



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



26 | amending s. 497.141, F.S.; providing an exemption from  
27 | a certain fee; amending ss. 497.281, 497.368, 497.369,  
28 | 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, and 497.375, F.S.;  
29 | providing exemptions from certain fees; creating s.  
30 | 497.393, F.S.; authorizing the licensing authority to  
31 | recognize certain military-issued credentials for  
32 | purposes of licensure; amending ss. 497.453, 497.466,  
33 | and 497.554, F.S.; providing exemptions from certain  
34 | fees; amending s. 497.602, F.S.; providing an  
35 | exemption from an application fee; authorizing the  
36 | licensing authority to recognize certain military-  
37 | issued credentials for purposes of licensure; amending  
38 | s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
39 | Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive a  
40 | registration fee; amending ss. 501.605, 501.607,  
41 | 501.609, and 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
42 | Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain  
43 | fees for certain licensees; amending s. 517.12, F.S.;  
44 | requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to waive  
45 | certain fees; amending ss. 527.02 and 539.001, F.S.;  
46 | waiving certain licensing fees; amending ss. 559.904  
47 | and 559.928, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
48 | Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain  
49 | registration fees; amending s. 626.171, F.S.; revising  
50 | fee waiver qualification requirements for certain



51 applicants; amending ss. 626.732, 626.7851, 626.8311,  
52 626.8417, and 626.927, F.S.; revising prelicensure  
53 course requirements for certain applicants; amending  
54 s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an extension for  
55 firefighter certification renewal for certain persons;  
56 amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring the Division of  
57 State Fire Marshal to waive certain expenses  
58 associated with attending the Florida State Fire  
59 College; creating s. 683.147, F.S.; designating March  
60 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day"; amending s.  
61 1002.37, F.S.; revising priority of Florida Virtual  
62 Schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing for a  
63 character development program that incorporates the  
64 values of the Congressional Medal of Honor; amending  
65 s. 1012.55, F.S.; requiring the State Board of  
66 Education to issue a temporary certificate in  
67 educational leadership to certain persons; revising  
68 certain exemptions from requirements for teacher  
69 certification for certain individuals; amending s.  
70 1012.56, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education  
71 to adopt certain rules; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.;  
72 requiring the State Board of Education to waive  
73 certain fees; providing an effective date.

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



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77           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Don Hahnfeldt  
78 Veteran and Military Family Opportunity Act."

79           Section 2. Section 250.483, Florida Statutes, is created  
80 to read:

81           250.483 Active duty; licensure or qualification.—

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

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



101           (3) A member of the National Guard or the United States  
102 Armed Forces Reserves must request licensure or qualification  
103 pursuant to this section by the respective board of examiners or  
104 other qualification board within 6 months after release from  
105 active duty with the Florida National Guard or the United States  
106 Armed Forces Reserves.

107           Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
108 295.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

109           295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

110           (4) GOVERNANCE.—

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

122           Section 4. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of  
123 section 295.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

124           295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

125           (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall



126 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program  
127 and perform all of the following functions:

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

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

149 2. ~~Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be~~  
150 ~~documented and separated from those incurred by the training~~



151 ~~provider.~~ Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per  
152 veteran trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire cost  
153 for all of the training provided before receiving reimbursement  
154 from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the cost to train a  
155 veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee. Eligible costs  
156 and expenditures include:

- 157 a. Tuition and fees.
- 158 ~~b. Curriculum development.~~
- 159 ~~b.e.~~ Books and classroom materials.
- 160 ~~c.d.~~ Rental fees for facilities at ~~public colleges and~~  
161 ~~universities, including virtual training labs.~~
- 162 ~~e. Overhead or indirect costs not to exceed 5 percent of~~  
163 ~~the grant amount.~~

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

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



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

179 b.e. Identification of the estimated duration of the  
180 instructional program.

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

182 d.e. Identification of special program requirements that  
183 are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

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

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

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

200 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance





201 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one  
202 or more public or private entities ~~universities~~ that:

203 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and  
204 the commitment of ~~university~~ resources, including financial  
205 resources, to such programs.

206 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with ~~military~~  
207 ~~and veteran~~ entrepreneurs ~~resource center~~.

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

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

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

225 Section 5. Subsections (7) through (12) of section



226 446.041, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8)  
227 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to  
228 that section, to read:

229 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.—

230 The department shall:

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

233 Section 6. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081,  
234 Florida Statutes, to read:

235 446.081 Limitation.—

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

242 Section 7. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 455.02,  
243 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

244 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good  
245 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with  
246 administrative boards or programs.—

247 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~  
248 ~~United States~~ now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time  
249 of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any of the  
250 boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 and was entitled to



251 practice or engage in his or her profession or occupation  
252 ~~vocation~~ in the state shall be kept in good standing by the  
253 applicable board or program, without registering, paying dues or  
254 fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be  
255 performed, as long as he or she is a member of the United States  
256 ~~Armed Forces of the United States~~ on active duty and for a  
257 period of 2 years after discharge from active duty ~~as a member~~  
258 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he or she is not~~  
259 ~~engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the~~  
260 ~~private sector for profit. A member, during active duty and for~~  
261 a period of 2 years after discharge from active duty, engaged in  
262 his or her licensed profession or occupation in the private  
263 sector for profit in this state must complete all license  
264 renewal provisions except remitting the license renewal fee,  
265 which shall be waived by the department.

