational~~
164 ~~institution or training provider receiving funding through the~~
165 ~~program,~~ and the corporation. Such agreement must include, but
166 need not be limited to:

167 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct
168 the instructional program, instructional program description,
169 and any vendors used to conduct the instructional program ~~the~~
170 ~~qualifications of such personnel, and the respective~~
171 ~~responsibilities of the parties for paying costs associated with~~
172 ~~the employment of such personnel.~~

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

176 ~~b.e.~~ Identification of the estimated duration of the
 177 instructional program.

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

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

181 ~~e.f.~~ Permission to access aggregate information specific
 182 to the wages and performance of participants upon the completion
 183 of instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must
 184 specify that any evaluation published subsequent to the
 185 instruction may not identify the employer or any individual
 186 participant.

187 4. A business may receive a grant under the Quick-Response
 188 Training Program created under s. 288.047 and a grant under this
 189 section for the same veteran trainee. If a business receives
 190 funds under both programs, one grant agreement may be entered
 191 into with CareerSource Florida, Inc., as the grant
 192 administrator.

193 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an
 194 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which
 195 connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to
 196 become entrepreneurs.

197 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance
 198 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one
 199 or more public or private entities ~~universities~~ that:

200 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and

201 the commitment of ~~university~~ resources, including financial
202 resources, to such programs.

203 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with military
204 ~~and veteran~~ entrepreneurs ~~resource center~~.

205 ~~e. Have a regional small business development center in~~
206 ~~the Florida Small Business Development Center Network.~~

207 ~~c.d.~~ As determined by the corporation, have been
208 nationally recognized for their performance in assisting
209 entrepreneurs to launch successful businesses in the state
210 ~~commitment to the military and veterans.~~

211 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
212 including a focus on employment and business creation. ~~Each~~
213 ~~university must coordinate with any entrepreneurship center~~
214 ~~located at the university.~~ The entity ~~university~~ may also work
215 with a university or college ~~an entity~~ offering related programs
216 to refer veterans or to provide services. The entrepreneur
217 initiative program may include activities and assistance such as
218 peer-to-peer learning sessions, mentoring, technical assistance,
219 business roundtables, networking opportunities, support of
220 student organizations, speaker series, or other tools within a
221 virtual environment.

222 Section 4. Subsections (7) through (12) of section
223 446.041, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8)
224 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to
225 that section, to read:

226 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.—
 227 The department shall:

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

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

232 446.081 Limitation.—

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

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

241 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good
 242 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with
 243 administrative boards or programs.—

244 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
 245 ~~United States~~ now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time
 246 of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any of the
 247 boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 and was entitled to
 248 practice or engage in his or her profession or occupation
 249 ~~ocation~~ in the state shall be kept in good standing by the
 250 applicable board or program, without registering, paying dues or

251 fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be
252 performed, as long as he or she is a member of the United States
253 ~~Armed Forces of the United States~~ on active duty and for a
254 period of 2 years after discharge from active duty ~~as a member~~
255 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he or she is not~~
256 ~~engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the~~
257 ~~private sector for profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for
258 a period of 2 years after discharge from active duty, engaged in
259 his or her licensed profession or occupation in the private
260 sector for profit in this state must complete all license
261 renewal provisions except remitting the license renewal fee,
262 which shall be waived by the department.

263 (2) A spouse of a member of the ~~Armed Services of the~~
264 United States Armed Forces who is married to a member during a
265 period of active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at
266 the time of death was serving on active duty, who is in good
267 standing with any of the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165
268 shall be kept in good standing by the applicable board or
269 program as described in subsection (1) and shall be exempt from
270 licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of his or her
271 absence from the state because of his or her spouse's duties
272 with the United States Armed Forces. The department or the
273 appropriate board or program shall waive any license renewal fee
274 for such spouse when he or she is present in this state because
275 of such member's active duty and for a surviving spouse of a

276 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
 277 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

278 Section 7. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and
 279 paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida
 280 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
 281 section, to read:

282 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
 283 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

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

286 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in
 287 the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve
 288 Forces, or the National Guard;

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

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

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 297 The department shall develop an application form, and each
 298 board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the
 299 application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for
 300 such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care

301 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.
302 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or
303 part IV of chapter 468.

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

306 1. Submits a complete application.

307 2. If he or she is a member of the United States Armed
308 Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard,
309 submits proof that he or she has received an honorable discharge
310 within 6 months before, or will receive an honorable discharge
311 within 6 months after, the date of submission of the
312 application.

313 3.a. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by
314 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
315 territory of the United States and who has not had disciplinary
316 action taken against him or her in the 5 years preceding the
317 date of submission of the application;

318 b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession
319 for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required
320 to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she
321 submits to the department evidence of military training or
322 experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for
323 licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he
324 or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate
325 examination of a national or regional standards organization if

326 required for licensure in this state; or

327 c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the
328 United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in
329 a profession, ~~excluding dentistry,~~ for which licensure in
330 another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she
331 submits to the department evidence of training or experience
332 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
333 this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has
334 obtained a passing score on the appropriate examination of a
335 national or regional standards organization if required for
336 licensure in this state.

337 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of
338 submission of the application, the subject of a disciplinary
339 proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license
340 or by the United States Department of Defense for reasons
341 related to the practice of the profession for which he or she is
342 applying.

343 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she
344 is applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of
345 the application.

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

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350 The department shall verify information submitted by the

351 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
352 Data Bank.

