

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the deregulation of professions and  
3           occupations; providing a short title; amending s.  
4           287.055, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
5           by the act; amending s. 322.57, F.S.; defining the  
6           term "servicemember"; requiring the Department of  
7           Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to waive certain  
8           commercial driver license requirements for  
9           servicemembers and veterans under certain  
10          circumstances; requiring rulemaking; amending s.  
11          326.004, F.S.; deleting the requirement for a yacht  
12          broker to maintain a separate license for each branch  
13          office; deleting the requirement for the division to  
14          establish a fee; amending s. 447.02, F.S.; conforming  
15          provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss.  
16          447.04, 447.041, 447.045, and 447.06, F.S., relating  
17          to licensure and permit requirements for business  
18          agents, hearings for persons or labor organizations  
19          denied licensure as a business agent, confidential  
20          information obtained during the application process,  
21          and required registration of labor organizations,  
22          respectively; amending s. 447.09, F.S.; deleting  
23          certain prohibited actions relating to the right of  
24          franchise of a member of a labor organization;  
25          repealing ss. 447.12 and 447.16, F.S., relating to

26 registration fees and applicability; amending s.  
27 447.305, F.S.; deleting a provision that requires  
28 notification of registrations and renewals to the  
29 department; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; requiring the  
30 Department of Business and Professional Regulation or  
31 a board to seek reciprocal licensing agreements with  
32 other states under certain circumstances; providing  
33 requirements; creating s. 455.2278, F.S.; providing  
34 definitions; prohibiting the department or a board  
35 from suspending or revoking a person's license solely  
36 on the basis of a delinquency or default in the  
37 payment of his or her student loan; prohibiting the  
38 department or a board from suspending or revoking a  
39 person's license solely on the basis of a default in  
40 satisfying the requirements of his or her work-  
41 conditional scholarship; amending s. 456.072, F.S.;  
42 providing that failing to repay a student loan issued  
43 or guaranteed by the state or the Federal Government  
44 in accordance with the terms of the loan is not  
45 considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal  
46 obligation; repealing s. 456.0721, F.S., relating to  
47 practitioners in default on student loan or  
48 scholarship obligations; amending s. 456.074; removing  
49 the requirements for immediate suspension of a health  
50 care practitioner for default on a specified student

51 loan; amending s. 468.401, F.S.; revising a  
52 definition; amending s. 468.505, F.S.; providing that  
53 certain unlicensed persons are not prohibited or  
54 restricted from his or her practice, services, or  
55 activities in dietetics and nutrition under certain  
56 circumstances; amending 468.524, F.S.; deleting  
57 specified exemptions from the time restriction for an  
58 employee leasing company to reapply for licensure;  
59 amending s. 468.603, F.S.; revising a definition;  
60 amending s. 468.609, F.S.; revising certain experience  
61 requirements for a person to take the examination for  
62 certification; revising the time period a provisional  
63 certificate is valid; amending s. 468.613, F.S.;  
64 providing for waiver of specified requirements for  
65 certification under certain circumstances; amending s.  
66 468.8314, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a license  
67 by endorsement to maintain a specified insurance  
68 policy; requiring the department to certify an  
69 applicant who holds a specified license issued by  
70 another state or territory of the United States under  
71 certain circumstances; amending s. 471.015, F.S.;  
72 revising licensure requirements for engineers who hold  
73 specified licenses in another state; amending s.  
74 473.308, F.S.; deleting continuing education  
75 requirements for license by endorsement for certified

76 public accountants; amending s. 474.202, F.S.;

77 revising the definition of the term "limited-service

78 veterinary medical practice" to include certain

79 vaccinations or immunizations; amending s. 474.203,

80 F.S.; providing an exemption for a person whose work

81 is solely confined to microchip implantation in dogs

82 and cats; amending s. 474.207, F.S.; revising

83 education requirements for licensure by examination;

84 amending s. 474.217, F.S.; requiring the Department of

85 Business and Professional Regulation to issue a

86 license by endorsement to certain applicants who

87 successfully complete a specified examination;

88 amending s. 476.114, F.S.; revising training

89 requirements for licensure as a barber; amending s.

90 476.144, F.S.; requiring the department to license an

91 applicant who is licensed to practice barbering in

92 another state; amending s. 477.013, F.S.; revising the

93 definition of the term "hair braiding"; repealing s.

94 477.0132, F.S., relating to registration for hair

95 braiding, hair wrapping, and body wrapping; amending

96 s. 477.0135, F.S.; providing additional exemptions

97 from license or registration requirements for

98 specified occupations or practices; amending s.

99 477.019, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made

100 by the act; amending s. 477.0201, F.S.; providing

101 requirements for registration as a specialist;  
102 amending s. 477.026, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
103 changes made by the act; amending s. 477.0263, F.S.;  
104 authorizing certain persons to perform specified  
105 cosmetology services in a location other than a  
106 licensed salon under certain circumstances; amending  
107 ss. 477.0265 and 477.029, F.S.; conforming provisions  
108 to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.201, F.S.;  
109 deleting legislative findings relating to the practice  
110 of interior design; amending s. 481.203, F.S.;  
111 revising definitions; amending s. 481.205, F.S.;  
112 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
113 amending s. 481.207, F.S.; revising certain fees for  
114 interior designers; amending s. 481.209, F.S.;  
115 providing requirements for a certificate of  
116 registration and a seal for interior designers;  
117 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
118 amending s. 481.213, F.S.; revising requirements for  
119 certification of licensure by endorsement for certain  
120 licensees to engage in the practice of architecture;  
121 providing that registration is not required for  
122 specified persons to practice; amending s. 481.2131,  
123 F.S.; requiring certain interior designers to include  
124 a specified seal when submitting documents for the  
125 issuance of a building permit; amending s. 481.215,

126 F.S.; revising the number of hours of specified  
127 courses the board must require for the renewal of a  
128 license or certificate of registration; authoring  
129 licensees to complete certain courses online; amending  
130 s. 481.217, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes  
131 made by the act; amending s. 481.219, F.S.; deleting  
132 provisions permitting the practice of or offer to  
133 practice interior design through certain business  
134 organizations; deleting provisions requiring  
135 certificates of authorization for certain business  
136 organizations offering interior design services to the  
137 public; requiring a licensee or applicant in the  
138 practice of architecture to qualify a business  
139 organization; providing requirements; amending  
140 481.221, F.S.; requiring registered architects and  
141 certain business organizations to display their  
142 license number in specified advertisements; amending  
143 s. 481.223, F.S.; providing construction; amending s.  
144 481.2251, F.S.; revising acts that constitute grounds  
145 for disciplinary actions relating to interior  
146 designers; amending ss. 481.229 and 481.231, F.S.;  
147 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
148 amending s. 481.303, F.S.; deleting the definition of  
149 the term "certificate of authorization"; amending s.  
150 481.310, F.S.; providing that an applicant who holds a

151 specified degree is not required to demonstrate 1 year  
 152 of practical experience for licensure; amending s.  
 153 481.311, F.S.; requiring the Board of Landscape  
 154 Architecture to certify an applicant who holds a  
 155 specified license issued by another state or territory  
 156 of the United States under certain circumstances;  
 157 conforming provisions; amending s. 481.313, F.S.;  
 158 authorizing a landscape architect to receive hour-for-  
 159 hour credit for certain approved continuing education  
 160 courses under certain circumstances; 481.317, F.S.;  
 161 conforming provisions; amending s. 481.319, F.S.;  
 162 deleting the requirement for a certificate of  
 163 authorization; authorizing landscape architects to  
 164 practice through a corporation or partnership;  
 165 amending s. 481.321, F.S.; requiring a landscape  
 166 architect to display their certificate number in  
 167 specified advertisements; amending s. 481.329, F.S.;  
 168 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 489.103,  
 169 F.S.; revising certain contract prices for exemption;  
 170 amending s. 489.111, F.S.; providing that an applicant  
 171 who is exempt from a specified examination is eligible  
 172 for licensure; amending s. 489.113, F.S.; providing  
 173 that an applicant holding a specified degree does not  
 174 have to pass a certain examination; amending s.  
 175 489.115, F.S.; requiring the Construction Industry

176 Licensing Board to certify any applicant who holds a  
177 specified license to practice contracting issued by  
178 another state or territory of the United States under  
179 or certain persons licensed by endorsement or  
180 reciprocity under certain circumstances; amending s.  
181 489.511, F.S.; requiring the board to certify as  
182 qualified for certification by endorsement any  
183 applicant who holds a specified license to practice  
184 electrical or alarm system contracting issued by  
185 another state or territory of the United States under  
186 certain circumstances; amending s. 489.517, F.S.;  
187 providing a reduction in certain continuing education  
188 hours required for certain contractors; amending s.  
189 489.518, F.S.; requiring a person to have completed a  
190 specified amount of training within a certain time  
191 period to perform the duties of an alarm system agent;  
192 amending s. 492.104, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
193 changes made by the act; amending 492.108, F.S.;  
194 requiring the department to issue a license by  
195 endorsement to any applicant who has held a specified  
196 license to practice geology in another state,  
197 territory, or possession of the United States for a  
198 certain period of time; providing that an applicant  
199 may take the examination required by the board if they  
200 have not met the specified examination requirement;



201 amending s. 492.111, F.S.; deleting the requirements  
202 for a certificate of authorization for a professional  
203 geologist; amending ss. 492.113 and 492.115, F.S.;  
204 conforming provisions; creating s. 509.102, F.S.;  
205 providing a definition for the term "mobile food  
206 dispensing vehicles"; prohibiting a municipality,  
207 county, or other local governmental entity from  
208 requiring a separate license, registration, or permit  
209 or fee or from operating within the jurisdiction;  
210 providing applicability; amending s. 548.003, F.S.;  
211 deleting the requirement that the Florida State Boxing  
212 Commission adopt rules relating to a knockdown  
213 timekeeper; amending s. 548.017, F.S.; deleting the  
214 licensure requirement for a timekeeper or announcer;  
215 amending s. 553.5141, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
216 changes made by the act; amending s. 553.74, F.S.;  
217 revising the membership and qualifications of the  
218 Florida Building Commission; amending s. 558.002,  
219 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
220 act; amending s. 823.15, F.S.; authorizing certain  
221 persons to implant dogs and cats with specified radio  
222 frequency identification devices under certain  
223 circumstances; authorizing such persons to contact the  
224 owner of record listed on such devices; providing  
225 effective dates.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Occupational Freedom and Opportunity Act."

Section 2. Paragraphs (h) and (k) of subsection (2) of section 287.055, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

287.055 Acquisition of professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, or surveying and mapping services; definitions; procedures; contingent fees prohibited; penalties.—

(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

(h) A "design-build firm" means a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that:

1. Is certified under s. 489.119 to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or

2. Is qualified ~~certified~~ under s. 471.023 to practice or to offer to practice engineering; qualified ~~certified~~ under s. 481.219 to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or qualified ~~certified~~ under s. 481.319 to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.

(k) A "design criteria professional" means a firm that is ~~qualified~~ ~~who holds a current certificate of registration~~ under

251 chapter 481 to practice architecture or landscape architecture  
252 or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered  
253 engineer under chapter 471 to practice engineering and who is  
254 employed by or under contract to the agency for the providing of  
255 professional architect services, landscape architect services,  
256 or engineering services in connection with the preparation of  
257 the design criteria package.

258 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 322.57, Florida  
259 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new subsection  
260 (4) is added to that section, to read:

261 322.57 Tests of knowledge concerning specified vehicles;  
262 endorsement; nonresidents; violations.—

263 (4) (a) As used in this subsection, the term  
264 "servicemember" means a member of any branch of the United  
265 States military or military reserves, the United States Coast  
266 Guard or its reserves, the Florida National Guard, or the  
267 Florida Air National Guard.

268 (b) The department shall waive the requirement to pass the  
269 examination for a commercial driver license for servicemembers  
270 and veterans if:

271 1. The applicant is a veteran who has been honorably  
272 discharged from military service within 1 year before the  
273 application.

274 2. The applicant is trained as an Army Motor Transport  
275 Operator (MOS 88M) or a similar military specialty.

276       3. The applicant has received training to operate large  
277 trucks in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
278 Administration.