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



276 appropriate board or program shall waive any license renewal fee  
277 for such spouse when he or she is present in this state because  
278 of such member's active duty and for a surviving spouse of a  
279 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and  
280 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

281 Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and  
282 paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida  
283 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that  
284 section, to read:

285 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with  
286 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

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

289 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in  
290 the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve  
291 Forces, or the National Guard;

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

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

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300 The department shall develop an application form, and each



301 board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the  
302 application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for  
303 such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care  
304 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.  
305 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or  
306 part IV of chapter 468.

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

309 1. Submits a complete application.

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

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

321 b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession  
322 for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required  
323 to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she  
324 submits to the department evidence of military training or  
325 experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for



326 licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he  
327 or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate  
328 examination of a national or regional standards organization if  
329 required for licensure in this state; or

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

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

346 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she  
347 is applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of  
348 the application.

349 6. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background  
350 screening pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the



351 | profession for which he or she is applying.

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353 | The department shall verify information submitted by the  
354 | applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner  
355 | Data Bank.

356 | (4)

357 | ~~(j) An applicant who is issued a temporary professional~~  
358 | ~~license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must~~  
359 | ~~practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s.~~  
360 | ~~466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466.~~

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

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

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

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

374 | Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
375 | 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



376 472.015 Licensure.—

377 (3)

378 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for  
379 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed  
380 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a  
381 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served  
382 on active duty or the spouse of such a member, the surviving  
383 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died  
384 while serving on active duty, or a business entity that has a  
385 majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving  
386 spouse if the department receives an application~~7~~ in a format  
387 prescribed by the department. The application format must  
388 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and  
389 supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the~~  
390 ~~veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed~~  
391 ~~Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

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

396 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
397 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,  
398 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
399 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
400 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or





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

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

412 Section 10. Section 472.016, Florida Statutes, is amended  
413 to read:

414 472.016 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with the  
415 board.—

416 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~  
417 ~~United States~~ who is now or in the future on active duty and  
418 who, at the time of becoming such a member of the United States  
419 Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled  
420 to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state  
421 shall be kept in good standing by the board, without  
422 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on  
423 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a  
424 member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on  
425 active duty and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge



426 | from active duty, ~~provided that he or she is not engaged in the~~  
427 | ~~practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for~~  
428 | ~~profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for a period of 2 years  
429 | after discharge from active duty, engaged in the practice of  
430 | surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this  
431 | state must complete all licensure renewal provisions except  
432 | remitting the license renewal fee, which shall be waived by the  
433 | department.

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

445 |       Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida  
446 | Statutes, is amended to read:

447 |       493.6105 Initial application for license.—

448 |       (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a  
449 | corporation, shall file with the department a complete  
450 | application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,



451 except that an ~~the~~ applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G"  
452 license is not required to submit an application fee. An  
453 application fee is not required for an applicant who qualifies  
454 for the fee waiver in s. 493.6107(6). The application fee is not  
455 refundable.

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

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

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

474 Section 12. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida  
475 Statutes, is amended to read:



476 493.6107 Fees.—

477 (6) The initial application ~~license~~ fee for a veteran, as  
478 defined in s. 1.01, the spouse or surviving spouse of such  
479 veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who has  
480 served on active duty, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such  
481 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and  
482 died within the 2 years preceding the initial application, shall  
483 be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC,"  
484 Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class  
485 "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license in a format  
486 prescribed by the department. The application format must  
487 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and  
488 supporting documentation ~~Class "M" or Class "K" license within~~  
489 ~~24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United~~  
490 ~~States Armed Forces.~~ An eligible veteran must include a copy of  
491 his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States  
492 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of  
493 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'  
494 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

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

499 Section 13. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6113,  
500 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



501 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.—

502 (7) The department shall waive the respective fees for a  
503 licensee who:

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

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

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

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

521 Section 14. Subsection (8) is added to section 494.00312,  
522 Florida Statutes, to read:

523 494.00312 Loan originator license.—

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



526 (a) Is or was an active duty member of the United States  
527 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is  
528 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have  
529 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge  
530 from the United States Armed Forces;

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

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

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

541 Section 15. Subsection (4) is added to section 494.00313,  
542 Florida Statutes, to read:

543 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.—

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

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

548 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces  
549 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the  
550 expiration date of the license pursuant to s. 494.00312(7). To



551 qualify for the fee waiver, a loan originator who is a former  
552 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active  
553 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the  
554 license must have received an honorable discharge upon  
555 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or  
556 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
557 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
558 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the  
559 surviving spouse's license expiration date pursuant to s.  
560 494.00312(7).

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

565 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
566 497.140, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

567 497.140 Fees.—

568 (6)(a)1. The department shall impose, upon initial  
569 licensure and each renewal thereof, a special unlicensed  
570 activity fee of \$5 per licensee, in addition to all other fees  
571 provided for in this chapter. Such fee shall be used by the  
572 department to fund efforts to identify and combat unlicensed  
573 activity which violates this chapter. Such fee shall be in  
574 addition to all other fees collected from each licensee and  
575 shall be deposited in a separate account of the Regulatory Trust



576 Fund; however, the department is not limited to the funds in  
577 such an account for combating improper unlicensed activity in  
578 violation of this chapter.

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

590 Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 497.141, Florida  
591 Statutes, is amended to read:

592 497.141 Licensing; general application procedures.—

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





601 qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely  
602 based on a passing score on a required examination.