353 (4)

354 ~~(j) An applicant who is issued a temporary professional~~
355 ~~license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must~~
356 ~~practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s.~~
357 ~~466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466.~~

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

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

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

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

371 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
372 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373 472.015 Licensure.—

374 (3)

375 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for

376 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
377 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
378 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
379 on active duty or the spouse of such a member, the surviving
380 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died
381 while serving on active duty, or a business entity that has a
382 majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving
383 spouse if the department receives an application~~;~~ in a format
384 prescribed by the department. The application format must
385 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
386 supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the~~
387 ~~veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed~~
388 ~~Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:~~;~~

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

393 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
394 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
395 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
396 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
397 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
398 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
399 veteran at the time of discharge; or

400 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof

401 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
402 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
403 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
404 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
405 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
406 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
407 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
408 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

409 Section 9. Section 472.016, Florida Statutes, is amended
410 to read:

411 472.016 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with the
412 board.—

413 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
414 ~~United States~~ who is now or in the future on active duty and
415 who, at the time of becoming such a member of the United States
416 Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled
417 to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state
418 shall be kept in good standing by the board, without
419 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on
420 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a
421 member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on
422 active duty and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge
423 from active duty, ~~provided that he or she is not engaged in the~~
424 ~~practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for~~
425 ~~profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for a period of 2 years

426 after discharge from active duty, engaged in the practice of
 427 surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this
 428 state must complete all licensure renewal provisions except
 429 remitting the license renewal fee, which shall be waived by the
 430 department.

431 (2) The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of
 432 members of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~
 433 from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence
 434 from the state because of their spouses' duties with the United
 435 States Armed Forces. The department or the appropriate board or
 436 program shall waive any license renewal fee for the spouse of a
 437 member of the United States Armed Forces when such member is
 438 present in this state because of the member's active duty with
 439 the United States Armed Forces, and for the surviving spouse of
 440 a member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
 441 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

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

444 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

445 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
 446 corporation, shall file with the department a complete
 447 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
 448 except that an ~~the~~ applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G"
 449 license is not required to submit an application fee. An
 450 application fee is not required for an applicant who qualifies

451 for the fee waiver in s. 493.6107(6). The application fee is not
452 refundable.

453 (a) The application submitted by any individual, partner,
454 or corporate officer must be approved by the department before
455 the individual, partner, or corporate officer assumes his or her
456 duties.

457 (b) Individuals who invest in the ownership of a licensed
458 agency but do not participate in, direct, or control the
459 operations of the agency are not required to file an
460 application.

461 ~~(c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined~~
462 ~~in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class~~
463 ~~"C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K,"~~
464 ~~Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI"~~
465 ~~license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of~~
466 ~~the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include~~
467 ~~a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States~~
468 ~~Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of~~
469 ~~identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'~~
470 ~~Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.~~

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

473 493.6107 Fees.—

474 (6) The initial application ~~license~~ fee for a veteran, as
475 defined in s. 1.01, the spouse or surviving spouse of such

476 veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who has
477 served on active duty, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such
478 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
479 died within the 2 years preceding the initial application, shall
480 be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC,"
481 Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class
482 "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license in a format
483 prescribed by the department. The application format must
484 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
485 supporting documentation ~~Class "M" or Class "K" license within~~
486 ~~24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United~~
487 ~~States Armed Forces.~~ An eligible veteran must include a copy of
488 his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
489 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
490 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
491 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.
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493 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
494 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
495 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

496 Section 12. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6113,
497 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

498 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.—

499 (7) The department shall waive the respective fees for a
500 licensee who:

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

503 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 504 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 505 expiration date of the license. A licensee who is a former
 506 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
 507 duty within the 2 years preceding the application must have
 508 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
 509 from the United States Armed Forces; or

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

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

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

520 494.00312 Loan originator license.—

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

523 (a) Is or was an active duty member of the United States
 524 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
 525 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have

526 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
527 from the United States Armed Forces;

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

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

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

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

540 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.—

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

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

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

551 license must have received an honorable discharge upon
 552 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or
 553 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 554 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 555 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 556 surviving spouse's license expiration date pursuant to s.
 557 494.00312(7).

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

562 Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
 563 497.140, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

564 497.140 Fees.—

565 (6) (a) 1. The department shall impose, upon initial
 566 licensure and each renewal thereof, a special unlicensed
 567 activity fee of \$5 per licensee, in addition to all other fees
 568 provided for in this chapter. Such fee shall be used by the
 569 department to fund efforts to identify and combat unlicensed
 570 activity which violates this chapter. Such fee shall be in
 571 addition to all other fees collected from each licensee and
 572 shall be deposited in a separate account of the Regulatory Trust
 573 Fund; however, the department is not limited to the funds in
 574 such an account for combating improper unlicensed activity in
 575 violation of this chapter.

576 2. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
577 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
578 who separated from service within 2 years preceding the
579 application for licensure are exempt from the special unlicensed
580 activity fee associated with initial licensure. To qualify for
581 the fee exemption under this subparagraph, a licensee must
582 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
583 dependent identification card, military service record, military
584 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
585 document that indicates such member is currently in good
586 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

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

589 497.141 Licensing; general application procedures.—

590 (4) Before the issuance of any license, the department
591 shall collect such initial fee as specified by this chapter or,
592 where authorized, by rule of the board, unless an applicant is
593 exempted as specified by this chapter. Upon receipt of a
594 completed application and the appropriate fee, and certification
595 by the board that the applicant meets the applicable
596 requirements of law and rules, the department shall issue the
597 license applied for. However, an applicant who is not otherwise
598 qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely
599 based on a passing score on a required examination.

600 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 497.281, Florida

601 Statutes, is amended to read:

602 497.281 Licensure of brokers of burial rights.—

603 (1) (a) No person shall receive compensation to act as a
 604 third party to the sale or transfer of three or more burial
 605 rights in a 12-month period unless the person pays a license fee
 606 as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed \$250
 607 and is licensed with the department as a burial rights broker in
 608 accordance with this section.