279       4. The applicant has at least 2 years of experience in the  
280 military driving vehicles that would require a commercial driver  
281 license to operate.

282       (c) An applicant must complete all other requirements for  
283 a commercial driver license within 1 year after receiving a  
284 waiver under paragraph (b) or the waiver is invalid.

285       (d) The department shall adopt rules to administer this  
286 subsection.

287       Section 4. Subsection (13) of section 326.004, Florida  
288 Statutes, is amended to read:

289       326.004 Licensing.—

290       (13) Each broker must maintain a principal place of  
291 business in this state and may establish branch offices in the  
292 state. ~~A separate license must be maintained for each branch~~  
293 ~~office. The division shall establish by rule a fee not to exceed~~  
294 ~~\$100 for each branch office license.~~

295       Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 447.02, Florida  
296 Statutes, is amended to read:

297       447.02 Definitions.—The following terms, when used in this  
298 chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this  
299 section:

300       ~~(3) The term "department" means the Department of Business~~

301 ~~and Professional Regulation.~~

302       Section 6. Section 447.04, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

303       Section 7. Section 447.041, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

304       Section 8. Section 447.045, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

305       Section 9. Section 447.06, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

306       Section 10. Subsections (6) and (8) of section 447.09,

307 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

308       447.09 Right of franchise preserved; penalties.—It shall

309 be unlawful for any person:

310       ~~(6) To act as a business agent without having obtained and~~

311 ~~possessing a valid and subsisting license or permit.~~

312       ~~(8) To make any false statement in an application for a~~

313 ~~license.~~

314       Section 11. Section 447.12, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

315       Section 12. Section 447.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

316       Section 13. Subsection (4) of section 447.305, Florida

317 Statutes, is amended to read:

318       447.305 Registration of employee organization.—

319       ~~(4) Notification of registrations and renewals of~~

320 ~~registration shall be furnished at regular intervals by the~~

321 ~~commission to the Department of Business and Professional~~

322 ~~Regulation.~~

323       Section 14. Subsection (14) is added to section 455.213,

324 Florida Statutes, to read:

325       455.213 General licensing provisions.—

326       (14) The department or a board must enter into a  
 327 reciprocal licensing agreement with other states if the practice  
 328 act within the purview of this chapter permits such agreement.  
 329 If a reciprocal licensing agreement exists or if the department  
 330 or board has determined another state's licensing requirements  
 331 or examinations to be substantially similar to those under the  
 332 practice act, the department or board must post on its website  
 333 which jurisdictions have such reciprocal licensing agreements or  
 334 substantially similar licenses.

335       Section 15. Section 455.2278, Florida Statutes, is created  
 336 to read:

337       455.2278 Restriction on disciplinary action for student  
 338 loan default.-

339       (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

340       (a) "Default" means the failure to repay a student loan  
 341 according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note.

342       (b) "Delinquency" means the failure to make a student loan  
 343 payment when it is due.

344       (c) "Student loan" means a federal-guaranteed or state-  
 345 guaranteed loan for the purposes of postsecondary education.

346       (d) "Work-conditional scholarship" means an award of  
 347 financial aid for a student to further his or her education  
 348 which imposes an obligation on the student to complete certain  
 349 work-related requirements to receive or to continue receiving  
 350 the scholarship.

351           (2) STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT; DELINQUENCY.—The department or a  
 352 board may not suspend or revoke a license that it has issued to  
 353 any person who is in default on or delinquent in the payment of  
 354 his or her student loans solely on the basis of such default or  
 355 delinquency.

356           (3) WORK-CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DEFAULT.—The department  
 357 or a board may not suspend or revoke a license that it has  
 358 issued to any person who is in default on the satisfaction of  
 359 the requirements of his or her work-conditional scholarship  
 360 solely on the basis of such default.

361           Section 16. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
 362 456.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

363           456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.—

364           (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which  
 365 the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be  
 366 taken:

367           (k) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation  
 368 placed upon a licensee. For purposes of this section, failing to  
 369 repay a student loan issued or guaranteed by the state or the  
 370 Federal Government in accordance with the terms of the loan is  
 371 not or failing to comply with service scholarship obligations  
 372 shall be considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal  
 373 obligation, ~~and the minimum disciplinary action imposed shall be~~  
 374 ~~a suspension of the license until new payment terms are agreed~~  
 375 ~~upon or the scholarship obligation is resumed, followed by~~

376 ~~probation for the duration of the student loan or remaining~~  
377 ~~scholarship obligation period, and a fine equal to 10 percent of~~  
378 ~~the defaulted loan amount.~~ Fines collected shall be deposited  
379 into the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund.

380 Section 17. Section 456.0721, Florida Statutes, is  
381 repealed.

382 Section 18. Subsection (4) of section 456.074, Florida  
383 Statutes, is amended to read:

384 456.074 Certain health care practitioners; immediate  
385 suspension of license.—

386 ~~(4) Upon receipt of information that a Florida-licensed~~  
387 ~~health care practitioner has defaulted on a student loan issued~~  
388 ~~or guaranteed by the state or the Federal Government, the~~  
389 ~~department shall notify the licensee by certified mail that he~~  
390 ~~or she shall be subject to immediate suspension of license~~  
391 ~~unless, within 45 days after the date of mailing, the licensee~~  
392 ~~provides proof that new payment terms have been agreed upon by~~  
393 ~~all parties to the loan. The department shall issue an emergency~~  
394 ~~order suspending the license of any licensee who, after 45 days~~  
395 ~~following the date of mailing from the department, has failed to~~  
396 ~~provide such proof. Production of such proof shall not prohibit~~  
397 ~~the department from proceeding with disciplinary action against~~  
398 ~~the licensee pursuant to s. 456.073.~~

399 Section 19. Subsection (8) of section 468.401, Florida  
400 Statutes, is amended to read:



401 468.401 Regulation of talent agencies; definitions.—As  
 402 used in this part or any rule adopted pursuant hereto:

403 (8) "Artist" means a person under the age of 18 performing  
 404 on the professional stage or in the production of television,  
 405 radio, or motion pictures; a musician or group of musicians; or  
 406 a model.

407 Section 20. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (1) of  
 408 section 468.505, Florida Statutes, to read:

409 468.505 Exemptions; exceptions.—

410 (1) Nothing in this part may be construed as prohibiting  
 411 or restricting the practice, services, or activities of:

412 (n) A person who provides information, recommendations, or  
 413 advice concerning nutrition, or who markets food, food  
 414 materials, or dietary supplements for remuneration, if that  
 415 person does not represent himself or herself as a dietitian,  
 416 licensed dietitian, registered dietitian, licensed nutritionist,  
 417 nutrition counselor, or licensed nutrition counselor, or use any  
 418 word, letter, symbol, or insignia indicating or implying that he  
 419 or she is a dietitian, nutritionist, or nutrition counselor.

420 Section 21. Subsection (4) of section 468.524, Florida  
 421 Statutes, is amended to read:

422 468.524 Application for license.—

423 (4) A ~~An applicant or~~ licensee is ineligible to reapply  
 424 for a license for a period of 1 year following final agency  
 425 action on the ~~denial or~~ revocation of a license ~~applied for or~~

426 issued under this part. This time restriction does not apply to  
427 administrative ~~denials or~~ revocations entered because:

428 (a) The ~~applicant or~~ licensee has made an inadvertent  
429 error or omission on the application;

430 (b) The experience documented to the board was  
431 insufficient at the time of the previous application; or

432 ~~(c) The department is unable to complete the criminal~~  
433 ~~background investigation because of insufficient information~~  
434 ~~from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Federal~~  
435 ~~Bureau of Investigation, or any other applicable law enforcement~~  
436 ~~agency;~~

437 (c) ~~(d)~~ The ~~applicant or~~ licensee has failed to submit  
438 required fees. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

439 ~~(e) An applicant or licensed employee leasing company has~~  
440 ~~been deemed ineligible for a license because of the lack of good~~  
441 ~~moral character of an individual or individuals when such~~  
442 ~~individual or individuals are no longer employed in a capacity~~  
443 ~~that would require their licensing under this part.~~

444 Section 22. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section  
445 468.603, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

446 468.603 Definitions.—As used in this part:

447 (5) "Categories of building code inspectors" include the  
448 following:

449 (f) "Residential ~~One and two family dwelling~~ inspector"  
450 means a person who is qualified to inspect and determine that

451 one-family, two-family, or three-family residences not exceeding  
452 two habitable stories above no more than one uninhabitable story  
453 and accessory use structures in connection therewith ~~one and two~~  
454 ~~family dwellings and accessory structures~~ are constructed in  
455 accordance with the provisions of the governing building,  
456 plumbing, mechanical, accessibility, and electrical codes.

457 Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
458 (a) of subsection (7) of section 468.609, Florida Statutes, are  
459 amended to read:

460 468.609 Administration of this part; standards for  
461 certification; additional categories of certification.—

462 (2) A person may take the examination for certification as  
463 a building code inspector or plans examiner pursuant to this  
464 part if the person:

465 (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the  
466 following criteria:

467 1. Demonstrates 4 ~~5~~ years' combined experience in the  
468 field of construction or a related field, building code  
469 inspection, or plans review corresponding to the certification  
470 category sought;

471 2. Demonstrates a combination of postsecondary education  
472 in the field of construction or a related field and experience  
473 which totals 3 ~~4~~ years, with at least 1 year of such total being  
474 experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans  
475 review;

476 3. Demonstrates a combination of technical education in  
477 the field of construction or a related field and experience  
478 which totals 3 4 years, with at least 1 year of such total being  
479 experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans  
480 review;

481 4. Currently holds a standard certificate issued by the  
482 board or a firesafety inspector license issued pursuant to  
483 chapter 633, with ~~has~~ a minimum of 3 years' verifiable full-time  
484 experience in firesafety inspection or firesafety plan review,  
485 and has satisfactorily completed a building code inspector or  
486 plans examiner training program that provides at least 100 hours  
487 but not more than 200 hours of cross-training in the  
488 certification category sought. The board shall establish by rule  
489 criteria for the development and implementation of the training  
490 programs. The board shall accept all classroom training offered  
491 by an approved provider if the content substantially meets the  
492 intent of the classroom component of the training program;

493 5. Demonstrates a combination of the completion of an  
494 approved training program in the field of building code  
495 inspection or plan review and a minimum of 2 years' experience  
496 in the field of building code inspection, plan review, fire code  
497 inspections and fire plans review of new buildings as a  
498 firesafety inspector certified under s. 633.216, or  
499 construction. The approved training portion of this requirement  
500 shall include proof of satisfactory completion of a training

501 program that provides at least 200 hours but not more than 300  
502 hours of cross-training that is approved by the board in the  
503 chosen category of building code inspection or plan review in  
504 the certification category sought with at least 20 hours but not  
505 more than 30 hours of instruction in state laws, rules, and  
506 ethics relating to professional standards of practice, duties,  
507 and responsibilities of a certificateholder. The board shall  
508 coordinate with the Building Officials Association of Florida,  
509 Inc., to establish by rule the development and implementation of  
510 the training program. However, the board shall accept all  
511 classroom training offered by an approved provider if the  
512 content substantially meets the intent of the classroom  
513 component of the training program;

514 6. Currently holds a standard certificate issued by the  
515 board or a firesafety inspector license issued pursuant to  
516 chapter 633 and:

517 a. Has at least 4 ~~5~~ years' verifiable full-time experience  
518 as an inspector or plans examiner in a standard certification  
519 category currently held or has a minimum of 4 ~~5~~ years'  
520 verifiable full-time experience as a firesafety inspector  
521 licensed pursuant to chapter 633.

522 b. Has satisfactorily completed a building code inspector  
523 or plans examiner classroom training course or program that  
524 provides at least 200 but not more than 300 hours in the  
525 certification category sought, except for one-family and two-

526 family dwelling training programs, which must provide at least  
527 500 but not more than 800 hours of training as prescribed by the  
528 board. The board shall establish by rule criteria for the  
529 development and implementation of classroom training courses and  
530 programs in each certification category; or

531 7.a. Has completed a 4-year internship certification  
532 program as a building code inspector or plans examiner while  
533 employed full-time by a municipality, county, or other  
534 governmental jurisdiction, under the direct supervision of a  
535 certified building official. Proof of graduation with a related  
536 vocational degree or college degree or of verifiable work  
537 experience may be exchanged for the internship experience  
538 requirement year-for-year, but may reduce the requirement to no  
539 less than 1 year.