603 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 497.281, Florida  
604 Statutes, is amended to read:

605 497.281 Licensure of brokers of burial rights.—

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

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

622 Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection  
623 (3) of section 497.368, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

624 497.368 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by  
625 examination; provisional license.—



626 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an embalmer  
627 shall apply to the licensing authority to take the licensure  
628 examination. The licensing authority shall examine each  
629 applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the  
630 licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual per  
631 applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of the  
632 examination and who has:

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

645 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year  
646 internship and has been approved for examination as an embalmer  
647 may qualify for a provisional license to work in a licensed  
648 funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of a  
649 licensed embalmer for a limited period of 6 months as provided  
650 by rule of the licensing authority. The fee for provisional



651 licensure shall be set by rule of the licensing authority, but  
652 may not exceed \$200, and shall be nonrefundable and in addition  
653 to the fee required in subsection (1). This provisional license  
654 may be renewed no more than one time. A member of the United  
655 States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the  
656 United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the  
657 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the  
658 initial provisional licensure fee. To qualify for the initial  
659 provisional licensure fee exemption, an applicant must provide a  
660 copy of a military identification card, military dependent  
661 identification card, military service record, military personnel  
662 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document  
663 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such  
664 veteran was honorably discharged.

665 Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection  
666 (5) of section 497.369, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

667 497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by  
668 endorsement; licensure of a temporary embalmer.-

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

674 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a  
675 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing



676 | authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States  
677 | Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United  
678 | States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2  
679 | years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the  
680 | application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,  
681 | an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification  
682 | card, military dependent identification card, military service  
683 | record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge  
684 | paper, or separation document that indicates such member is  
685 | currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably  
686 | discharged.

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



701 addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

702 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such  
703 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces  
704 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding  
705 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance  
706 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an  
707 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,  
708 military dependent identification card, military service record,  
709 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or  
710 separation document that indicates such member is currently in  
711 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

712 Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 497.370, Florida  
713 Statutes, is amended to read:

714 497.370 Embalmers; licensure of an embalmer intern.—

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

719 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such  
720 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces  
721 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding  
722 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.  
723 To qualify for the application fee exemption under this  
724 paragraph, an applicant must provide a copy of a military  
725 identification card, military dependent identification card,



726 military service record, military personnel file, veteran  
727 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates  
728 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was  
729 honorably discharged.

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

738 Section 22. Section 497.371, Florida Statutes, is amended  
739 to read:

740 497.371 Embalmers; establishment of embalmer apprentice  
741 program.—

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



751 mortuary science or funeral service education at any mortuary  
752 college or funeral service education college or school. An  
753 embalmer apprentice shall be issued a license upon payment of a  
754 licensure fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not  
755 to exceed \$200.

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

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

773 Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection  
774 (3) of section 497.373, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
775 497.373 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director



776 by examination; provisional license.-

777 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a funeral  
778 director shall apply to the licensing authority to take the  
779 licensure examination. The licensing authority shall examine  
780 each applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule  
781 of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual  
782 per applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of  
783 the examination and who the licensing authority certifies has:

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

797 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year  
798 internship and has been approved for examination as a funeral  
799 director may qualify for a provisional license to work in a  
800 licensed funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of





801 a licensed funeral director for 6 months as provided by rule of  
802 the licensing authority. However, a provisional licensee may  
803 work under the general supervision of a licensed funeral  
804 director upon passage of the laws and rules examination required  
805 under paragraph (2) (b). The fee for provisional licensure shall  
806 be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed  
807 \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable  
808 and in addition to the fee required by subsection (1). This  
809 provisional license may be renewed no more than one time. A  
810 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,  
811 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated  
812 from service within the 2 years preceding application for  
813 licensure are exempt from the initial provisional licensure fee.  
814 To qualify for the initial provisional licensure fee exemption,  
815 a licensee must provide a copy of a military identification  
816 card, military dependent identification card, military service  
817 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge  
818 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is  
819 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably  
820 discharged.

821 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection  
822 (5) of section 497.374, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

823 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director  
824 by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.—

825 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by



826 endorsement to practice funeral directing to an applicant who  
827 has remitted a fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to  
828 exceed \$200 and who:

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

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



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

866 Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
867 497.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

868 497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director  
869 intern.—

870 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director  
871 intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed  
872 by rule of the licensing authority, together with a  
873 nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to  
874 exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such  
875 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces



876 | who separated from service within the 2 years preceding  
877 | application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.  
878 | To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must  
879 | provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
880 | dependent identification card, military service record, military  
881 | personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation  
882 | document that indicates such member is currently in good  
883 | standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

884 |       Section 26. Section 497.393, Florida Statutes, is created  
885 | to read:

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



901 sought to be recognized.

902 Section 27. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section  
903 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

904 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and  
905 criteria; renewal; reports.—

906 (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

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

920 Section 28. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section  
921 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

922 497.466 Preneed sales agents, license required;  
923 application procedures and criteria; appointment of agents;  
924 responsibility of preneed licensee.—

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



926 (h) The application shall be accompanied by a  
927 nonrefundable fee of \$150 if made through the department's  
928 online licensing system or \$175 if made using paper forms.  
929 Payment of either fee shall entitle the applicant to one initial  
930 appointment without payment of further fees by the preneed sales  
931 agent or the appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales  
932 agent license is issued. The licensing authority may from time  
933 to time increase such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of  
934 the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a  
935 veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from  
936 service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure  
937 are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for the  
938 application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a  
939 military identification card, military dependent identification  
940 card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran  
941 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates  
942 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was  
943 honorably discharged.