609 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
 610 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 611 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 612 application for licensure are exempt from the initial license
 613 fee. To qualify for the initial license fee exemption, an
 614 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
 615 military dependent identification card, military service record,
 616 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
 617 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
 618 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

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

621 497.368 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by
 622 examination; provisional license.—

623 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an embalmer
 624 shall apply to the licensing authority to take the licensure
 625 examination. The licensing authority shall examine each

626 applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the
627 licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual per
628 applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of the
629 examination and who has:

630 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
631 nonrefundable application fee set by the licensing authority not
632 to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
633 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
634 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
635 application for licensure, are exempt from the application fee.
636 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
637 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
638 dependent identification card, military service record, military
639 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
640 document that indicates such member is currently in good
641 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

642 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
643 internship and has been approved for examination as an embalmer
644 may qualify for a provisional license to work in a licensed
645 funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of a
646 licensed embalmer for a limited period of 6 months as provided
647 by rule of the licensing authority. The fee for provisional
648 licensure shall be set by rule of the licensing authority, but
649 may not exceed \$200, and shall be nonrefundable and in addition
650 to the fee required in subsection (1). This provisional license

651 may be renewed no more than one time. A member of the United
652 States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the
653 United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the
654 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
655 initial provisional licensure fee. To qualify for the initial
656 provisional licensure fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
657 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
658 identification card, military service record, military personnel
659 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
660 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
661 veteran was honorably discharged.

662 Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
663 (5) of section 497.369, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

664 497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by
665 endorsement; licensure of a temporary embalmer.-

666 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
667 endorsement to practice embalming to an applicant who has
668 remitted an examination fee set by rule of the licensing
669 authority not to exceed \$200 and who the licensing authority
670 certifies:

671 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
672 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
673 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
674 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
675 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2

676 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
677 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
678 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
679 card, military dependent identification card, military service
680 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
681 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
682 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
683 discharged.

684 (5) (a) There may be adopted by the licensing authority
685 rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of
686 paragraphs (1) (b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to
687 take the examination required by subsection (4) to be licensed
688 as a temporary licensed embalmer. A temporary licensed embalmer
689 may work as an embalmer in a licensed funeral establishment
690 under the general supervision of a licensed embalmer. Such
691 temporary license shall expire 60 days after the date of the
692 next available examination required under subsection (4);
693 however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the
694 same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for issuance or
695 renewal of an embalmer temporary license shall be set by rule of
696 the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee
697 required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in
698 addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

699 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
700 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces

701 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
702 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
703 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
704 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
705 military dependent identification card, military service record,
706 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
707 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
708 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

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

711 497.370 Embalmers; licensure of an embalmer intern.—

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

716 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
717 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
718 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
719 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
720 To qualify for the application fee exemption under this
721 paragraph, an applicant must provide a copy of a military
722 identification card, military dependent identification card,
723 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
724 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
725 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was

726 honorably discharged.

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728 The application shall indicate the name and address of the
729 licensed embalmer under whose supervision the intern will
730 receive training and the name of the licensed funeral
731 establishment or centralized embalming facility where such
732 training is to be conducted. The embalmer intern shall intern
733 under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer who has an
734 active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.

735 Section 21. Section 497.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
736 to read:

737 497.371 Embalmers; establishment of embalmer apprentice
738 program.—

739 (1) The licensing authority adopts rules establishing an
740 embalmer apprentice program. An embalmer apprentice may perform
741 only those tasks, functions, and duties relating to embalming
742 which are performed under the direct supervision of an embalmer
743 who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.
744 An embalmer apprentice is eligible to serve in an apprentice
745 capacity for a period not to exceed 3 years as may be determined
746 by licensing authority rule or for a period not to exceed 5
747 years if the apprentice is enrolled in and attending a course in
748 mortuary science or funeral service education at any mortuary
749 college or funeral service education college or school. An
750 embalmer apprentice shall be issued a license upon payment of a

751 licensure fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not
752 to exceed \$200.

753 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
754 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
755 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
756 application for licensure are exempt from the licensure fee. To
757 qualify for the licensure fee exemption under this subsection,
758 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
759 card, military dependent identification card, military service
760 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
761 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
762 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
763 discharged.

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765 An applicant for the embalmer apprentice program may not be
766 issued a license unless the licensing authority determines that
767 the applicant is of good character and has not demonstrated a
768 history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or
769 professional matters.

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

772 497.373 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
773 by examination; provisional license.—

774 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a funeral
775 director shall apply to the licensing authority to take the

776 licensure examination. The licensing authority shall examine
777 each applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule
778 of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual
779 per applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of
780 the examination and who the licensing authority certifies has:

781 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
782 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
783 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
784 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
785 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
786 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
787 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
788 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
789 card, military dependent identification card, military service
790 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
791 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
792 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
793 discharged.

794 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
795 internship and has been approved for examination as a funeral
796 director may qualify for a provisional license to work in a
797 licensed funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of
798 a licensed funeral director for 6 months as provided by rule of
799 the licensing authority. However, a provisional licensee may
800 work under the general supervision of a licensed funeral

801 director upon passage of the laws and rules examination required
 802 under paragraph (2) (b). The fee for provisional licensure shall
 803 be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed
 804 \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable
 805 and in addition to the fee required by subsection (1). This
 806 provisional license may be renewed no more than one time. A
 807 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
 808 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
 809 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
 810 licensure are exempt from the initial provisional licensure fee.
 811 To qualify for the initial provisional licensure fee exemption,
 812 a licensee must provide a copy of a military identification
 813 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 814 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 815 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 816 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
 817 discharged.

