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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to home inspectors; amending s.
 468.8312, F.S.; limiting the amount of a specified
 examination fee; amending s. 468.8313, F.S.;
 authorizing the Department of Business and
 Professional Regulation to review and approve
 examinations that it has certified as meeting
 generally accepted testing standards and specified
 requirements of a national examination; providing an
 effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 468.8312, Florida
 Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8312 Fees.—

(2) The initial application and examination fee may not
~~shall not~~ exceed \$125 plus the actual per applicant cost to the
 department to purchase an examination, if the department chooses
 to purchase the examination. The examination fee must be ~~shall~~
~~be in~~ an amount that covers the cost of obtaining and
 administering the examination, but may not exceed \$200, and must
~~shall~~ be refunded if the applicant is found ineligible to sit
 for the examination. The application fee is ~~shall be~~
 nonrefundable.

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26 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 468.8313, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 468.8313 Examinations.—

29 (4) The department may review and approve examinations
30 that the department has certified as meeting generally accepted
31 testing standards and the requirements of a national examination
32 as provided in s. 455.217(1)(d) by a nationally recognized
33 ~~entity that offers programs or sets standards that ensure~~
34 ~~competence as a home inspector.~~

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect February 1, 2020.