944 Section 29. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
945 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

946 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.—

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



951 (e) The monument establishment sales agent application  
952 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority  
953 may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but  
954 not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces,  
955 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed  
956 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding  
957 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.  
958 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must  
959 provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
960 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
961 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation  
962 document that indicates such member is currently in good  
963 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

964 Section 30. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) and subsection  
965 (4) of section 497.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

966 497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing  
967 procedures and criteria; regulation.—

968 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

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



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976 | for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a  
977 | copy of a military identification card, military dependent  
978 | identification card, military service record, military personnel  
979 | file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document  
980 | that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such  
981 | veteran was honorably discharged.

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

999 |       Section 31. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida  
1000 | Statutes, is amended to read:





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1001           501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and  
1002 fees.—Each health studio shall:

1003           (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the  
1004 department at the time of registration for each of the health  
1005 studio's business locations.

1006           (a) The department shall waive the initial registration  
1007 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
1008 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,  
1009 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has  
1010 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the  
1011 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1012 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business  
1013 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or  
1014 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an  
1015 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The  
1016 application format must include the applicant's signature, under  
1017 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~  
1018 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~  
1019 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1020           1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his  
1021 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of  
1022 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1023 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1024           2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
1025 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,



1026 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
1027 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
1028 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or  
1029 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the  
1030 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1031 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof  
1032 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran  
1033 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the  
1034 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department  
1035 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1036 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if  
1037 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate  
1038 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was  
1039 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1040 (b) The department shall waive the registration renewal  
1041 fee for a registrant who:

1042 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1043 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1044 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1045 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the  
1046 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is  
1047 a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on  
1048 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of  
1049 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon  
1050 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or



1051           3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1052 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
1053 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the date  
1054 of renewal.

1055  
1056 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format  
1057 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's  
1058 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting  
1059 documentation.

1060           Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section  
1061 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1062           501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and  
1063 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

1064           (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be  
1065 verified and accompanied by:

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



1076 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by  
1077 the department. The application format must include the  
1078 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting  
1079 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~  
1080 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To  
1081 qualify for the waiver:7

1082 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his  
1083 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of  
1084 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1085 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1086 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
1087 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,  
1088 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
1089 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
1090 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or  
1091 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the  
1092 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1093 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof  
1094 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran  
1095 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the  
1096 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department  
1097 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1098 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if  
1099 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate  
1100 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was



1101 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1102 Section 33. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
1103 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1104 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—

1105 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be  
1106 verified and be accompanied by:

1107 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per  
1108 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General  
1109 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after  
1110 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after  
1111 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall  
1112 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged  
1113 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse or  
1114 surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the  
1115 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the  
1116 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the  
1117 United States Armed Forces if the member died while serving on  
1118 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership  
1119 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the  
1120 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by  
1121 the department. The application format must include the  
1122 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting  
1123 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~  
1124 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To  
1125 qualify for the waiver:7



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1126           1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his  
1127 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of  
1128 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1129 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1130           2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
1131 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,  
1132 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
1133 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
1134 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or  
1135 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the  
1136 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1137           3. A business entity must provide to the department proof  
1138 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran  
1139 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the  
1140 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department  
1141 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1142 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if  
1143 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate  
1144 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was  
1145 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1146           Section 34. Subsection (5) is added to section 501.609,  
1147 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1148           501.609 License renewal.—

1149           (5) The department shall waive the annual fee to renew for  
1150 a licensee who:



1151 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1152 Forces or the spouse of such member;

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

1160 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1161 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
1162 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the  
1163 renewal.

1164  
1165 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed  
1166 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under  
1167 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1168 Section 35. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
1169 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added  
1170 to that subsection, to read:

1171 507.03 Registration.—

1172 (3)

1173 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration  
1174 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
1175 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,



1176 | a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has  
1177 | served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the  
1178 | surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1179 | if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business  
1180 | entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or  
1181 | spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an  
1182 | application, in a format prescribed by the department. The  
1183 | application format must include the applicant's signature, under  
1184 | penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~  
1185 | ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~  
1186 | ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7  
1187 |       1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his  
1188 | or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of  
1189 | Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1190 | specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;  
1191 |       2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
1192 | provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,  
1193 | as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
1194 | acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
1195 | of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or  
1196 | certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the  
1197 | veteran at the time of discharge; or  
1198 |       3. A business entity must provide to the department proof  
1199 | that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran  
1200 | holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the





1201 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department  
1202 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1203 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if  
1204 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate  
1205 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was  
1206 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1207 (c) The department shall waive the biennial fee to renew  
1208 for a registrant who:

1209 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1210 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1211 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1212 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the  
1213 expiration date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who  
1214 is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served  
1215 on active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date  
1216 of the registration must have received an honorable discharge  
1217 upon separation or discharge from the United States Armed  
1218 Forces; or

1219 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1220 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
1221 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the  
1222 renewal.

1223  
1224 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format  
1225 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's



1226 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting  
1227 documentation.