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

820 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
 821 by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.—

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

826 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
827 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
828 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
829 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
830 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
831 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
832 nonrefundable application fee. To qualify for the exemption, an
833 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
834 military dependent identification card, military service record,
835 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
836 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
837 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

838 (5) There may be adopted rules authorizing an applicant
839 who has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and
840 who is awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required
841 by subsection (4) to obtain a license as a temporary funeral
842 director. A licensed temporary funeral director may work as a
843 funeral director in a licensed funeral establishment under the
844 general supervision of a funeral director licensed under
845 subsection (1) or s. 497.373. Such license shall expire 60 days
846 after the date of the next available examination required under
847 subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed
848 one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee
849 for initial issuance or renewal of a temporary license under
850 this subsection shall be set by rule of the licensing authority

851 but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection
852 shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in
853 subsection (1). A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
854 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
855 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
856 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
857 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
858 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
859 military dependent identification card, military service record,
860 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
861 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
862 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

863 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
864 497.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

865 497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director
866 intern.—

867 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director
868 intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed
869 by rule of the licensing authority, together with a
870 nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
871 exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
872 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
873 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
874 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
875 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must

876 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
877 dependent identification card, military service record, military
878 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
879 document that indicates such member is currently in good
880 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

881 Section 25. Section 497.393, Florida Statutes, is created
882 to read:

883 497.393 Licensure; military-issued credentials for
884 licensure.—The licensing authority shall recognize military-
885 issued credentials relating to funeral and cemetery services for
886 purposes of licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. A
887 member of the United States Armed Forces and a veteran of the
888 United States Armed Forces seeking licensure as a funeral
889 director or embalmer under this section shall submit to the
890 licensing authority a certification that the military-issued
891 credential reflects knowledge, training, and experience
892 substantially similar to the requirements of this chapter for
893 licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. The licensing
894 authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
895 be used by persons seeking licensure under this section. The
896 licensing authority may conduct an investigation and further
897 inquiry of any person regarding any military-issued credential
898 sought to be recognized.

899 Section 26. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section
900 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

901 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and
 902 criteria; renewal; reports.—

903 (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

904 (n) The application shall be accompanied by a
 905 nonrefundable fee as determined by licensing authority rule but
 906 not to exceed \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
 907 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
 908 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 909 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee
 910 when applying as an individual. To qualify for the application
 911 fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military
 912 identification card, military dependent identification card,
 913 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
 914 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
 915 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
 916 honorably discharged.

917 Section 27. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
 918 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

919 497.466 Preneed sales agents, license required;
 920 application procedures and criteria; appointment of agents;
 921 responsibility of preneed licensee.—

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

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

926 Payment of either fee shall entitle the applicant to one initial
927 appointment without payment of further fees by the preneed sales
928 agent or the appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales
929 agent license is issued. The licensing authority may from time
930 to time increase such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of
931 the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a
932 veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from
933 service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure
934 are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for the
935 application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a
936 military identification card, military dependent identification
937 card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran
938 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
939 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
940 honorably discharged.

941 Section 28. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
942 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.—

944 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—Licensure as a monument
945 establishment sales agent shall be by submission of an
946 application for licensure to the department on a form prescribed
947 by rule.

948 (e) The monument establishment sales agent application
949 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority
950 may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but

951 not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
952 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
953 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
954 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
955 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
956 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
957 dependent identification card, military service record, military
958 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
959 document that indicates such member is currently in good
960 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

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

963 497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing
964 procedures and criteria; regulation.—

965 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

966 (i) The application shall be accompanied by a
967 nonrefundable fee of \$300. The licensing authority may from time
968 to time increase the fee by rule but not to exceed more than
969 \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's
970 spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who
971 separated from service within the 2 years preceding application
972 for licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify
973 for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
974 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
975 identification card, military service record, military personnel

976 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
977 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
978 veteran was honorably discharged.

979 (4) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Upon approval of the application
980 by the licensing authority, the license shall be issued. The
981 licensing authority shall recognize military-issued credentials
982 relating to funeral and cemetery services for purposes of
983 licensure as a direct disposer. A member of the United States
984 Armed Forces and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
985 seeking licensure as a direct disposer under this section shall
986 submit to the licensing authority a certification that the
987 military-issued credential reflects knowledge, training, and
988 experience substantially similar to the requirements of this
989 chapter for licensure as a direct disposer. The licensing
990 authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
991 be used by members and veterans of the United States Armed
992 Forces seeking licensure under this section. The licensing
993 authority may conduct investigation and further inquiry of any
994 person regarding any military-issued credential sought to be
995 recognized.

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

998 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
999 fees.—Each health studio shall:

1000 (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the

1001 department at the time of registration for each of the health
 1002 studio's business locations.

1003 (a) The department shall waive the initial registration
 1004 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 1005 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
 1006 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 1007 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
 1008 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1009 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
 1010 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
 1011 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
 1012 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
 1013 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1014 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
 1015 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1016 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1017 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1018 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1019 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1020 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1021 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1022 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1023 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1024 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1025 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or

1026 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1027 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1028 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1029 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1030 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1031 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1032 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1033 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1034 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1035 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1036 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1037 (b) The department shall waive the registration renewal
 1038 fee for a registrant who:

1039 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1040 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1041 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1042 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1043 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is
 1044 a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
 1045 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
 1046 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
 1047 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1048 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1049 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1050 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the date

1051 of renewal.

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1053 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1054 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1055 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1056 documentation.