540 b. Has passed an examination administered by the  
541 International Code Council in the certification category sought.  
542 Such examination must be passed before beginning the internship  
543 certification program.

544 c. Has passed the principles and practice examination  
545 before completing the internship certification program.

546 d. Has passed a board-approved 40-hour code training  
547 course in the certification category sought before completing  
548 the internship certification program.

549 e. Has obtained a favorable recommendation from the  
550 supervising building official after completion of the internship

551 certification program.

552 (7) (a) The board shall provide for the issuance of  
553 provisional certificates valid for 2 years ~~1 year~~, as specified  
554 by board rule, to any building code inspector or plans examiner  
555 who meets the eligibility requirements described in subsection  
556 (2) and any newly employed or promoted building code  
557 administrator who meets the eligibility requirements described  
558 in subsection (3). The provisional license may be renewed by the  
559 board for just cause; however, a provisional license is not  
560 valid for longer than 3 years.

561 Section 24. Section 468.613, Florida Statutes, is amended  
562 to read:

563 468.613 Certification by endorsement.—The board shall  
564 examine other certification or training programs, as applicable,  
565 upon submission to the board for its consideration of an  
566 application for certification by endorsement. The board shall  
567 waive its examination, qualification, education, or training  
568 requirements, to the extent that such examination,  
569 qualification, education, or training requirements of the  
570 applicant are determined by the board to be comparable with  
571 those established by the board. The board shall waive its  
572 examination, qualification, education, or training requirements  
573 if an applicant for certification by endorsement is at least 18  
574 years of age; is of good moral character; has held a valid  
575 building administrator, inspector, plans examiner, or the

576 equivalent, certification issued by another state or territory  
 577 of the United States for at least 10 years before the date of  
 578 application; and has successfully passed an applicable  
 579 examination administered by the International Codes Council.  
 580 Such application must be submitted to the board while the  
 581 applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or  
 582 within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

583 Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 468.8314, Florida  
 584 Statutes, is amended to read:

585 468.8314 Licensure.—

586 (3) The department shall certify as qualified for a  
 587 license by endorsement an applicant who is of good moral  
 588 character as determined in s. 468.8313, who maintains an  
 589 insurance policy as required by s. 468.8322, and who:

590 (a) Holds a valid license to practice home inspection  
 591 services in another state or territory of the United States,  
 592 whose educational requirements are substantially equivalent to  
 593 those required by this part; and has passed a national,  
 594 regional, state, or territorial licensing examination that is  
 595 substantially equivalent to the examination required by this  
 596 part; or

597 (b) Has held a valid license to practice home inspection  
 598 services issued by another state or territory of the United  
 599 States for at least 10 years before the date of application.  
 600 Such application must be submitted to the department while the



601 applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or  
 602 within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

603 Section 26. Subsection (5) of section 471.015, Florida  
 604 Statutes, is amended to read:

605 471.015 Licensure.—

606 (5) (a) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks  
 607 licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially  
 608 equivalent to the fundamentals examination when such applicant  
 609 has held a valid professional engineer's license in another  
 610 state for 10 ~~15~~ years ~~and has had 20 years of continuous~~  
 611 ~~professional-level engineering experience.~~

612 (b) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks  
 613 licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially  
 614 equivalent to the fundamentals examination and the principles  
 615 and practices examination when such applicant has held a valid  
 616 professional engineer's license in another state for 15 ~~25~~ years  
 617 ~~and has had 30 years of continuous professional-level~~  
 618 ~~engineering experience.~~

619 Section 27. Subsection (7) of section 473.308, Florida  
 620 Statutes, is amended to read:

621 473.308 Licensure.—

622 (7) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by  
 623 endorsement an applicant who:

624 (a) ~~1.~~ Is not licensed and has not been licensed in another  
 625 state or territory and who has met the requirements of this

626 section for education, work experience, and good moral character  
627 and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial  
628 licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the  
629 examination required by s. 473.306; or ~~and~~

630 ~~2. Has completed such continuing education courses as the~~  
631 ~~board deems appropriate, within the limits for each applicable~~  
632 ~~2-year period as set forth in s. 473.312, but at least such~~  
633 ~~courses as are equivalent to the continuing education~~  
634 ~~requirements for a Florida certified public accountant licensed~~  
635 ~~in this state during the 2 years immediately preceding her or~~  
636 ~~his application for licensure by endorsement; or~~

637 (b)1.a. Holds a valid license to practice public  
638 accounting issued by another state or territory of the United  
639 States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were  
640 substantially equivalent to the licensure criteria that existed  
641 in this state at the time the license was issued;

642 2.b. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting  
643 issued by another state or territory of the United States but  
644 the criteria for issuance of such license did not meet the  
645 requirements of subparagraph 1. ~~sub-subparagraph a.~~; has met the  
646 requirements of this section for education, work experience, and  
647 good moral character; and has passed a national, regional,  
648 state, or territorial licensing examination that is  
649 substantially equivalent to the examination required by s.  
650 473.306; or

651 ~~3.e.~~ Holds a valid license to practice public accounting  
652 issued by another state or territory of the United States for at  
653 least 10 years before the date of application; has passed a  
654 national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination  
655 that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by  
656 s. 473.306; and has met the requirements of this section for  
657 good moral character. ~~;~~ and

658 ~~2.~~ ~~Has completed continuing education courses that are~~  
659 ~~equivalent to the continuing education requirements for a~~  
660 ~~Florida certified public accountant licensed in this state~~  
661 ~~during the 2 years immediately preceding her or his application~~  
662 ~~for licensure by endorsement.~~

663 Section 28. Subsection (6) of section 474.202, Florida  
664 Statutes, is amended to read:

665 474.202 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

666 (6) "Limited-service veterinary medical practice" means  
667 offering or providing veterinary services at any location that  
668 has a primary purpose other than that of providing veterinary  
669 medical service at a permanent or mobile establishment permitted  
670 by the board; provides veterinary medical services for privately  
671 owned animals that do not reside at that location; operates for  
672 a limited time; and provides limited types of veterinary medical  
673 services, including vaccinations or immunizations against  
674 disease, preventative procedures for parasitic control, and  
675 microchip implantation.

676 Section 29. Subsection (9) is added to section 474.203,  
677 Florida Statutes, to read:

678 474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter does not apply to:

679 (9) An employee, agent, or contractor of a public or  
680 private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control  
681 agency operated by a humane organization or by a county,  
682 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision whose  
683 work is confined solely to the implantation of a radio frequency  
684 identification device microchip for dogs and cats in accordance  
685 with s. 823.15.

686

687 For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt  
688 pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (4)  
689 are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized by the  
690 laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal supplies.

691 Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
692 474.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

693 474.207 Licensure by examination.—

694 (2) The department shall license each applicant who the  
695 board certifies has:

696 (b)1. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine  
697 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association  
698 Council on Education; or

699 2. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine listed  
700 in the American Veterinary Medical Association Roster of

701 Veterinary Colleges of the World and obtained a certificate from  
702 the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or the  
703 Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence.  
704

705 The department shall not issue a license to any applicant who is  
706 under investigation in any state or territory of the United  
707 States or in the District of Columbia for an act which would  
708 constitute a violation of this chapter until the investigation  
709 is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been terminated,  
710 at which time the provisions of s. 474.214 shall apply.

711 Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 474.217, Florida  
712 Statutes, is amended to read:

713 474.217 Licensure by endorsement.—

714 (1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to  
715 any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting  
716 a fee set by the board, demonstrates to the board that she or  
717 he:

718 (a) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of  
719 the board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
720 practice of veterinary medicine in this state; and

721 (b)1. ~~Either~~ Holds, and has held for the 3 years  
722 immediately preceding the application for licensure, a valid,  
723 active license to practice veterinary medicine in another state  
724 of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a territory  
725 of the United States, provided that the applicant has

726 successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
 727 examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
 728 examination required by the board ~~requirements for licensure in~~  
 729 ~~the issuing state, district, or territory are equivalent to or~~  
 730 ~~more stringent than the requirements of this chapter; or~~

731 2. Meets the qualifications of s. 474.207(2)(b) and has  
 732 successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
 733 examination which is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
 734 examination given by the department and has passed the board's  
 735 clinical competency examination or another clinical competency  
 736 examination specified by rule of the board.

737 Section 32. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (2) of  
 738 section 476.114, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

739 476.114 Examination; prerequisites.—

740 (2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by  
 741 examination to practice barbering if the applicant:

742 (a) Is at least 16 years of age;

743 (b) Pays the required application fee; and

744 (c)1. Holds an active valid license to practice barbering  
 745 in another state, has held the license for at least 1 year, and  
 746 does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided for in  
 747 s. 476.144(5); or

748 2. Has received a minimum of 900 ~~1,200~~ hours of training  
 749 in sanitation, safety, and laws and rules, as established by the  
 750 board, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the

751 equivalent of completion of services directly related to the  
752 practice of barbering at one of the following:

- 753 a. A school of barbering licensed pursuant to chapter  
754 1005;
- 755 b. A barbering program within the public school system; or  
756 c. A government-operated barbering program in this state.

757

758 The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school  
759 or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the  
760 required examination after the completion of a minimum of 600  
761 ~~1,000~~ actual school hours. If the person passes the examination,  
762 she or he shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the  
763 person fails the examination, she or he shall not be qualified  
764 to take the examination again until the completion of the full  
765 requirements provided by this section.

766 Section 33. Subsection (5) of section 476.144, Florida  
767 Statutes, is amended to read:

768 476.144 Licensure.—

769 (5) The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by  
770 endorsement as a barber in this state an applicant who holds a  
771 current active license to practice barbering in another state.

772 The board shall adopt rules specifying procedures for the  
773 licensure by endorsement of practitioners desiring to be  
774 licensed in this state who hold a current active license in  
775 another ~~state or~~ country and who have met qualifications

776 substantially similar to, equivalent to, or greater than the  
 777 qualifications required of applicants from this state.

778 Section 34. Subsection (9) of section 477.013, Florida  
 779 Statutes, is amended to read:

780 477.013 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

781 (9) "Hair braiding" means the weaving or interweaving of  
 782 natural human hair or commercial hair, including the use of hair  
 783 extensions or wefts, for compensation without cutting, coloring,  
 784 permanent waving, relaxing, removing, or chemical treatment ~~and~~  
 785 ~~does not include the use of hair extensions or wefts.~~

786 Section 35. Section 477.0132, Florida Statutes, is  
 787 repealed.

788 Section 36. Subsections (7) through (11) are added to  
 789 section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, to read:

790 477.0135 Exemptions.—

791 (7) A license or registration is not required for a person  
 792 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding  
 793 as defined in s. 477.013(9).

794 (8) A license or registration is not required for a person  
 795 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair wrapping  
 796 as defined in s. 477.013(10).

797 (9) A license or registration is not required for a person  
 798 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to body wrapping  
 799 as defined in s. 477.013(12).

800 (10) A license or registration is not required for a



801 person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to  
802 applying polish to fingernails and toenails.

803 (11) A license or registration is not required for a  
804 person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to makeup  
805 application, which includes, but is not limited to, application  
806 of makeup primer, face paint, lipstick, eyeliner, eye shadow,  
807 foundation, rouge or cheek color, mascara, strip lashes,  
808 individual lashes, face powder, corrective stick, and makeup  
809 remover; but does not include manual or chemical exfoliation,  
810 semi-permanent lash application, lash or brow tinting, or hair  
811 removal.