1228 Section 36. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 517.12,  
1229 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1230 517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons,  
1231 intermediaries, and investment advisers.—

1232 (10) (a) An applicant for registration shall pay an  
1233 assessment fee of \$200, in the case of a dealer or investment  
1234 adviser, or \$50, in the case of an associated person. An  
1235 associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the  
1236 cost for the fingerprints to be processed by the office. Such  
1237 fee shall be determined by rule of the commission. Such fees  
1238 become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments  
1239 provided for under s. 517.131(1) until such time as the  
1240 Securities Guaranty Fund satisfies the statutory limits, and are  
1241 not returnable in the event that registration is withdrawn or  
1242 not granted.

1243 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an  
1244 associated person required by paragraph (a) for an applicant  
1245 who:

1246 1. Is or was an active duty member of the United States  
1247 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is  
1248 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have  
1249 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge  
1250 from the United States Armed Forces;



1251 2. Is married to a current or former member of the United  
1252 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during  
1253 any period of active duty; or

1254 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1255 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
1256 the time of death.

1257  
1258 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a  
1259 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one  
1260 of the qualifications in this paragraph.

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



1276 registration expires may request reinstatement of such  
1277 registration by filing with the office, on or before January 31  
1278 of the year following the year of expiration, such information  
1279 as may be required by the commission, together with payment of  
1280 the fee required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for  
1281 dealers, investment advisers, or associated persons and a late  
1282 fee equal to the amount of such fee. Any reinstatement of  
1283 registration granted by the office during the month of January  
1284 shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.

1285 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an  
1286 associated person required by paragraph (10) (a) for a registrant  
1287 renewing his or her registration who:

1288 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1289 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1290 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1291 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the  
1292 expiration date of the registration pursuant to paragraph (a).  
1293 To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a former  
1294 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active  
1295 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the  
1296 registration must have received an honorable discharge upon  
1297 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1298 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1299 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
1300 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the



1301 surviving spouse's registration expiration date pursuant to  
1302 paragraph (a).

1303  
1304 A registrant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a  
1305 form prescribed by commission rule, that the registrant meets  
1306 one of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1307 Section 37. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
1308 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added  
1309 to that subsection, to read:

1310 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

1311 (3)

1312 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for  
1313 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed  
1314 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a  
1315 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served  
1316 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving  
1317 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the  
1318 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity  
1319 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse  
1320 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,  
1321 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format  
1322 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of  
1323 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~  
1324 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~  
1325 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: 7



1326           1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his  
1327 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of  
1328 Defense or another acceptable form of identification as  
1329 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1330           2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
1331 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,  
1332 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
1333 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
1334 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or  
1335 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the  
1336 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1337           3. A business entity must provide to the department proof  
1338 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran  
1339 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the  
1340 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department  
1341 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1342 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if  
1343 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate  
1344 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was  
1345 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1346           (c) The department shall waive license renewal fees for a  
1347 licensee who:

1348           1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1349 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1350           2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces



1351 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the  
1352 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this  
1353 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United  
1354 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years  
1355 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an  
1356 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United  
1357 States Armed Forces; or

1358 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1359 States Armed Forces if such member was serving on active duty at  
1360 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the  
1361 surviving spouse's renewal.

1362  
1363 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed  
1364 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under  
1365 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1366 Section 38. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
1367 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is  
1368 added to that subsection, to read:

1369 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

1370 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

1371 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it  
1372 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license  
1373 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially  
1374 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300  
1375 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial



1376 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United  
1377 States Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a  
1378 veteran, a current member of the United States Armed Forces who  
1379 has served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the  
1380 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1381 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business  
1382 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or  
1383 spouse or surviving spouse if the agency receives an  
1384 application, in a format prescribed by the agency. The  
1385 application format must include the applicant's signature, under  
1386 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~  
1387 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~  
1388 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1389 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or  
1390 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of  
1391 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1392 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1393 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
1394 provide to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as  
1395 issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
1396 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
1397 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or  
1398 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the  
1399 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1400 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that





1401 a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran holds a  
1402 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD  
1403 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,  
1404 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the  
1405 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a  
1406 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse  
1407 or surviving spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the  
1408 veteran at the time of discharge.

1409 (g) The agency shall waive license renewal fee for a  
1410 licensee who:

1411 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1412 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1413 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,  
1414 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the  
1415 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this  
1416 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United  
1417 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years  
1418 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an  
1419 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United  
1420 States Armed Forces; or

1421 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1422 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
1423 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the  
1424 renewal.

1425



1426 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed  
1427 by the agency, including the applicant's signature, under  
1428 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1429 Section 39. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
1430 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is  
1431 added to that subsection, to read:

1432 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;  
1433 application; exemption.—

1434 (3)

1435 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration  
1436 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
1437 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,  
1438 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has  
1439 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the  
1440 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1441 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business  
1442 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or  
1443 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an  
1444 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The  
1445 application format must include the applicant's signature, under  
1446 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~  
1447 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~  
1448 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: 7

1449 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his  
1450 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of



1451 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1452 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1453 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
1454 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,  
1455 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
1456 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
1457 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or  
1458 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the  
1459 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1460 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof  
1461 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran  
1462 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the  
1463 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department  
1464 of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as  
1465 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if  
1466 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate  
1467 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was  
1468 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1469 (c) The department shall waive registration renewal fees  
1470 for a registrant who:

1471 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1472 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1473 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1474 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the  
1475 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this



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1476 subparagraph, a registrant who is a former member of the United  
1477 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years  
1478 preceding the biennial renewal date must have received an  
1479 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United  
1480 States Armed Forces; or

1481 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1482 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
1483 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the  
1484 renewal.

1485  
1486 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format  
1487 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's  
1488 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting  
1489 documentation.