1057 Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
1058 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1059 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and
1060 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

1061 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be
1062 verified and accompanied by:

1063 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
1064 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
1065 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
1066 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse
1067 or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
1068 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
1069 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
1070 United States Armed Forces if such member died while serving on
1071 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
1072 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
1073 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
1074 the department. The application format must include the
1075 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting

1076 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
 1077 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
 1078 qualify for the waiver:7

1079 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1080 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1081 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1082 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1083 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1084 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1085 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1086 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1087 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1088 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1089 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1090 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1091 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1092 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1093 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1094 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1095 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1096 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1097 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1098 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1099 Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 1100 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1101 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—
 1102 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be
 1103 verified and be accompanied by:
 1104 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
 1105 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
 1106 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
 1107 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
 1108 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall
 1109 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged
 1110 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse or
 1111 surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
 1112 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
 1113 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
 1114 United States Armed Forces if the member died while serving on
 1115 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
 1116 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
 1117 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
 1118 the department. The application format must include the
 1119 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1120 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
 1121 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
 1122 qualify for the waiver:
 1123 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1124 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1125 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as

1126 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1127 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1128 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1129 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1130 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1131 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1132 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1133 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1134 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1135 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1136 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1137 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1138 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1139 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1140 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1141 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1142 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1143 Section 33. Subsection (5) is added to section 501.609,
 1144 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1145 501.609 License renewal.—

1146 (5) The department shall waive the annual fee to renew for
 1147 a licensee who:

1148 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1149 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1150 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,

1151 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1152 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a licensee who is a
1153 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
1154 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
1155 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1156 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or
1157 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1158 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1159 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1160 renewal.

1161
1162 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1163 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
1164 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1165 Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1166 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
1167 to that subsection, to read:

1168 507.03 Registration.—

1169 (3)

1170 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration
1171 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
1172 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
1173 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
1174 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1175 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces

1176 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1177 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1178 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
1179 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
1180 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1181 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
1182 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1183 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1184 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1185 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1186 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1187 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1188 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
1189 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
1190 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1191 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1192 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1193 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1194 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1195 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1196 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1197 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1198 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1199 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1200 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if

1201 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1202 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1203 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1204 (c) The department shall waive the biennial fee to renew
1205 for a registrant who:

1206 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1207 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1208 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
1209 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1210 expiration date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who
1211 is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served
1212 on active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date
1213 of the registration must have received an honorable discharge
1214 upon separation or discharge from the United States Armed
1215 Forces; or

1216 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1217 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1218 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1219 renewal.

1220
1221 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1222 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1223 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1224 documentation.

1225 Section 35. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 517.12,

1226 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1227 517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons,
1228 intermediaries, and investment advisers.—

1229 (10) (a) An applicant for registration shall pay an
1230 assessment fee of \$200, in the case of a dealer or investment
1231 adviser, or \$50, in the case of an associated person. An
1232 associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the
1233 cost for the fingerprints to be processed by the office. Such
1234 fee shall be determined by rule of the commission. Such fees
1235 become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments
1236 provided for under s. 517.131(1) until such time as the
1237 Securities Guaranty Fund satisfies the statutory limits, and are
1238 not returnable in the event that registration is withdrawn or
1239 not granted.

1240 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1241 associated person required by paragraph (a) for an applicant
1242 who:

1243 1. Is or was an active duty member of the United States
1244 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
1245 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
1246 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
1247 from the United States Armed Forces;

1248 2. Is married to a current or former member of the United
1249 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
1250 any period of active duty; or

1251 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1252 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1253 the time of death.

1254
1255 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
1256 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
1257 of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1258 (11) (a) If the office finds that the applicant is of good
1259 repute and character and has complied with the provisions of
1260 this chapter and the rules made pursuant hereto, it shall
1261 register the applicant. The registration of each dealer,
1262 investment adviser, and associated person expires on December 31
1263 of the year the registration became effective unless the
1264 registrant has renewed his or her registration on or before that
1265 date. Registration may be renewed by furnishing such information
1266 as the commission may require, together with payment of the fee
1267 required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for dealers,
1268 investment advisers, or associated persons and the payment of
1269 any amount lawfully due and owing to the office pursuant to any
1270 order of the office or pursuant to any agreement with the
1271 office. Any dealer, investment adviser, or associated person who
1272 has not renewed a registration by the time the current
1273 registration expires may request reinstatement of such
1274 registration by filing with the office, on or before January 31
1275 of the year following the year of expiration, such information

1276 as may be required by the commission, together with payment of
1277 the fee required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for
1278 dealers, investment advisers, or associated persons and a late
1279 fee equal to the amount of such fee. Any reinstatement of
1280 registration granted by the office during the month of January
1281 shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.

1282 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1283 associated person required by paragraph (10) (a) for a registrant
1284 renewing his or her registration who:

1285 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1286 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1287 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
1288 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1289 expiration date of the registration pursuant to paragraph (a).
1290 To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a former
1291 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
1292 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
1293 registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1294 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1295 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1296 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1297 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1298 surviving spouse's registration expiration date pursuant to
1299 paragraph (a).

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1301 A registrant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
1302 form prescribed by commission rule, that the registrant meets
1303 one of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1304 Section 36. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1305 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
1306 to that subsection, to read:

1307 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

1308 (3)

1309 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
1310 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1311 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1312 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1313 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1314 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1315 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1316 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1317 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1318 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1319 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1320 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
1321 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
1322 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: ~~7~~

1323 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1324 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1325 Defense or another acceptable form of identification as

1326 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1327 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1328 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1329 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1330 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1331 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1332 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1333 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1334 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1335 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1336 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1337 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1338 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1339 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1340 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1341 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1342 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1343 (c) The department shall waive license renewal fees for a
 1344 licensee who:

1345 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1346 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1347 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1348 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1349 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
 1350 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United

1351 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1352 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
1353 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1354 States Armed Forces; or

1355 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1356 States Armed Forces if such member was serving on active duty at
1357 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1358 surviving spouse's renewal.

