

By Senator Farmer

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to home inspectors; amending s.  
3       468.8312, F.S.; limiting the amount of a specified  
4       examination fee; amending s. 468.8313, F.S.;  
5       authorizing the Department of Business and  
6       Professional Regulation to review and approve  
7       examinations that it has certified as meeting  
8       generally accepted testing standards and specified  
9       requirements of a national examination; providing an  
10      effective date.

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

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

16       468.8312 Fees.—

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

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 that

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30 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.