812 Section 37. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 477.019,  
813 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

814 477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure;  
815 supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing  
816 education.—

817 (6) The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by  
818 endorsement as a cosmetologist in this state an applicant who  
819 holds a current active license to practice cosmetology in  
820 another state. ~~The board may not require proof of educational~~  
821 ~~hours if the license was issued in a state that requires 1,200~~  
822 ~~or more hours of prelicensure education and passage of a written~~  
823 ~~examination. This subsection does not apply to applicants who~~  
824 ~~received their license in another state through an~~  
825 ~~apprenticeship program.~~

826           (7) (a) The board shall prescribe by rule continuing  
827 education requirements intended to ensure protection of the  
828 public through updated training of licensees and registered  
829 specialists, not to exceed 10 ~~16~~ hours biennially, as a  
830 condition for renewal of a license or registration as a  
831 specialist under this chapter. Continuing education courses  
832 shall include, but not be limited to, the following subjects as  
833 they relate to the practice of cosmetology: human  
834 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome;  
835 Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations;  
836 workers' compensation issues; state and federal laws and rules  
837 as they pertain to cosmetologists, cosmetology, salons,  
838 specialists, specialty salons, and booth renters; chemical  
839 makeup as it pertains to hair, skin, and nails; and  
840 environmental issues. Courses given at cosmetology conferences  
841 may be counted toward the number of continuing education hours  
842 required if approved by the board.

843           ~~(b) Any person whose occupation or practice is confined~~  
844 ~~solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping is~~  
845 ~~exempt from the continuing education requirements of this~~  
846 ~~subsection.~~

847           (b) (e) The board may, by rule, require any licensee in  
848 violation of a continuing education requirement to take a  
849 refresher course or refresher course and examination in addition  
850 to any other penalty. The number of hours for the refresher

851 course may not exceed 48 hours.

852 Section 38. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (1) of  
853 section 477.0201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

854 477.0201 Specialty registration; qualifications;  
855 registration renewal; endorsement.—

856 (1) Any person is qualified for registration as a  
857 specialist in any ~~one or more of the specialty practice~~  
858 ~~practices~~ within the practice of cosmetology under this chapter  
859 who:

860 (a) Is at least 16 years of age or has received a high  
861 school diploma.

862 (b) Has received a certificate of completion ~~for: in a~~

863 1. 180 hours of training, as established by the board,  
864 which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to  
865 practice specialties as defined in s. 477.013(6) (a) and (b);  
866 ~~specialty pursuant to s. 477.013(6)~~

867 2. 220 hours of training, as established by the board,  
868 which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to  
869 practice the specialty as defined in s. 477.013(6) (c); or

870 3. 400 hours of training or the number of hours of  
871 training required to maintain minimum Pell Grant requirements,  
872 as established by the board, which shall focus primarily on  
873 sanitation and safety, to practice the specialties as defined in  
874 s. 477.013(6).

875 (c) The certificate of completion specified in paragraph

876 (b) must be from one of the following:

- 877 1. A school licensed pursuant to s. 477.023.
- 878 2. A school licensed pursuant to chapter 1005 or the
- 879 equivalent licensing authority of another state.
- 880 3. A specialty program within the public school system.
- 881 4. A specialty division within the Cosmetology Division of
- 882 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, provided the
- 883 training programs comply with minimum curriculum requirements
- 884 established by the board.

885 Section 39. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section  
886 477.026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

887 477.026 Fees; disposition.—

888 (1) The board shall set fees according to the following  
889 schedule:

890 ~~(f) For hair braiders, hair wrappers, and body wrappers,~~  
891 ~~fees for registration shall not exceed \$25.~~

892 Section 40. Subsection (4) of section 477.0263, Florida  
893 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that  
894 section, to read:

895 477.0263 Cosmetology services to be performed in licensed  
896 salon; exceptions.—

897 (4) Pursuant to rules adopted by the board, any  
898 cosmetology or specialty service may be performed in a location  
899 other than a licensed salon when the service is performed in  
900 connection with a special event and is performed by a person ~~who~~

901 ~~is employed by a licensed salon and who holds the proper license~~  
902 ~~or specialty registration. An appointment for the performance of~~  
903 ~~any such service in a location other than a licensed salon must~~  
904 ~~be made through a licensed salon.~~

905 (5) Any person who holds the proper license may perform  
906 hair shampooing, hair cutting, hair arranging, nail polish  
907 removal, nail filing, nail buffing, and nail cleansing services  
908 in a location other than a licensed salon.

909 Section 41. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section  
910 477.0265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

911 477.0265 Prohibited acts.—

912 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:

913 (f) Advertise or imply that skin care services ~~or body~~  
914 ~~wrapping~~, as performed under this chapter, have any relationship  
915 to the practice of massage therapy as defined in s. 480.033(3),  
916 except those practices or activities defined in s. 477.013.

917 Section 42. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
918 477.029, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

919 477.029 Penalty.—

920 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:

921 (a) Hold himself or herself out as a cosmetologist or  
922 ~~specialist, hair wrapper, hair braider, or body wrapper~~ unless  
923 duly licensed or registered, or otherwise authorized, as  
924 provided in this chapter.

925 Section 43. Section 481.201, Florida Statutes, is amended

926 to read:

927           481.201 Purpose.—The primary legislative purpose for  
 928 enacting this part is to ensure that every architect practicing  
 929 in this state meets minimum requirements for safe practice. It  
 930 is the legislative intent that architects who fall below minimum  
 931 competency or who otherwise present a danger to the public shall  
 932 be prohibited from practicing in this state. ~~The Legislature~~  
 933 ~~further finds that it is in the interest of the public to limit~~  
 934 ~~the practice of interior design to interior designers or~~  
 935 ~~architects who have the design education and training required~~  
 936 ~~by this part or to persons who are exempted from the provisions~~  
 937 ~~of this part.~~

938           Section 44. Section 481.203, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 939 to read:

940           481.203 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

941           (1)~~(3)~~ "Architect" or "registered architect" means a  
 942 natural person who is licensed under this part to engage in the  
 943 practice of architecture.

944           (2)~~(6)~~ "Architecture" means the rendering or offering to  
 945 render services in connection with the design and construction  
 946 of a structure or group of structures which have as their  
 947 principal purpose human habitation or use, and the utilization  
 948 of space within and surrounding such structures. These services  
 949 include planning, providing preliminary study designs, drawings  
 950 and specifications, job-site inspection, and administration of

951 construction contracts.

952 (3)~~(1)~~ "Board" means the Board of Architecture and  
953 Interior Design.

954 (4) "Business organization" means a partnership, a limited  
955 liability company, a corporation, or an individual operating  
956 under a fictitious name.

957 ~~(5) "Certificate of authorization" means a certificate~~  
958 ~~issued by the department to a corporation or partnership to~~  
959 ~~practice architecture or interior design.~~

960 (5)~~(4)~~ "Certificate of registration" means a license  
961 issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the  
962 practice of architecture or interior design.

963 (6)~~(13)~~ "Common area" means an area that is held out for  
964 use by all tenants or owners in a multiple-unit dwelling,  
965 including, but not limited to, a lobby, elevator, hallway,  
966 laundry room, clubhouse, or swimming pool.

967 (7)~~(2)~~ "Department" means the Department of Business and  
968 Professional Regulation.

969 (8)~~(14)~~ "Diversified interior design experience" means  
970 experience which substantially encompasses the various elements  
971 of interior design services set forth under the definition of  
972 "interior design" in subsection (10)~~(8)~~.

973 (9)~~(15)~~ "Interior decorator services" includes the  
974 selection or assistance in selection of surface materials,  
975 window treatments, wallcoverings, paint, floor coverings,

976 surface-mounted lighting, surface-mounted fixtures, and loose  
977 furnishings not subject to regulation under applicable building  
978 codes.

979 (10)~~(8)~~ "Interior design" means designs, consultations,  
980 studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design  
981 construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior  
982 elements of a building or structure. "Interior design" includes,  
983 but is not limited to, reflected ceiling plans, space planning,  
984 furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural elements  
985 within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings. "Interior  
986 design" specifically excludes the design of or the  
987 responsibility for architectural and engineering work, except  
988 for specification of fixtures and their location within interior  
989 spaces. As used in this subsection, "architectural and  
990 engineering interior construction relating to the building  
991 systems" includes, but is not limited to, construction of  
992 structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning,  
993 ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems, or  
994 construction which materially affects lifesafety systems  
995 pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated  
996 separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts  
997 in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural  
998 elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency  
999 ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems.

1000 (11)~~(10)~~ "Nonstructural element" means an element which



1001 does not require structural bracing and which is something other  
1002 than a load-bearing wall, load-bearing column, or other load-  
1003 bearing element of a building or structure which is essential to  
1004 the structural integrity of the building.

1005 (12)~~(11)~~ "Reflected ceiling plan" means a ceiling design  
1006 plan which is laid out as if it were projected downward and  
1007 which may include lighting and other elements.

1008 (13)~~(9)~~ "Registered interior designer" ~~or "interior~~  
1009 ~~designer"~~ means a natural person who holds a valid certificate  
1010 of registration to practice interior design ~~is licensed under~~  
1011 ~~this part.~~

1012 (14)~~(16)~~ "Responsible supervising control" means the  
1013 exercise of direct personal supervision and control throughout  
1014 the preparation of documents, instruments of service, or any  
1015 other work requiring the seal and signature of a licensee under  
1016 this part.

1017 (15)~~(12)~~ "Space planning" means the analysis, programming,  
1018 or design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space  
1019 layouts and final planning.

1020 (16)~~(7)~~ "Townhouse" is a single-family dwelling unit not  
1021 exceeding three stories in height which is constructed in a  
1022 series or group of attached units with property lines separating  
1023 such units. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate  
1024 building and shall be separated from adjoining townhouses by the  
1025 use of separate exterior walls meeting the requirements for zero

1026 | clearance from property lines as required by the type of  
 1027 | construction and fire protection requirements; or shall be  
 1028 | separated by a party wall; or may be separated by a single wall  
 1029 | meeting the following requirements:

1030 |         (a) Such wall shall provide not less than 2 hours of fire  
 1031 | resistance. Plumbing, piping, ducts, or electrical or other  
 1032 | building services shall not be installed within or through the  
 1033 | 2-hour wall unless such materials and methods of penetration  
 1034 | have been tested in accordance with the Standard Building Code.

1035 |         (b) Such wall shall extend from the foundation to the  
 1036 | underside of the roof sheathing, and the underside of the roof  
 1037 | shall have at least 1 hour of fire resistance for a width not  
 1038 | less than 4 feet on each side of the wall.

1039 |         (c) Each dwelling unit sharing such wall shall be designed  
 1040 | and constructed to maintain its structural integrity independent  
 1041 | of the unit on the opposite side of the wall.

1042 |         Section 45. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 1043 | 481.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1044 |         481.205 Board of Architecture and Interior Design.—

1045 |         (3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 455.225,  
 1046 | 455.228, and 455.32, the duties and authority of the department  
 1047 | to receive complaints and investigate and discipline persons  
 1048 | licensed or registered under this part, including the ability to  
 1049 | determine legal sufficiency and probable cause; to initiate  
 1050 | proceedings and issue final orders for summary suspension or

1051 restriction of a license or certificate of registration pursuant  
1052 to s. 120.60(6); to issue notices of noncompliance, notices to  
1053 cease and desist, subpoenas, and citations; to retain legal  
1054 counsel, investigators, or prosecutorial staff in connection  
1055 with the licensed practice of architecture or registered ~~and~~  
1056 interior design; and to investigate and deter the unlicensed  
1057 practice of architecture ~~and interior design~~ as provided in s.  
1058 455.228 are delegated to the board. All complaints and any  
1059 information obtained pursuant to an investigation authorized by  
1060 the board are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) as  
1061 provided in s. 455.225(2) and (10).