1359
1360 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1361 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
1362 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1363 Section 37. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
1364 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
1365 added to that subsection, to read:

1366 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

1367 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

1368 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
1369 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
1370 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
1371 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300
1372 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
1373 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1374 States Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a
1375 veteran, a current member of the United States Armed Forces who

1376 has served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1377 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
1378 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1379 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1380 spouse or surviving spouse if the agency receives an
1381 application, in a format prescribed by the agency. The
1382 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1383 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
1384 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1385 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1386 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
1387 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1388 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1389 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1390 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
1391 provide to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as
1392 issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1393 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1394 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1395 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1396 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1397 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that
1398 a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran holds a
1399 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
1400 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,

1401 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
1402 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
1403 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
1404 or surviving spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the
1405 veteran at the time of discharge.

1406 (g) The agency shall waive license renewal fee for a
1407 licensee who:

1408 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1409 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1410 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
1411 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1412 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
1413 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United
1414 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1415 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
1416 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1417 States Armed Forces; or

1418 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1419 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1420 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1421 renewal.

1422
1423 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1424 by the agency, including the applicant's signature, under
1425 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1426 Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1427 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is
1428 added to that subsection, to read:

1429 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
1430 application; exemption.—

1431 (3)

1432 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration
1433 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
1434 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
1435 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
1436 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1437 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
1438 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1439 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1440 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
1441 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
1442 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1443 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
1444 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1445 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: 7

1446 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1447 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1448 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1449 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1450 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must

1451 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
1452 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1453 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1454 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1455 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1456 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1457 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1458 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1459 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1460 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1461 of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
1462 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1463 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1464 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1465 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1466 (c) The department shall waive registration renewal fees
1467 for a registrant who:

1468 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1469 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1470 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
1471 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1472 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
1473 subparagraph, a registrant who is a former member of the United
1474 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1475 preceding the biennial renewal date must have received an

1476 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1477 States Armed Forces; or

1478 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1479 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1480 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1481 renewal.

1482
1483 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1484 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1485 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1486 documentation.

1487 Section 39. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
1488 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
1489 added to that subsection, to read:

1490 559.928 Registration.—

1491 (2)

1492 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration
1493 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
1494 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
1495 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
1496 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1497 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
1498 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1499 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1500 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an

1501 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
1502 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1503 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
1504 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1505 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1506 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1507 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1508 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1509 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1510 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
1511 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
1512 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1513 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1514 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1515 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1516 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1517 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1518 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1519 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1520 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1521 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1522 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1523 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1524 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1525 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1526 (d) The department shall waive the registration renewal
1527 fee for a registrant who:

1528 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1529 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1530 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
1531 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1532 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
1533 subparagraph, a registrant who is a former member of the United
1534 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1535 preceding the annual registration renewal date must have
1536 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
1537 from the United States Armed Forces; or

1538 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1539 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1540 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1541 renewal.

1542
1543 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1544 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1545 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1546 documentation.

1547 Section 40. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida
1548 Statutes, is amended to read:

1549 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
1550 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing

1551 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

1552 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
1553 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
1554 separated from service ~~retired~~ within 24 months before
1555 application for licensure, are exempt from the application
1556 filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must
1557 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1558 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1559 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~
1560 ~~document,~~ or a separation document that indicates such members
1561 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing
1562 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

1563 Section 41. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida
1564 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
1565 (6) is added to that section, to read:

1566 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1567 instruction.—

1568 (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1569 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1570 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1571 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1572 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1573 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1574 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1575 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably

1576 discharged.

1577 Section 42. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1578 to read:

1579 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
 1580 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except
 1581 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified
 1582 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the
 1583 date the application for a license is filed with the department
 1584 he or she has:

1585 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life
 1586 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the
 1587 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
 1588 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
 1589 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1590 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
 1591 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life
 1592 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the
 1593 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
 1594 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
 1595 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1596 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as
 1597 Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College
 1598 of Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute
 1599 (FLMI) from the Life Management Institute;

1600 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another

1601 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state
1602 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1603 the state; or

1604 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1605 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who
1606 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
1607 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1608 employment with the department or office.

1609
1610 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
1611 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
1612 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
1613 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1614 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1615 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1616 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1617 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1618 Section 43. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended
1619 to read:

1620 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1621 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,
1622 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be
1623 qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately
1624 preceding the date the application for license is filed with the
1625 department he or she has:

1626 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in
 1627 health insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which
 1628 shall be on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
 1629 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
 1630 engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida
 1631 Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the
 1632 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et
 1633 seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by
 1634 employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

1635 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
 1636 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health
 1637 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
 1638 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
 1639 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
 1640 engaging in the business of insurance;

1641 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a
 1642 Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare
 1643 Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant
 1644 (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;
 1645 Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton
 1646 School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance
 1647 Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;

1648 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another
 1649 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state
 1650 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in

1651 Florida; or

1652 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
 1653 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who
 1654 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
 1655 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
 1656 employment with the department or office.

1657
 1658 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
 1659 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
 1660 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
 1661 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 1662 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 1663 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 1664 document that indicates such member is currently in good
 1665 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1666 Section 44. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,
 1667 Florida Statutes, to read:

1668 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.—

1669 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
 1670 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
 1671 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
 1672 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
 1673 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 1674 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 1675 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is

1676 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
 1677 discharged.