1490 Section 40. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
1491 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is  
1492 added to that subsection, to read:

1493 559.928 Registration.—

1494 (2)

1495 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration  
1496 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
1497 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,  
1498 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has  
1499 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the  
1500 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces



1501 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business  
1502 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or  
1503 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an  
1504 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The  
1505 application format must include the applicant's signature, under  
1506 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~  
1507 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~  
1508 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1509 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his  
1510 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of  
1511 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1512 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1513 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must  
1514 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,  
1515 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another  
1516 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department  
1517 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or  
1518 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the  
1519 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1520 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof  
1521 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran  
1522 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the  
1523 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department  
1524 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as  
1525 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if



1526 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate  
1527 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was  
1528 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1529 (d) The department shall waive the registration renewal  
1530 fee for a registrant who:

1531 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1532 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1533 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces  
1534 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the  
1535 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this  
1536 subparagraph, a registrant who is a former member of the United  
1537 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years  
1538 preceding the annual registration renewal date must have  
1539 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge  
1540 from the United States Armed Forces; or

1541 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United  
1542 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at  
1543 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the  
1544 renewal.

1545  
1546 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format  
1547 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's  
1548 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting  
1549 documentation.

1550 Section 41. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida



1551 Statutes, is amended to read:

1552       626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer  
1553 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing  
1554 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

1555       (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their  
1556 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have  
1557 separated from service ~~retired~~ within 24 months before  
1558 application for licensure, are exempt from the application  
1559 filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must  
1560 provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
1561 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
1562 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~  
1563 ~~document,~~ or a separation document that indicates such members  
1564 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing  
1565 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

1566       Section 42. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida  
1567 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection  
1568 (6) is added to that section, to read:

1569       626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or  
1570 instruction.—

1571       (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an  
1572 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed  
1573 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified  
1574 individual must provide a copy of a military identification  
1575 card, military dependent identification card, military service



1576 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge  
1577 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is  
1578 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably  
1579 discharged.

1580 Section 43. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1581 to read:

1582 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or  
1583 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except  
1584 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified  
1585 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the  
1586 date the application for a license is filed with the department  
1587 he or she has:

1588 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life  
1589 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the  
1590 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of  
1591 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter  
1592 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1593 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of  
1594 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life  
1595 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the  
1596 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of  
1597 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter  
1598 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1599 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as  
1600 Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College





1601 of Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute  
1602 (FLMI) from the Life Management Institute;

1603 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another  
1604 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state  
1605 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in  
1606 the state; or

1607 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least  
1608 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who  
1609 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is  
1610 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her  
1611 employment with the department or office.

1612  
1613 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is  
1614 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the  
1615 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must  
1616 provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
1617 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
1618 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation  
1619 document that indicates such member is currently in good  
1620 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1621 Section 44. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1622 to read:

1623 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or  
1624 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,  
1625 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be



1626 | qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately  
1627 | preceding the date the application for license is filed with the  
1628 | department he or she has:

1629 |       (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in  
1630 | health insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which  
1631 | shall be on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include  
1632 | instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities  
1633 | engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida  
1634 | Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the  
1635 | Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et  
1636 | seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by  
1637 | employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

1638 |       (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of  
1639 | coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health  
1640 | insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be  
1641 | on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include  
1642 | instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities  
1643 | engaging in the business of insurance;

1644 |       (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a  
1645 | Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare  
1646 | Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant  
1647 | (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;  
1648 | Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton  
1649 | School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance  
1650 | Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;



1651 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another  
1652 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state  
1653 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in  
1654 Florida; or

1655 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least  
1656 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who  
1657 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is  
1658 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her  
1659 employment with the department or office.

1660  
1661 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is  
1662 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the  
1663 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must  
1664 provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
1665 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
1666 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation  
1667 document that indicates such member is currently in good  
1668 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1669 Section 45. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,  
1670 Florida Statutes, to read:

1671 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.—

1672 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an  
1673 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed  
1674 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified  
1675 individual must provide a copy of a military identification



1676 card, military dependent identification card, military service  
1677 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge  
1678 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is  
1679 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably  
1680 discharged.

1681 Section 46. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,  
1682 Florida Statutes, to read:

1683 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.—

1684 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an  
1685 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed  
1686 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified  
1687 individual must provide a copy of a military identification  
1688 card, military dependent identification card, military service  
1689 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge  
1690 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is  
1691 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably  
1692 discharged.

1693 Section 47. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1694 to read:

1695 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter  
1696 certifications.—

1697 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his  
1698 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she  
1699 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter  
1700 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:



- 1701 (a) Be active as a firefighter.
- 1702 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor  
1703 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year  
1704 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,  
1705 which proof must be registered in an electronic database  
1706 designated by the division.
- 1707 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,  
1708 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course  
1709 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed  
1710 by rule.
- 1711 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,  
1712 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course  
1713 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.
- 1714 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or  
1715 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4  
1716 years he or she must:
- 1717 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or
- 1718 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of  
1719 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.
- 1720 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified  
1721 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as  
1722 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety  
1723 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment  
1724 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.
- 1725 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"



1726 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a  
1727 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within  
1728 a 4-year period.

1729 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the  
1730 certificate or separation from employment.

1731 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer  
1732 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements  
1733 of this section.

1734 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,  
1735 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer  
1736 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the  
1737 following grounds exists:

1738 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could  
1739 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to  
1740 the division.