1062 Section 46. Section 481.207, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1063 to read:

1064 481.207 Fees.—The board, by rule, may establish ~~separate~~  
1065 fees for architects and registered interior designers, to be  
1066 paid for applications, examination, reexamination, licensing and  
1067 renewal, delinquency, reinstatement, and recordmaking and  
1068 recordkeeping. The examination fee shall be in an amount that  
1069 covers the cost of obtaining and administering the examination  
1070 and shall be refunded if the applicant is found ineligible to  
1071 sit for the examination. The application fee is nonrefundable.  
1072 The fee for initial application and examination for architects  
1073 ~~and interior designers~~ may not exceed \$775 plus the actual per  
1074 applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination  
1075 from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

1076 ~~or the National Council of Interior Design Qualifications,~~  
1077 ~~respectively,~~ or similar national organizations. The initial  
1078 nonrefundable fee for registered interior designers may not  
1079 exceed \$75. The biennial renewal fee for architects may not  
1080 exceed \$200. The biennial renewal fee for registered interior  
1081 designers may not exceed \$75 ~~\$500~~. The delinquency fee may not  
1082 exceed the biennial renewal fee established by the board for an  
1083 active license. The board shall establish fees that are adequate  
1084 to ensure the continued operation of the board and to fund the  
1085 proportionate expenses incurred by the department which are  
1086 allocated to the regulation of architects and registered  
1087 interior designers. Fees shall be based on department estimates  
1088 of the revenue required to implement this part and the  
1089 provisions of law with respect to the regulation of architects  
1090 and interior designers.

1091 Section 47. Section 481.209, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1092 to read:

1093 481.209 Examinations.—

1094 (1) A person desiring to be licensed as a registered  
1095 architect by initial examination shall apply to the department,  
1096 complete the application form, and remit a nonrefundable  
1097 application fee. The department shall license any applicant who  
1098 the board certifies÷

1099 ~~(a)~~ has passed the licensure examination prescribed by  
1100 board rule÷ and

1101 ~~(b)~~ is a graduate of a school or college of architecture  
1102 with a program accredited by the National Architectural  
1103 Accreditation Board.

1104 (2) A person seeking to obtain a certificate of  
1105 registration as a registered interior designer and a seal  
1106 pursuant to s. 481.221 must provide the department with his or  
1107 her name and address and written proof that he or she has  
1108 successfully passed the qualification examination prescribed by  
1109 the Council for Interior Design Qualification or its successor  
1110 entity or the California Council for Interior Design  
1111 Certification or its successor entity, or has successfully  
1112 passed an equivalent exam as determined by the department. A  
1113 person who was licensed as an interior designer by the  
1114 department and who was in good standing as of July 1, 2020, is  
1115 eligible to obtain a certificate of registration as a registered  
1116 interior designer. ~~desiring to be licensed as a registered~~  
1117 ~~interior designer shall apply to the department for licensure.~~  
1118 ~~The department shall administer the licensure examination for~~  
1119 ~~interior designers to each applicant who has completed the~~  
1120 ~~application form and remitted the application and examination~~  
1121 ~~fees specified in s. 481.207 and who the board certifies:~~

1122 ~~(a) Is a graduate from an interior design program of 5~~  
1123 ~~years or more and has completed 1 year of diversified interior~~  
1124 ~~design experience;~~

1125 ~~(b) Is a graduate from an interior design program of 4~~

1126 ~~years or more and has completed 2 years of diversified interior~~  
1127 ~~design experience;~~

1128 ~~(c) Has completed at least 3 years in an interior design~~  
1129 ~~curriculum and has completed 3 years of diversified interior~~  
1130 ~~design experience; or~~

1131 ~~(d) Is a graduate from an interior design program of at~~  
1132 ~~least 2 years and has completed 4 years of diversified interior~~  
1133 ~~design experience.~~

1134 ~~Subsequent to October 1, 2000, for the purpose of having the~~  
1135 ~~educational qualification required under this subsection~~  
1136 ~~accepted by the board, the applicant must complete his or her~~  
1137 ~~education at a program, school, or college of interior design~~  
1138 ~~whose curriculum has been approved by the board as of the time~~  
1139 ~~of completion. Subsequent to October 1, 2003, all of the~~  
1140 ~~required amount of educational credits shall have been obtained~~  
1141 ~~in a program, school, or college of interior design whose~~  
1142 ~~curriculum has been approved by the board, as of the time each~~  
1143 ~~educational credit is gained. The board shall adopt rules~~  
1144 ~~providing for the review and approval of programs, schools, and~~  
1145 ~~colleges of interior design and courses of interior design study~~  
1146 ~~based on a review and inspection by the board of the curriculum~~  
1147 ~~of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design in the~~  
1148 ~~United States, including those programs, schools, and colleges~~  
1149 ~~accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education~~  
1150 ~~Research. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review~~

1151 ~~and approval of diversified interior design experience required~~  
 1152 ~~by this subsection.~~

1153 Section 48. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
 1154 481.213, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (8) is  
 1155 added to that section, to read:

1156 481.213 Licensure and registration.-

1157 (1) The department shall license or register any applicant  
 1158 who the board certifies is qualified for licensure or  
 1159 registration and who has paid the initial licensure or  
 1160 registration fee. Licensure as an architect under this section  
 1161 shall be deemed to include all the rights and privileges of  
 1162 registration ~~licensure~~ as an interior designer under this  
 1163 section.

1164 (2) The board shall certify for licensure or registration  
 1165 by examination any applicant who passes the prescribed licensure  
 1166 or registration examination and satisfies the requirements of  
 1167 ss. 481.209 and 481.211, for architects, or the requirements of  
 1168 s. 481.209, for interior designers.

1169 (3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by  
 1170 endorsement as an architect or registration as a registered ~~an~~  
 1171 interior designer an applicant who:

1172 (a) Qualifies to take the prescribed licensure or  
 1173 registration examination, and has passed the prescribed  
 1174 licensure or registration examination or a substantially  
 1175 equivalent examination in another jurisdiction, as set forth in

1176 s. 481.209 for architects or registered interior designers, as  
1177 applicable, and has satisfied the internship requirements set  
1178 forth in s. 481.211 for architects;

1179 (b) Holds a valid license to practice architecture or a  
1180 license, registration, or certification to practice interior  
1181 design issued by another jurisdiction of the United States, if  
1182 the criteria for issuance of such license were substantially  
1183 equivalent to the licensure criteria that existed in this state  
1184 at the time the license was issued; ~~provided, however, that an~~  
1185 ~~applicant who has been licensed for use of the title "interior~~  
1186 ~~design" rather than licensed to practice interior design shall~~  
1187 ~~not qualify hereunder;~~ or

1188 (c) Has passed the prescribed licensure examination and  
1189 holds a valid certificate issued by the National Council of  
1190 Architectural Registration Boards, and holds a valid license to  
1191 practice architecture issued by another state or jurisdiction of  
1192 the United States.

1193  
1194 An architect who is licensed in another state who seeks  
1195 qualification for license by endorsement under this subsection  
1196 must complete a board-approved 2 hour course on wind mitigation  
1197 under the Florida Building Code.

1198 (8) A certificate of registration is not required for a  
1199 person whose occupation or practice is confined to interior  
1200 decorator services or for a person whose occupation or practice



1201 is confined to interior design as provided in this part.

1202 Section 49. Subsection (1) of section 481.2131, Florida  
 1203 Statutes, is amended to read:

1204 481.2131 Interior design; practice requirements;  
 1205 disclosure of compensation for professional services.-

1206 (1) An ~~A registered~~ interior designer may ~~is authorized to~~  
 1207 perform "interior design" as defined in s. 481.203. Interior  
 1208 design documents prepared by a registered interior designer  
 1209 shall contain a statement that the document is not an  
 1210 architectural or engineering study, drawing, specification, or  
 1211 design and is not to be used for construction of any load-  
 1212 bearing columns, load-bearing framing or walls of structures, or  
 1213 issuance of any building permit, except as otherwise provided by  
 1214 law. Interior design documents that are prepared and sealed by a  
 1215 registered interior designer must ~~may~~, if required by a  
 1216 permitting body, be accepted by the permitting body ~~be submitted~~  
 1217 for the issuance of a building permit for interior construction  
 1218 excluding design of any structural, mechanical, plumbing,  
 1219 heating, air-conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or vertical  
 1220 transportation systems or that materially affect lifesafety  
 1221 systems pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated  
 1222 separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts  
 1223 in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural  
 1224 elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency  
 1225 ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems. If a

1226 permitting body requires sealed interior design documents for  
 1227 the issuance of a permit, a person performing interior design  
 1228 services who is not a licensed architect must include a seal  
 1229 issued by the department and in conformance with the  
 1230 requirements of s. 481.221.

1231 Section 50. Section 481.215, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1232 to read:

1233 481.215 Renewal of license or certificate of  
 1234 registration.—

1235 (1) Subject to the requirement of subsection (3), the  
 1236 department shall renew a license or certificate of registration  
 1237 upon receipt of the renewal application and renewal fee.

1238 (2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a  
 1239 procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses or certificates  
 1240 of registration.

1241 (3) A ~~No~~ license or certificate of registration renewal  
 1242 may not ~~shall~~ be issued to an architect or a registered an  
 1243 interior designer by the department until the licensee or  
 1244 registrant submits proof satisfactory to the department that,  
 1245 during the 2 years before ~~prior to~~ application for renewal, the  
 1246 licensee or registrant participated per biennium in not less  
 1247 than 20 hours of at least 50 minutes each per biennium of  
 1248 continuing education approved by the board. The board shall  
 1249 approve only continuing education that builds upon the basic  
 1250 knowledge of architecture ~~or interior design~~. The board may make

1251 exception from the requirements of continuing education in  
 1252 emergency or hardship cases.

1253 (4) The board shall by rule establish criteria for the  
 1254 approval of continuing education courses and providers and shall  
 1255 by rule establish criteria for accepting alternative  
 1256 nonclassroom continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis.

1257 (5) For a license or certificate of registration, the  
 1258 board shall require, by rule adopted pursuant to ss. 120.536(1)  
 1259 and 120.54, 2 ~~a specified number of~~ hours in specialized or  
 1260 advanced courses, ~~approved by the Florida Building Commission,~~  
 1261 on any portion of the Florida Building Code, adopted pursuant to  
 1262 part IV of chapter 553, relating to the licensee's respective  
 1263 area of practice. Such hours count toward the continuing  
 1264 education hours required under subsection (3). A licensee may  
 1265 complete the courses required under this subsection online.

1266 Section 51. Section 481.217, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1267 to read:

1268 481.217 Inactive status.—

1269 (1) The board may prescribe by rule continuing education  
 1270 requirements as a condition of reactivating a license. The rules  
 1271 may not require more than one renewal cycle of continuing  
 1272 education to reactivate a license or registration for a  
 1273 registered architect or registered interior designer. ~~For~~  
 1274 ~~interior design, the board may approve only continuing education~~  
 1275 ~~that builds upon the basic knowledge of interior design.~~

1276 (2) The board shall adopt rules relating to application  
 1277 procedures for inactive status and for the reactivation of  
 1278 inactive licenses or registrations.

1279 Section 52. Section 481.219, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1280 to read:

1281 481.219 Qualification of business organizations  
 1282 ~~certification of partnerships, limited liability companies, and~~  
 1283 ~~corporations.-~~

1284 (1) A licensee may ~~The practice of or the offer to~~  
 1285 ~~practice architecture or interior design by licensees through a~~  
 1286 qualified business organization that offers ~~corporation, limited~~  
 1287 ~~liability company, or partnership offering architectural or~~  
 1288 ~~interior design services to the public, or by a corporation,~~  
 1289 ~~limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural~~  
 1290 ~~or interior design services to the public through licensees~~  
 1291 ~~under this part as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is~~  
 1292 ~~permitted, subject to the provisions of this section.~~

1293 (2) If a licensee or an applicant proposes to engage in  
 1294 the practice of architecture as a business organization, the  
 1295 licensee or applicant shall qualify the business organization  
 1296 upon approval of the board ~~For the purposes of this section, a~~  
 1297 ~~certificate of authorization shall be required for a~~  
 1298 ~~corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or person~~  
 1299 ~~practicing under a fictitious name, offering architectural~~  
 1300 ~~services to the public jointly or separately. However, when an~~

1301 ~~individual is practicing architecture in her or his own name,~~  
 1302 ~~she or he shall not be required to be certified under this~~  
 1303 ~~section. Certification under this subsection to offer~~  
 1304 ~~architectural services shall include all the rights and~~  
 1305 ~~privileges of certification under subsection (3) to offer~~  
 1306 ~~interior design services.~~

1307 (3) (a) A business organization may not engage in the  
 1308 practice of architecture unless its qualifying agent is a  
 1309 registered architect under this part. A qualifying agent who  
 1310 terminates an affiliation with a qualified business organization  
 1311 shall immediately notify the department of such termination. If  
 1312 such qualifying agent is the only qualifying agent for that  
 1313 business organization, the business organization must be  
 1314 qualified by another qualifying agent within 60 days after the  
 1315 termination. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the business  
 1316 organization may not engage in the practice of architecture  
 1317 until it is qualified by another qualifying agent.