1678 Section 45. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,
 1679 Florida Statutes, to read:

1680 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.—

1681 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
 1682 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
 1683 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
 1684 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
 1685 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 1686 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 1687 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 1688 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
 1689 discharged.

1690 Section 46. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1691 to read:

1692 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter
 1693 certifications.—

1694 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his
 1695 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she
 1696 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter
 1697 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:

1698 (a) Be active as a firefighter.

1699 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor
 1700 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year

1701 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,
1702 which proof must be registered in an electronic database
1703 designated by the division.

1704 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1705 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course
1706 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed
1707 by rule.

1708 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1709 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course
1710 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.

1711 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or
1712 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4
1713 years he or she must:

1714 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or

1715 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of
1716 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.

1717 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified
1718 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as
1719 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety
1720 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment
1721 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.

1722 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"
1723 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a
1724 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within
1725 a 4-year period.

1726 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the
 1727 certificate or separation from employment.

1728 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer
 1729 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements
 1730 of this section.

1731 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,
 1732 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer
 1733 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the
 1734 following grounds exists:

1735 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could
 1736 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to
 1737 the division.

1738 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any
 1739 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

1740 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate
 1741 issued by the division.

1742
 1743 The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be
 1744 extended to 12 months after discharge from military service if
 1745 the military service does not exceed 3 years, but in no event
 1746 more than 6 years from the date of issue or renewal, if
 1747 applicable, for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1748 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran. A qualified
 1749 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
 1750 card, military dependent identification card, military service

1751 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1752 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1753 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1754 discharged.

1755 Section 47. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,
1756 Florida Statutes, to read:

1757 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire
1758 College.—

1759 (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental
1760 expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire
1761 College for an active duty member of the United States Armed
1762 Forces, the spouse of such a member who was serving on active
1763 duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding
1764 the spouse attending the college, an honorably discharged
1765 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or
1766 surviving spouse of such a veteran. A qualified individuals must
1767 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1768 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1769 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1770 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1771 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1772 Section 48. Section 683.147, Florida Statutes, is created
1773 to read:

1774 683.147 Medal of Honor Day.—

1775 (1) March 25 of each year is designated as "Medal of Honor

1776 Day."

1777 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation
 1778 designating March 25 as Medal of Honor Day and calling upon
 1779 public officials, schools, private organizations, and all
 1780 residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and
 1781 honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who
 1782 distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and
 1783 gallantry during wartime, and at considerable risk to their own
 1784 lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed
 1785 Forces.

1786 Section 49. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 1787 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1788 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

1789 (1)

1790 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to
 1791 provide students with technology-based educational opportunities
 1792 to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The
 1793 school shall serve any student in the state who meets the
 1794 profile for success in this educational delivery context and
 1795 shall give priority to:

1796 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order
 1797 to meet their educational goals, such as home education students
 1798 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not
 1799 have access to higher-level courses.

1800 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain

1801 a high school diploma at least one semester early.

1802 3. Students who are children of an active duty member of
1803 the United States Armed Forces who is not stationed in this
1804 state whose home of record or state of legal residence is
1805 Florida.

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1807 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall
1808 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on
1809 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission
1810 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for
1811 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and
1812 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high
1813 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.

1814 Section 50. Subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida
1815 Statutes, is amended to read:

1816 1003.42 Required instruction.—

1817 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
1818 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
1819 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
1820 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
1821 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
1822 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
1823 approved methods of instruction, the following:

1824 (a) The history and content of the Declaration of
1825 Independence, including national sovereignty, natural law, self-

1826 evident truth, equality of all persons, limited government,
1827 popular sovereignty, and inalienable rights of life, liberty,
1828 and property, and how they form the philosophical foundation of
1829 our government.

1830 (b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the
1831 provisions of the Constitution of the United States and
1832 amendments thereto, with emphasis on each of the 10 amendments
1833 that make up the Bill of Rights and how the constitution
1834 provides the structure of our government.

1835 (c) The arguments in support of adopting our republican
1836 form of government, as they are embodied in the most important
1837 of the Federalist Papers.

1838 (d) Flag education, including proper flag display and flag
1839 salute.

1840 (e) The elements of civil government, including the
1841 primary functions of and interrelationships between the Federal
1842 Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school
1843 districts, and special districts.

1844 (f) The history of the United States, including the period
1845 of discovery, early colonies, the War for Independence, the
1846 Civil War, the expansion of the United States to its present
1847 boundaries, the world wars, and the civil rights movement to the
1848 present. American history shall be viewed as factual, not as
1849 constructed, shall be viewed as knowable, teachable, and
1850 testable, and shall be defined as the creation of a new nation

1851 based largely on the universal principles stated in the
1852 Declaration of Independence.

1853 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
1854 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
1855 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
1856 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
1857 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
1858 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an
1859 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
1860 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
1861 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
1862 democratic values and institutions.

1863 (h) The history of African Americans, including the
1864 history of African peoples before the political conflicts that
1865 led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the
1866 enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of
1867 African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall
1868 include the contributions of African Americans to American
1869 society.

1870 (i) The elementary principles of agriculture.

1871 (j) The true effects of all alcoholic and intoxicating
1872 liquors and beverages and narcotics upon the human body and
1873 mind.

1874 (k) Kindness to animals.

1875 (l) The history of the state.