1741 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any  
1742 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

1743 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate  
1744 issued by the division.

1745

1746 The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be  
1747 extended to 12 months after discharge from military service if  
1748 the military service does not exceed 3 years, but in no event  
1749 more than 6 years from the date of issue or renewal, if  
1750 applicable, for an honorably discharged veteran of the United



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1751 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran. A qualified  
1752 individual must provide a copy of a military identification  
1753 card, military dependent identification card, military service  
1754 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge  
1755 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is  
1756 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably  
1757 discharged.

1758 Section 48. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,  
1759 Florida Statutes, to read:

1760 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire  
1761 College.—

1762 (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental  
1763 expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire  
1764 College for an active duty member of the United States Armed  
1765 Forces, the spouse of such a member who was serving on active  
1766 duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding  
1767 the spouse attending the college, an honorably discharged  
1768 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or  
1769 surviving spouse of such a veteran. A qualified individuals must  
1770 provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
1771 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
1772 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation  
1773 document that indicates such member is currently in good  
1774 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1775 Section 49. Section 683.147, Florida Statutes, is created



1776 to read:

1777 683.147 Medal of Honor Day.—

1778 (1) March 25 of each year is designated as "Medal of Honor  
1779 Day."

1780 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation  
1781 designating March 25 as Medal of Honor Day and calling upon  
1782 public officials, schools, private organizations, and all  
1783 residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and  
1784 honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who  
1785 distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and  
1786 gallantry during wartime, and at considerable risk to their own  
1787 lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed  
1788 Forces.

1789 Section 50. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
1790 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1791 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

1792 (1)

1793 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to  
1794 provide students with technology-based educational opportunities  
1795 to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The  
1796 school shall serve any student in the state who meets the  
1797 profile for success in this educational delivery context and  
1798 shall give priority to:

1799 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order  
1800 to meet their educational goals, such as home education students





1801 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not  
1802 have access to higher-level courses.

1803 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain  
1804 a high school diploma at least one semester early.

1805 3. Students who are children of an active duty member of  
1806 the United States Armed Forces who is not stationed in this  
1807 state whose home of record or state of legal residence is  
1808 Florida.

1809

1810 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall  
1811 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on  
1812 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission  
1813 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for  
1814 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and  
1815 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high  
1816 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.

1817 Section 51. Subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida  
1818 Statutes, is amended to read:

1819 1003.42 Required instruction.—

1820 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public  
1821 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education  
1822 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and  
1823 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the  
1824 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,  
1825 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing



1826 approved methods of instruction, the following:

1827       (a) The history and content of the Declaration of  
1828 Independence, including national sovereignty, natural law, self-  
1829 evident truth, equality of all persons, limited government,  
1830 popular sovereignty, and inalienable rights of life, liberty,  
1831 and property, and how they form the philosophical foundation of  
1832 our government.

1833       (b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the  
1834 provisions of the Constitution of the United States and  
1835 amendments thereto, with emphasis on each of the 10 amendments  
1836 that make up the Bill of Rights and how the constitution  
1837 provides the structure of our government.

1838       (c) The arguments in support of adopting our republican  
1839 form of government, as they are embodied in the most important  
1840 of the Federalist Papers.

1841       (d) Flag education, including proper flag display and flag  
1842 salute.

1843       (e) The elements of civil government, including the  
1844 primary functions of and interrelationships between the Federal  
1845 Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school  
1846 districts, and special districts.

1847       (f) The history of the United States, including the period  
1848 of discovery, early colonies, the War for Independence, the  
1849 Civil War, the expansion of the United States to its present  
1850 boundaries, the world wars, and the civil rights movement to the



1851 present. American history shall be viewed as factual, not as  
1852 constructed, shall be viewed as knowable, teachable, and  
1853 testable, and shall be defined as the creation of a new nation  
1854 based largely on the universal principles stated in the  
1855 Declaration of Independence.

1856 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the  
1857 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other  
1858 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of  
1859 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an  
1860 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the  
1861 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an  
1862 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful  
1863 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity  
1864 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting  
1865 democratic values and institutions.

1866 (h) The history of African Americans, including the  
1867 history of African peoples before the political conflicts that  
1868 led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the  
1869 enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of  
1870 African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall  
1871 include the contributions of African Americans to American  
1872 society.

1873 (i) The elementary principles of agriculture.

1874 (j) The true effects of all alcoholic and intoxicating  
1875 liquors and beverages and narcotics upon the human body and



1876 | mind.

1877 |       (k) Kindness to animals.

1878 |       (l) The history of the state.

1879 |       (m) The conservation of natural resources.

1880 |       (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts

1881 | of community health; consumer health; environmental health;

1882 | family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual

1883 | abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of

1884 | teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury

1885 | prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal

1886 | health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and

1887 | abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7

1888 | through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse

1889 | component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition

1890 | of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating

1891 | violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy

1892 | relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and

1893 | abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating

1894 | violence and abuse.

1895 |       (o) Such additional materials, subjects, courses, or

1896 | fields in such grades as are prescribed by law or by rules of

1897 | the State Board of Education and the district school board in

1898 | fulfilling the requirements of law.

1899 |       (p) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United

1900 | States.



1901 (q) The study of women's contributions to the United  
1902 States.

1903 (r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the  
1904 United States economy.