1318 (b) In the event a qualifying agent ceases employment with  
 1319 a qualified business organization, the executive director or the  
 1320 chair of the board may authorize another registered architect  
 1321 employed by the business organization to temporarily serve as  
 1322 its qualifying agent for a period of no more than 60 days. The  
 1323 business organization is not authorized to operate beyond such  
 1324 period under this chapter absent replacement of the qualifying  
 1325 agent who has ceased employment.

1326           (c) A qualifying agent shall notify the department in  
 1327 writing before engaging in the practice of architecture in her  
 1328 or his own name or in affiliation with a different business  
 1329 organization, and she or he or such business organization shall  
 1330 supply the same information to the department as required of  
 1331 applicants under this part.

1332           ~~(3) For the purposes of this section, a certificate of~~  
 1333 ~~authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited~~  
 1334 ~~liability company, partnership, or person operating under a~~  
 1335 ~~fictitious name, offering interior design services to the public~~  
 1336 ~~jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing~~  
 1337 ~~interior design in her or his own name, she or he shall not be~~  
 1338 ~~required to be certified under this section.~~

1339           (4) All final construction documents and instruments of  
 1340 service which include drawings, specifications, plans, reports,  
 1341 or other papers or documents that involve ~~involving~~ the practice  
 1342 of architecture which are prepared or approved for the use of  
 1343 the business organization ~~corporation, limited liability~~  
 1344 ~~company, or partnership~~ and filed for public record within the  
 1345 state must ~~shall~~ bear the signature and seal of the licensee who  
 1346 prepared or approved them and the date on which they were  
 1347 sealed.

1348           ~~(5) All drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other~~  
 1349 ~~papers or documents prepared or approved for the use of the~~  
 1350 ~~corporation, limited liability company, or partnership by an~~

1351 ~~interior designer in her or his professional capacity and filed~~  
 1352 ~~for public record within the state shall bear the signature and~~  
 1353 ~~seal of the licensee who prepared or approved them and the date~~  
 1354 ~~on which they were sealed.~~

1355 ~~(6) The department shall issue a certificate of~~  
 1356 ~~authorization to any applicant who the board certifies as~~  
 1357 ~~qualified for a certificate of authorization and who has paid~~  
 1358 ~~the fee set in s. 481.207.~~

1359 ~~(5)-(7)~~ The board shall allow a licensee or certify an  
 1360 applicant to qualify one or more business organizations as  
 1361 qualified for a certificate of authorization to offer  
 1362 architectural or interior design services, or to use a  
 1363 fictitious name to offer such services, if provided that:

1364 ~~(a)~~ one or more of the principal officers of the  
 1365 corporation or limited liability company, or one or more  
 1366 partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the  
 1367 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership who act  
 1368 in its behalf in this state as architects, are registered as  
 1369 provided by this part. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

1370 ~~(b) One or more of the principal officers of the~~  
 1371 ~~corporation or one or more partners of the partnership, and all~~  
 1372 ~~personnel of the corporation, limited liability company, or~~  
 1373 ~~partnership who act in its behalf in this state as interior~~  
 1374 ~~designers, are registered as provided by this part.~~

1375 ~~(8) The department shall adopt rules establishing a~~

1376 ~~procedure for the biennial renewal of certificates of~~  
1377 ~~authorization.~~

1378 ~~(9) The department shall renew a certificate of~~  
1379 ~~authorization upon receipt of the renewal application and~~  
1380 ~~biennial renewal fee.~~

1381 ~~(6) (10)~~ Each qualifying agent who qualifies a business  
1382 organization, partnership, limited liability company, or ~~and~~  
1383 ~~corporation certified under this section shall notify the~~  
1384 ~~department within 30 days after~~ ~~of~~ any change in the information  
1385 contained in the application upon which the qualification  
1386 ~~certification~~ is based. Any registered architect ~~or interior~~  
1387 ~~designer~~ who qualifies the business organization shall ensure  
1388 ~~corporation, limited liability company, or partnership as~~  
1389 ~~provided in subsection (7) shall be responsible for ensuring~~  
1390 ~~responsible supervising control of projects of the~~ business  
1391 organization entity and shall notify the department of the ~~upon~~  
1392 ~~termination of her or his employment with a~~ business  
1393 organization qualified ~~partnership, limited liability company,~~  
1394 ~~or corporation certified under this section shall notify the~~  
1395 ~~department of the termination within 30 days~~ after such  
1396 termination.

1397 ~~(7) (11)~~ A business organization is not ~~No corporation,~~  
1398 ~~limited liability company, or partnership shall be relieved of~~  
1399 ~~responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees,~~  
1400 ~~or officers by reason of its compliance with this section.~~



1401 However, except as provided in s. 558.0035, the architect who  
 1402 signs and seals the construction documents and instruments of  
 1403 service is ~~shall be~~ liable for the professional services  
 1404 performed, and the interior designer who signs and seals the  
 1405 interior design drawings, plans, or specifications shall be  
 1406 liable for the professional services performed.

1407 ~~(12) Disciplinary action against a corporation, limited~~  
 1408 ~~liability company, or partnership shall be administered in the~~  
 1409 ~~same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action~~  
 1410 ~~against a registered architect or interior designer,~~  
 1411 ~~respectively.~~

1412 (8) ~~(13)~~ Nothing in This section may not ~~shall~~ be construed  
 1413 to mean that a certificate of registration to practice  
 1414 architecture ~~or interior design~~ must ~~shall~~ be held by a business  
 1415 organization ~~corporation, limited liability company, or~~  
 1416 ~~partnership~~. Nothing in This section does not prohibit a  
 1417 business organization from offering ~~prohibits corporations,~~  
 1418 ~~limited liability companies, and partnerships from joining~~  
 1419 ~~together to offer~~ architectural , engineering, interior design,  
 1420 surveying and mapping, and landscape architectural services, or  
 1421 any combination of such services, to the public if the business  
 1422 organization, ~~provided that each corporation, limited liability~~  
 1423 ~~company, or partnership~~ otherwise meets the requirements of law.

1424 ~~(14) Corporations, limited liability companies, or~~  
 1425 ~~partnerships holding a valid certificate of authorization to~~

1426 ~~practice architecture shall be permitted to use in their title~~  
 1427 ~~the term "interior designer" or "registered interior designer."~~

1428 Section 53. Subsections (5) and (10) of section 481.221,  
 1429 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1430 481.221 Seals; display of certificate number.—

1431 (5) A ~~No~~ registered interior designer may not ~~shall~~ affix,  
 1432 or permit to be affixed, her or his seal or signature to any  
 1433 plan, specification, drawing, or other document which depicts  
 1434 work which she or he is not competent or registered ~~licensed~~ to  
 1435 perform.

1436 (10) Each registered architect must ~~or interior designer,~~  
 1437 ~~and each corporation, limited liability company, or partnership~~  
 1438 ~~holding a certificate of authorization, shall include her or his~~  
 1439 license its certificate number in any newspaper, telephone  
 1440 directory, or other advertising medium used by the registered  
 1441 licensee. Each business organization must include the license  
 1442 number of the registered architect who serves as the qualifying  
 1443 agent for that business organization in any newspaper, telephone  
 1444 directory, or other advertising medium used by the business  
 1445 organization ~~architect, interior designer, corporation, limited~~  
 1446 ~~liability company, or partnership. A corporation, limited~~  
 1447 ~~liability company, or partnership is not required to display the~~  
 1448 ~~certificate number of individual registered architects or~~  
 1449 ~~interior designers employed by or working within the~~  
 1450 ~~corporation, limited liability company, or partnership.~~

1451 Section 54. Section 481.223, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1452 to read:

1453 481.223 Prohibitions; penalties; injunctive relief.—

1454 (1) A person may not knowingly:

1455 (a) Practice architecture unless the person is an  
1456 architect or a registered architect; however, a licensed  
1457 architect who has been licensed by the board and who chooses to  
1458 relinquish or not to renew his or her license may use the title  
1459 "Architect, Retired" but may not otherwise render any  
1460 architectural services.

1461 ~~(b) Practice interior design unless the person is a~~  
1462 ~~registered interior designer unless otherwise exempted herein;~~  
1463 ~~however, an interior designer who has been licensed by the board~~  
1464 ~~and who chooses to relinquish or not to renew his or her license~~  
1465 ~~may use the title "Interior Designer, Retired" but may not~~  
1466 ~~otherwise render any interior design services.~~

1467 (b)(e) Use the name or title "architect," ~~or~~ "registered  
1468 architect," or ~~"interior designer" or "registered interior~~  
1469 ~~designer," or words to that effect,~~ when the person is not then  
1470 the holder of a valid license or certificate of registration  
1471 issued pursuant to this part. This paragraph does not restrict  
1472 the use of the name or title "interior designer" or "interior  
1473 design firm."

1474 ~~(c)(d)~~ Present as his or her own the license of another.

1475 ~~(d)(e)~~ Give false or forged evidence to the board or a

1476 member thereof.

1477 (e)~~(f)~~ Use or attempt to use an architect ~~or interior~~  
1478 ~~designer~~ license or interior design certificate of registration  
1479 that has been suspended, revoked, or placed on inactive or  
1480 delinquent status.

1481 (f)~~(g)~~ Employ unlicensed persons to practice architecture  
1482 ~~or interior design~~.

1483 (g)~~(h)~~ Conceal information relative to violations of this  
1484 part.

1485 (2) Any person who violates any provision of subsection  
1486 (1) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
1487 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

1488 (3) (a) Notwithstanding chapter 455 or any other law to the  
1489 contrary, an affected person may maintain an action for  
1490 injunctive relief to restrain or prevent a person from violating  
1491 paragraph (1) (a) or ~~paragraph (1) (b), or paragraph (1) (c)~~. The  
1492 prevailing party is entitled to actual costs and attorney's  
1493 fees.

1494 (b) For purposes of this subsection, the term "affected  
1495 person" means a person directly affected by the actions of a  
1496 person suspected of violating paragraph (1) (a) or ~~paragraph~~  
1497 ~~(1) (b), or paragraph (1) (c)~~ and includes, but is not limited to,  
1498 the department, any person who received services from the  
1499 alleged violator, or any private association composed primarily  
1500 of members of the profession the alleged violator is practicing

1501 or offering to practice or holding himself or herself out as  
 1502 qualified to practice.