- 1876 (m) The conservation of natural resources.
- 1877 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
 1878 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
 1879 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
 1880 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
 1881 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
 1882 prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal
 1883 health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and
 1884 abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7
 1885 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse
 1886 component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition
 1887 of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating
 1888 violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy
 1889 relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and
 1890 abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating
 1891 violence and abuse.
- 1892 (o) Such additional materials, subjects, courses, or
 1893 fields in such grades as are prescribed by law or by rules of
 1894 the State Board of Education and the district school board in
 1895 fulfilling the requirements of law.
- 1896 (p) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United
 1897 States.
- 1898 (q) The study of women's contributions to the United
 1899 States.
- 1900 (r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the

1901 United States economy.

1902 (s) A character-development program in the elementary
1903 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which
1904 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the
1905 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten
1906 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or
1907 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that
1908 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The
1909 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of
1910 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for
1911 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;
1912 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
1913 and cooperation. The character-development curriculum for grades
1914 9 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on
1915 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization
1916 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and
1917 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;
1918 conflict resolution, workplace ethics, and workplace law;
1919 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that
1920 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

1921 (t) In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that
1922 veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our
1923 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
1924 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,
1925 Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional

1926 | staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
 1927 | Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

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 1929 | The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
 1930 | and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
 1931 | character development program that incorporates the values of
 1932 | the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
 1933 | offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
 1934 | other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
 1935 | initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

1936 | Section 51. Subsection (4) of section 1012.55, Florida
 1937 | Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection
 1938 | (1) of that section, to read:

1939 | 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

1940 | (1)

1941 | (e)1. The department shall issue a 3-year temporary
 1942 | certificate in educational leadership under s. 1012.56(7) to an
 1943 | individual who:

1944 | a. Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational
 1945 | Leadership Examination.

1946 | b. Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military
 1947 | officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years.

1948 | c. Was honorably discharged or has retired from the United
 1949 | States Armed Forces.

1950 | d. Is employed full time in a position for which an

1951 educator certificate is required in a Florida public school,
1952 state-supported school, or nonpublic school that has a Level II
1953 program under s. 1012.562.

1954 2. A Level II program under s. 1012.562 must accept an
1955 applicant who holds a temporary certificate under subparagraph
1956 1. The department shall issue a permanent certification as a
1957 school principal to an individual who holds a temporary
1958 certificate under subparagraph 1. and successfully completes the
1959 Level II program.

1960 (4) A commissioned or noncommissioned military officer who
1961 is an instructor of junior reserve officer training shall be
1962 exempt from requirements for teacher certification, except for
1963 the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32, if he or she
1964 meets the following qualifications:

1965 (a) Is retired from active military duty, pursuant to
1966 chapter 102 of Title 10 U.S.C.

1967 (b) Satisfies criteria established by the appropriate
1968 military service for certification by the service as a junior
1969 reserve officer training instructor.

1970 (c) Has an exemplary military record.

1971
1972 If such instructor is assigned instructional duties other than
1973 junior reserve officer training, he or she shall hold the
1974 certificate required by law and rules of the state board for the
1975 type of service rendered. An instructor of junior reserve

1976 | officer training under this subsection may receive funding
 1977 | through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program
 1978 | under s. 1012.71.

1979 | Section 52. Subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida
 1980 | Statutes, is amended to read:

1981 | 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

1982 | (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

1983 | (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional
 1984 | certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant
 1985 | who fulfills one of the following:

1986 | 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).

1987 | 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6
 1988 | through 12:

1989 | a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h).

1990 | b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of
 1991 | science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

1992 | c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the
 1993 | advanced degree.

1994 | d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the
 1995 | teacher's performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part
 1996 | on student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized
 1997 | assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International
 1998 | Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate
 1999 | examination.

2000 | e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional

2001 education competency examination required by state board rule.

2002 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h) and
 2003 completes a professional preparation and education competence
 2004 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8) (c).
 2005 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly
 2006 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation
 2007 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing
 2008 score on the professional education competency examination in
 2009 order to be awarded a professional certificate.

2010 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to
 2011 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in
 2012 paragraphs (2) (a)-(f) and completes the subject area content
 2013 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates
 2014 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and
 2015 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the
 2016 Department of Education at the level required for the subject
 2017 area specialization in state board rule.

2018 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year
 2019 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional
 2020 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's
 2021 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for
 2022 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language
 2023 impairment.

2024
 2025 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years

2026 and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph
2027 (2) (g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of
2028 employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are
2029 employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time
2030 period may continue to be employed through the end of the school
2031 year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall
2032 not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a
2033 position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond
2034 this time period if the individual has not met the requirement
2035 of paragraph (2) (g). At least 1 year before an individual's
2036 temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall
2037 electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or
2038 her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by
2039 which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be
2040 completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
2041 allow the department to extend the validity period of a
2042 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the
2043 professional certificate, not including the requirement in
2044 paragraph (2) (g), were not completed due to the serious illness
2045 or injury of the applicant, the military service of an
2046 applicant's spouse, or other extraordinary extenuating
2047 circumstances. The rules must authorize the department to extend
2048 the validity period of a temporary certificate ~~or~~ for 1 year if
2049 the ~~temporary~~ certificateholder is rated effective or highly
2050 effective based solely on a student learning growth formula

2051 approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s.
 2052 1012.34(8). The department shall reissue the temporary
 2053 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the
 2054 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of
 2055 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school
 2056 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab
 2057 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or
 2058 the governing authority of a private school.

2059 Section 53. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.59,
 2060 Florida Statutes, to read:

2061 1012.59 Certification fees.—

2062 (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial
 2063 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area
 2064 examination fees and certification fees for:

2065 (a) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a
 2066 reserve component thereof who is serving or has served on active
 2067 duty or the spouse of such a member.

2068 (b) The surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 2069 Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on
 2070 active duty at the time of death.

2071 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 2072 Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who
 2073 served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such
 2074 a veteran.

2075 Section 54. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.