1905 (s) A character-development program in the elementary  
1906 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which  
1907 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the  
1908 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten  
1909 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or  
1910 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that  
1911 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The  
1912 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of  
1913 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for  
1914 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;  
1915 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;  
1916 and cooperation. The character-development curriculum for grades  
1917 9 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on  
1918 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization  
1919 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and  
1920 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;  
1921 conflict resolution, workplace ethics, and workplace law;  
1922 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that  
1923 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

1924 (t) In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that  
1925 veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our



1926 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such  
1927 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,  
1928 Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional  
1929 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and  
1930 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

1931  
1932 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
1933 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A  
1934 character development program that incorporates the values of  
1935 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is  
1936 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
1937 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
1938 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

1939 Section 52. Subsection (4) of section 1012.55, Florida  
1940 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection  
1941 (1) of that section, to read:

1942 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

1943 (1)

1944 (e)1. The department shall issue a 3-year temporary  
1945 certificate in educational leadership under s. 1012.56(7) to an  
1946 individual who:

1947 a. Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational  
1948 Leadership Examination.

1949 b. Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military  
1950 officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years.



1951 c. Was honorably discharged or has retired from the United  
 1952 States Armed Forces.

1953 d. Is employed full time in a position for which an  
 1954 educator certificate is required in a Florida public school,  
 1955 state-supported school, or nonpublic school that has a Level II  
 1956 program under s. 1012.562.

1957 2. A Level II program under s. 1012.562 must accept an  
 1958 applicant who holds a temporary certificate under subparagraph  
 1959 1. The department shall issue a permanent certification as a  
 1960 school principal to an individual who holds a temporary  
 1961 certificate under subparagraph 1. and successfully completes the  
 1962 Level II program.

1963 (4) A commissioned or noncommissioned military officer who  
 1964 is an instructor of junior reserve officer training shall be  
 1965 exempt from requirements for teacher certification, except for  
 1966 the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32, if he or she  
 1967 meets the following qualifications:

1968 (a) Is retired from active military duty, pursuant to  
 1969 chapter 102 of Title 10 U.S.C.

1970 (b) Satisfies criteria established by the appropriate  
 1971 military service for certification by the service as a junior  
 1972 reserve officer training instructor.

1973 (c) Has an exemplary military record.

1974  
 1975 If such instructor is assigned instructional duties other than



1976 junior reserve officer training, he or she shall hold the  
 1977 certificate required by law and rules of the state board for the  
 1978 type of service rendered. An instructor of junior reserve  
 1979 officer training under this subsection may receive funding  
 1980 through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program  
 1981 under s. 1012.71.

1982 Section 53. Subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida  
 1983 Statutes, is amended to read:

1984 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

1985 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

1986 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional  
 1987 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant  
 1988 who fulfills one of the following:

1989 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).

1990 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6  
 1991 through 12:

1992 a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h).

1993 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of  
 1994 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

1995 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the  
 1996 advanced degree.

1997 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the  
 1998 teacher's performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part  
 1999 on student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized  
 2000 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International





2001 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate  
 2002 examination.

2003 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional  
 2004 education competency examination required by state board rule.

2005 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a)-(h) and  
 2006 completes a professional preparation and education competence  
 2007 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8)(c).  
 2008 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly  
 2009 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation  
 2010 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing  
 2011 score on the professional education competency examination in  
 2012 order to be awarded a professional certificate.

2013 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to  
 2014 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in  
 2015 paragraphs (2)(a)-(f) and completes the subject area content  
 2016 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates  
 2017 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and  
 2018 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the  
 2019 Department of Education at the level required for the subject  
 2020 area specialization in state board rule.

2021 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year  
 2022 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional  
 2023 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's  
 2024 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for  
 2025 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language



2026 | impairment.

2027 |

2028 | Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years

2029 | and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph

2030 | (2) (g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of

2031 | employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are

2032 | employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time

2033 | period may continue to be employed through the end of the school

2034 | year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall

2035 | not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a

2036 | position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond

2037 | this time period if the individual has not met the requirement

2038 | of paragraph (2) (g). At least 1 year before an individual's

2039 | temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall

2040 | electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or

2041 | her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by

2042 | which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be

2043 | completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to

2044 | allow the department to extend the validity period of a

2045 | temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the

2046 | professional certificate, not including the requirement in

2047 | paragraph (2) (g), were not completed due to the serious illness

2048 | or injury of the applicant, the military service of an

2049 | applicant's spouse, or other extraordinary extenuating

2050 | circumstances. The rules must authorize the department to extend



2051 the validity period of a temporary certificate ~~or~~ for 1 year if  
2052 the ~~temporary~~ certificateholder is rated effective or highly  
2053 effective based solely on a student learning growth formula  
2054 approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s.  
2055 1012.34(8). The department shall reissue the temporary  
2056 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the  
2057 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of  
2058 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school  
2059 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab  
2060 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or  
2061 the governing authority of a private school.

2062 Section 54. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.59,  
2063 Florida Statutes, to read:

2064 1012.59 Certification fees.—

2065 (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial  
2066 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area  
2067 examination fees and certification fees for:

2068 (a) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a  
2069 reserve component thereof who is serving or has served on active  
2070 duty or the spouse of such a member.

2071 (b) The surviving spouse of a member of the United States  
2072 Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on  
2073 active duty at the time of death.

2074 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
2075 Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who



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2076 | served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such  
2077 | a veteran.

2078 | Section 55. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.