1503 Section 55. Section 481.2251, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1504 to read:

1505 481.2251 Disciplinary proceedings against registered  
 1506 interior designers.—

1507 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the  
 1508 disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be taken:

1509 (a) Attempting to register ~~obtain, obtaining,~~ or renewing  
 1510 registration~~7~~ by bribery, by fraudulent misrepresentation, or  
 1511 through an error of the board,~~a license to practice interior~~  
 1512 ~~design;~~

1513 (b) Having an interior design license, certification, or  
 1514 registration ~~a license to practice interior design~~ revoked,  
 1515 suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of  
 1516 licensure, registration, or certification by the licensing  
 1517 authority of another jurisdiction for any act which would  
 1518 constitute a violation of this part or of chapter 455;

1519 (c) Being convicted or found guilty, ~~regardless of~~  
 1520 ~~adjudication,~~ of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly  
 1521 relates to the provision of interior design services or to the  
 1522 ability to provide interior design services. ~~A plea of nolo~~  
 1523 ~~contendere shall create a rebuttable presumption of guilt to the~~  
 1524 ~~underlying criminal charges. However, the board shall allow the~~  
 1525 ~~person being disciplined to present any evidence relevant to the~~

1526 ~~underlying charges and the circumstances surrounding her or his~~  
 1527 ~~plea;~~

1528 (d) False, deceptive, or misleading advertising;

1529 ~~(e) Failing to report to the board any person who the~~  
 1530 ~~licensee knows is in violation of this part or the rules of the~~  
 1531 ~~board;~~

1532 ~~(f) Aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising any~~  
 1533 ~~unlicensed person to use the title "interior designer" contrary~~  
 1534 ~~to this part or to a rule of the board;~~

1535 ~~(g) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation~~  
 1536 ~~placed upon a registered interior designer;~~

1537 (e) ~~(h)~~ Making or filing a report which the registrant  
 1538 ~~licensee~~ knows to be false, intentionally or negligently failing  
 1539 to file a report or record required by state or federal law, or  
 1540 willfully impeding or obstructing such filing or inducing  
 1541 another person to do so. Such reports or records shall include  
 1542 only those which are signed in the capacity as a registered  
 1543 interior designer;

1544 (f) ~~(i)~~ Making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent  
 1545 representations in the provision of interior design services;

1546 (g) ~~(j)~~ Accepting and performing professional  
 1547 responsibilities which the registrant ~~licensee~~ knows or has  
 1548 reason to know that she or he is not competent or licensed to  
 1549 perform;

1550 ~~(k) Violating any provision of this part, any rule of the~~

1551 ~~board, or a lawful order of the board previously entered in a~~  
1552 ~~disciplinary hearing;~~

1553 ~~(l) Conspiring with another licensee or with any other~~  
1554 ~~person to commit an act, or committing an act, which would tend~~  
1555 ~~to coerce, intimidate, or preclude another licensee from~~  
1556 ~~lawfully advertising her or his services;~~

1557 ~~(m) Acceptance of compensation or any consideration by an~~  
1558 ~~interior designer from someone other than the client without~~  
1559 ~~full disclosure of the compensation or consideration amount or~~  
1560 ~~value to the client prior to the engagement for services, in~~  
1561 ~~violation of s. 481.2131(2);~~

1562 ~~(h)~~ (n) Rendering or offering to render architectural  
1563 services; or

1564 ~~(i)~~ (e) Committing an act of fraud or deceit, or of  
1565 negligence, incompetency, or misconduct, in the practice of  
1566 interior design, ~~including, but not limited to, allowing the~~  
1567 ~~preparation of any interior design studies, plans, or other~~  
1568 ~~instruments of service in an office that does not have a full-~~  
1569 ~~time Florida-registered interior designer assigned to such~~  
1570 ~~office or failing to exercise responsible supervisory control~~  
1571 ~~over services or projects, as required by board rule.~~

1572 (2) When the board finds any person guilty of any of the  
1573 grounds set forth in subsection (1), it may enter an order  
1574 taking the following action or imposing one or more of the  
1575 following penalties:

1576 (a) Refusal to register the applicant ~~approve an~~  
 1577 ~~application for licensure;~~  
 1578 (b) Refusal to renew an existing registration ~~license;~~  
 1579 (c) Removal from the state registry ~~Revocation or~~  
 1580 ~~suspension of a license; or~~  
 1581 (d) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed  
 1582 \$500 ~~\$1,000~~ for each violation or separate offense and a fine of  
 1583 up to \$2,500 ~~\$5,000~~ for matters pertaining to a material  
 1584 violation of the Florida Building Code as reported by a local  
 1585 jurisdiction; ~~or~~  
 1586 ~~(e) Issuance of a reprimand.~~  
 1587 Section 56. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) and  
 1588 subsections (6) and (8) of section 481.229, Florida Statutes,  
 1589 are amended to read:  
 1590 481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.—  
 1591 (5)  
 1592 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, all  
 1593 persons licensed as architects under this part shall be  
 1594 qualified for interior design registration ~~licensure~~ upon  
 1595 submission of a completed application for such license and a fee  
 1596 not to exceed \$30. Such persons shall be exempt from the  
 1597 requirements of s. 481.209(2). For architects licensed as  
 1598 interior designers, satisfaction of the requirements for renewal  
 1599 of licensure as an architect under s. 481.215 shall be deemed to  
 1600 satisfy the requirements for renewal of registration ~~licensure~~



1601 as an interior designer under that section. Complaint  
1602 processing, investigation, or other discipline-related legal  
1603 costs related to persons licensed as interior designers under  
1604 this paragraph shall be assessed against the architects' account  
1605 of the Regulatory Trust Fund.

1606 (6) This part does ~~shall~~ not apply to:

1607 (a) A person who performs interior design services or  
1608 interior decorator services for any residential application,  
1609 ~~provided that such person does not advertise as, or represent~~  
1610 ~~himself or herself as, an interior designer.~~ For purposes of  
1611 this paragraph, "residential applications" includes all types of  
1612 residences, including, but not limited to, residence buildings,  
1613 single-family homes, multifamily homes, townhouses, apartments,  
1614 condominiums, and domestic outbuildings appurtenant to one-  
1615 family or two-family residences. ~~However, "residential~~  
1616 ~~applications" does not include common areas associated with~~  
1617 ~~instances of multiple-unit dwelling applications.~~

1618 (b) An employee of a retail establishment providing  
1619 "interior decorator services" on the premises of the retail  
1620 establishment or in the furtherance of a retail sale or  
1621 prospective retail sale, provided that such employee does not  
1622 advertise as, or represent himself or herself as, a registered  
1623 ~~an~~ interior designer.

1624 (8) A manufacturer of commercial food service equipment or  
1625 the manufacturer's representative, distributor, or dealer or an

1626 employee thereof, who prepares designs, specifications, or  
1627 layouts for the sale or installation of such equipment is exempt  
1628 from licensure as an architect or registration as an interior  
1629 designer, if:

1630 (a) The designs, specifications, or layouts are not used  
1631 for construction or installation that may affect structural,  
1632 mechanical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilating,  
1633 electrical, or vertical transportation systems.

1634 (b) The designs, specifications, or layouts do not  
1635 materially affect lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety  
1636 protection, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, and  
1637 emergency ingress or egress systems.

1638 (c) Each design, specification, or layout document  
1639 prepared by a person or entity exempt under this subsection  
1640 contains a statement on each page of the document that the  
1641 designs, specifications, or layouts are not architectural,  
1642 ~~interior design,~~ or engineering designs, specifications, or  
1643 layouts and not used for construction unless reviewed and  
1644 approved by a licensed architect or engineer.

1645 Section 57. Subsection (1) of section 481.231, Florida  
1646 Statutes, is amended to read:

1647 481.231 Effect of part locally.—

1648 (1) ~~Nothing in~~ This part does not ~~shall be construed to~~  
1649 repeal, amend, limit, or otherwise affect any specific provision  
1650 of any local building code or zoning law or ordinance that has

1651 | been duly adopted, now or hereafter enacted, which is more  
1652 | restrictive, with respect to the services of registered  
1653 | architects or registered interior designers, than ~~the provisions~~  
1654 | ~~of~~ this part; provided, however, that a licensed architect shall  
1655 | be deemed registered ~~licensed~~ as an interior designer for  
1656 | purposes of offering or rendering interior design services to a  
1657 | county, municipality, or other local government or political  
1658 | subdivision.

1659 |       Section 58. Section 481.303, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1660 | to read:

1661 |       481.303 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

1662 |       (1) "Board" means the Board of Landscape Architecture.

1663 |       (2) ~~(4)~~ "Certificate of registration" means a license  
1664 | issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the  
1665 | practice of landscape architecture.

1666 |       (3) ~~(2)~~ "Department" means the Department of Business and  
1667 | Professional Regulation.

1668 |       ~~(5) "Certificate of authorization" means a license issued~~  
1669 | ~~by the department to a corporation or partnership to engage in~~  
1670 | ~~the practice of landscape architecture.~~

1671 |       (4) ~~(6)~~ "Landscape architecture" means professional  
1672 | services, including, but not limited to, the following:

1673 |       (a) Consultation, investigation, research, planning,  
1674 | design, preparation of drawings, specifications, contract  
1675 | documents and reports, responsible construction supervision, or

1676 | landscape management in connection with the planning and  
1677 | development of land and incidental water areas, including the  
1678 | use of Florida-friendly landscaping as defined in s. 373.185,  
1679 | where, and to the extent that, the dominant purpose of such  
1680 | services or creative works is the preservation, conservation,  
1681 | enhancement, or determination of proper land uses, natural land  
1682 | features, ground cover and plantings, or naturalistic and  
1683 | aesthetic values;

1684 |       (b) The determination of settings, grounds, and approaches  
1685 | for and the siting of buildings and structures, outdoor areas,  
1686 | or other improvements;

1687 |       (c) The setting of grades, shaping and contouring of land  
1688 | and water forms, determination of drainage, and provision for  
1689 | storm drainage and irrigation systems where such systems are  
1690 | necessary to the purposes outlined herein; and

1691 |       (d) The design of such tangible objects and features as  
1692 | are necessary to the purpose outlined herein.

1693 |       (5)~~(7)~~ "Landscape design" means consultation for and  
1694 | preparation of planting plans drawn for compensation, including  
1695 | specifications and installation details for plant materials,  
1696 | soil amendments, mulches, edging, gravel, and other similar  
1697 | materials. Such plans may include only recommendations for the  
1698 | conceptual placement of tangible objects for landscape design  
1699 | projects. Construction documents, details, and specifications  
1700 | for tangible objects and irrigation systems shall be designed or

1701 approved by licensed professionals as required by law.

1702 (6)~~(3)~~ "Registered landscape architect" means a person who  
 1703 holds a license to practice landscape architecture in this state  
 1704 under the authority of this act.

1705 Section 59. Section 481.310, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1706 to read:

1707 481.310 Practical experience requirement.—Beginning  
 1708 October 1, 1990, every applicant for licensure as a registered  
 1709 landscape architect shall demonstrate, before ~~prior to~~  
 1710 licensure, 1 year of practical experience in landscape  
 1711 architectural work. An applicant who holds both a bachelor's  
 1712 degree and a master's degree in landscape architecture is not  
 1713 required to demonstrate 1 year of practical experience in  
 1714 landscape architectural work to obtain licensure. The board  
 1715 shall adopt rules providing standards for the required  
 1716 experience. An applicant who qualifies for examination pursuant  
 1717 to s. 481.309(1)(b)1. may obtain the practical experience after  
 1718 completing the required professional degree. Experience used to  
 1719 qualify for examination pursuant to s. 481.309(1)(b)2. may not  
 1720 be used to satisfy the practical experience requirement under  
 1721 this section.

1722 Section 60. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 481.311,  
 1723 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),  
 1724 respectively, and subsection (3) and present subsection (4) of  
 1725 that section are amended, to read:

1726 481.311 Licensure.—

1727 (3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by  
1728 endorsement an applicant who:

1729 (a) Qualifies to take the examination as set forth in s.  
1730 481.309; and has passed a national, regional, state, or  
1731 territorial licensing examination which is substantially  
1732 equivalent to the examination required by s. 481.309; ~~or~~

1733 (b) Holds a valid license to practice landscape  
1734 architecture issued by another state or territory of the United  
1735 States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were  
1736 substantially identical to the licensure criteria which existed  
1737 in this state at the time the license was issued; ~~or-~~

1738 (c) Has held a valid license to practice landscape  
1739 architecture in another state or territory of the United States  
1740 for at least 10 years before the date of application and has  
1741 successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
1742 examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
1743 examination required by the board, subject to subsection (5). An  
1744 applicant who has met the requirements to be qualified for a  
1745 license by endorsement except for successful completion of an  
1746 examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
1747 examination required by the board may take the examination  
1748 required by the board without completing additional education  
1749 requirements. Such application must be submitted to the board  
1750 while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or

1751 territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such  
1752 license.

1753 ~~(4) The board shall certify as qualified for a certificate~~  
1754 ~~of authorization any applicant corporation or partnership who~~  
1755 ~~satisfies the requirements of s. 481.319.~~

1756 Section 61. Subsection (4) of section 481.313, Florida  
1757 Statutes, is amended to read:

1758 481.313 Renewal of license.—

1759 (4) The board, by rule adopted pursuant to ss. 120.536(1)  
1760 and 120.54, shall establish criteria for the approval of  
1761 continuing education courses and providers, and shall by rule  
1762 establish criteria for accepting alternative nonclassroom  
1763 continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis. A landscape  
1764 architect shall receive hour-for-hour credit for attending  
1765 continuing education courses approved by the Landscape  
1766 Architecture Continuing Education System or another nationally  
1767 recognized clearinghouse for continuing education that relate to  
1768 and increase the basic knowledge of landscape architecture, as  
1769 determined by the board, if such landscape architect submits  
1770 proof satisfactory to the board that such course was approved by  
1771 the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System or  
1772 another nationally recognized clearinghouse for continuing  
1773 education, the syllabus or outline for such course, and  
1774 attendance of such course.

1775 Section 62. Subsection (2) of section 481.317, Florida

1776 Statutes, is amended to read:

1777 481.317 Temporary certificates.—

1778 ~~(2) Upon approval by the board and payment of the fee set~~  
1779 ~~in s. 481.307, the department shall grant a temporary~~  
1780 ~~certificate of authorization for work on one specified project~~  
1781 ~~in this state for a period not to exceed 1 year to an out-of-~~  
1782 ~~state corporation, partnership, or firm, provided one of the~~  
1783 ~~principal officers of the corporation, one of the partners of~~  
1784 ~~the partnership, or one of the principals in the fictitiously~~  
1785 ~~named firm has obtained a temporary certificate of registration~~  
1786 ~~in accordance with subsection (1).~~

1787 Section 63. Section 481.319, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1788 to read:

1789 481.319 Corporate and partnership practice of landscape  
1790 architecture; ~~certificate of authorization.~~—

1791 (1) The practice of or offer to practice landscape  
1792 architecture by registered landscape architects registered under  
1793 this part through a corporation or partnership offering  
1794 landscape architectural services to the public, or through a  
1795 corporation or partnership offering landscape architectural  
1796 services to the public through individual registered landscape  
1797 architects as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is  
1798 permitted, subject to the provisions of this section, if:

1799 (a) One or more of the principal officers of the  
1800 corporation, or partners of the partnership, and all personnel



1801 of the corporation or partnership who act in its behalf as  
 1802 landscape architects in this state are registered landscape  
 1803 architects; and

1804 (b) One or more of the officers, one or more of the  
 1805 directors, one or more of the owners of the corporation, or one  
 1806 or more of the partners of the partnership is a registered  
 1807 landscape architect; ~~and~~

1808 ~~(c) The corporation or partnership has been issued a~~  
 1809 ~~certificate of authorization by the board as provided herein.~~

1810 (2) All documents involving the practice of landscape  
 1811 architecture which are prepared for the use of the corporation  
 1812 or partnership shall bear the signature and seal of a registered  
 1813 landscape architect.

1814 (3) A landscape architect applying to practice in the name  
 1815 of a ~~An applicant~~ corporation must ~~shall~~ file with the  
 1816 department the names and addresses of all officers and board  
 1817 members of the corporation, including the principal officer or  
 1818 officers, duly registered to practice landscape architecture in  
 1819 this state and, also, of all individuals duly registered to  
 1820 practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in  
 1821 responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by  
 1822 the corporation in this state. A landscape architect applying to  
 1823 practice in the name of a ~~An applicant~~ partnership must ~~shall~~  
 1824 file with the department the names and addresses of all partners  
 1825 of the partnership, including the partner or partners duly

1826 registered to practice landscape architecture in this state and,  
 1827 also, of an individual or individuals duly registered to  
 1828 practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in  
 1829 responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by  
 1830 said partnership in this state.

1831 (4) Each landscape architect qualifying a partnership or  
 1832 ~~and corporation licensed~~ under this part must ~~shall~~ notify the  
 1833 department within 1 month after ~~of~~ any change in the information  
 1834 contained in the application upon which the license is based.  
 1835 Any landscape architect who terminates her or his ~~or her~~  
 1836 employment with a partnership or corporation licensed under this  
 1837 part shall notify the department of the termination within 1  
 1838 month after such termination.

1839 ~~(5) Disciplinary action against a corporation or~~  
 1840 ~~partnership shall be administered in the same manner and on the~~  
 1841 ~~same grounds as disciplinary action against a registered~~  
 1842 ~~landscape architect.~~

1843 (5)(6) Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a  
 1844 registered landscape architect practices landscape architecture  
 1845 through a corporation or partnership as provided in this section  
 1846 does not relieve the landscape architect from personal liability  
 1847 for her or his ~~or her~~ professional acts.

1848 Section 64. Subsection (5) of section 481.321, Florida  
 1849 Statutes, is amended to read:

1850 481.321 Seals; display of certificate number.—

1851           (5) Each registered landscape architect must ~~and each~~  
 1852 ~~corporation or partnership holding a certificate of~~  
 1853 ~~authorization shall~~ include her or his ~~its~~ certificate number in  
 1854 any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium  
 1855 used by the registered landscape architect, corporation, or  
 1856 partnership. A corporation or partnership must ~~is not required~~  
 1857 ~~to~~ display the certificate number ~~numbers~~ of at least one  
 1858 officer, director, owner, or partner who is a individual  
 1859 registered landscape architect ~~architects~~ employed by or  
 1860 practicing with the corporation or partnership.

1861           Section 65. Subsection (5) of section 481.329, Florida  
 1862 Statutes, is amended to read:

1863           481.329 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.-

1864           (5) This part does not prohibit any person from engaging  
 1865 in the practice of landscape design, as defined in s. 481.303 ~~s.~~  
 1866 ~~481.303(7)~~, or from submitting for approval to a governmental  
 1867 agency planting plans that are independent of, or a component  
 1868 of, construction documents that are prepared by a Florida-  
 1869 registered professional. Persons providing landscape design  
 1870 services shall not use the title, term, or designation  
 1871 "landscape architect," "landscape architectural," "landscape  
 1872 architecture," "L.A.," "landscape engineering," or any  
 1873 description tending to convey the impression that she or he is a  
 1874 landscape architect unless she or he is registered as provided  
 1875 in this part.

1876 Section 66. Subsection (9) of section 489.103, Florida  
 1877 Statutes, is amended to read:

1878 489.103 Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:

1879 (9) Any work or operation of a casual, minor, or  
 1880 inconsequential nature in which the aggregate contract price for  
 1881 labor, materials, and all other items is less than \$2,500  
 1882 ~~\$1,000~~, but this exemption does not apply:

1883 (a) If the construction, repair, remodeling, or  
 1884 improvement is a part of a larger or major operation, whether  
 1885 undertaken by the same or a different contractor, or in which a  
 1886 division of the operation is made in contracts of amounts less  
 1887 than \$2,500 ~~\$1,000~~ for the purpose of evading this part or  
 1888 otherwise.

1889 (b) To a person who advertises that he or she is a  
 1890 contractor or otherwise represents that he or she is qualified  
 1891 to engage in contracting.

1892 Section 67. Subsection (2) of section 489.111, Florida  
 1893 Statutes, is amended to read:

1894 489.111 Licensure by examination.—

1895 (2) A person shall be eligible for licensure by  
 1896 examination if the person:

1897 (a) Is 18 years of age;

1898 (b) Is of good moral character; and

1899 (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the  
 1900 following criteria:

1901           1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited  
1902 4-year college in the appropriate field of engineering,  
1903 architecture, or building construction and has 1 year of proven  
1904 experience in the category in which the person seeks to qualify.  
1905 For the purpose of this part, a minimum of 2,000 person-hours  
1906 shall be used in determining full-time equivalency. An applicant  
1907 who is exempt from passing an examination or portion thereof as  
1908 provided in s. 489.113(1) is eligible for a license under this  
1909 section.

1910           2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active experience as  
1911 a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship  
1912 as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of a  
1913 mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in  
1914 charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible to a  
1915 superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent,  
1916 provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience  
1917 shall be as a foreman.

1918           3. Has a combination of not less than 1 year of experience  
1919 as a foreman and not less than 3 years of credits for any  
1920 accredited college-level courses; has a combination of not less  
1921 than 1 year of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year of  
1922 experience as a foreman, and not less than 2 years of credits  
1923 for any accredited college-level courses; or has a combination  
1924 of not less than 2 years of experience as a skilled worker, 1  
1925 year of experience as a foreman, and not less than 1 year of

1926 | credits for any accredited college-level courses. All junior  
 1927 | college or community college-level courses shall be considered  
 1928 | accredited college-level courses.

1929 |       4.a. An active certified residential contractor is  
 1930 | eligible to receive a certified building contractor license  
 1931 | after passing or having previously passed ~~take~~ the building  
 1932 | contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3  
 1933 | years of proven experience in the classification in which he or  
 1934 | she is certified.

1935 |       b. An active certified residential contractor is eligible  
 1936 | to receive a certified general contractor license after passing  
 1937 | or having previously passed ~~take~~ the general contractors'  
 1938 | examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of  
 1939 | proven experience in the classification in which he or she is  
 1940 | certified.

1941 |       c. An active certified building contractor is eligible to  
 1942 | receive a certified general contractor license after passing or  
 1943 | having previously passed ~~take~~ the general contractors'  
 1944 | examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of  
 1945 | proven experience in the classification in which he or she is  
 1946 | certified.

1947 |       5.a. An active certified air-conditioning Class C  
 1948 | contractor is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning  
 1949 | Class B contractor license after passing or having previously  
 1950 | passed ~~take~~ the air-conditioning Class B contractors'

1951 examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of  
 1952 proven experience in the classification in which he or she is  
 1953 certified.

1954       b. An active certified air-conditioning Class C contractor  
 1955 is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning Class A  
 1956 contractor license after passing or having previously passed  
 1957 ~~take~~ the air-conditioning Class A contractors' examination if he  
 1958 or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in  
 1959 the classification in which he or she is certified.

1960       c. An active certified air-conditioning Class B contractor  
 1961 is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning Class A  
 1962 contractor license after passing or having previously passed  
 1963 ~~take~~ the air-conditioning Class A contractors' examination if he  
 1964 or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven experience in the  
 1965 classification in which he or she is certified.

1966       6.a. An active certified swimming pool servicing  
 1967 contractor is eligible to receive a certified residential  
 1968 swimming pool contractor license after passing or having  
 1969 previously passed ~~take~~ the residential swimming pool  
 1970 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3  
 1971 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or  
 1972 she is certified.

1973       b. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor  
 1974 is eligible to receive a certified commercial swimming pool  
 1975 contractor license after passing or having previously passed

1976 ~~take~~ the swimming pool commercial contractors' examination if he  
 1977 or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in  
 1978 the classification in which he or she is certified.

1979 c. An active certified residential swimming pool  
 1980 contractor is eligible to receive a certified commercial  
 1981 swimming pool contractor license after passing or having  
 1982 previously passed ~~take~~ the commercial swimming pool contractors'  
 1983 examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven  
 1984 experience in the classification in which he or she is  
 1985 certified.

1986 d. An applicant is eligible to receive a certified  
 1987 swimming pool/spa servicing contractor license after passing or  
 1988 having previously passed ~~take~~ the swimming pool/spa servicing  
 1989 contractors' examination if he or she has satisfactorily  
 1990 completed 60 hours of instruction in courses related to the  
 1991 scope of work covered by that license and approved by the  
 1992 Construction Industry Licensing Board by rule and has at least 1  
 1993 year of proven experience related to the scope of work of such a  
 1994 contractor.

1995 Section 68. Subsection (1) of section 489.113, Florida  
 1996 Statutes, is amended to read:

1997 489.113 Qualifications for practice; restrictions.—

1998 (1) Any person who desires to engage in contracting on a  
 1999 statewide basis shall, as a prerequisite thereto, establish his  
 2000 or her competency and qualifications to be certified pursuant to



2001 | this part. To establish competency, a person shall pass the  
2002 | appropriate examination approved by the board and certified by  
2003 | the department. If an applicant has received a baccalaureate  
2004 | degree from an accredited 4-year college in building  
2005 | construction, or a related degree as approved by the board by  
2006 | rule, and has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, such  
2007 | applicant is only required to take and pass the business and  
2008 | finance portion of the examination. Any person who desires to  
2009 | engage in contracting on other than a statewide basis shall, as  
2010 | a prerequisite thereto, be registered pursuant to this part,  
2011 | unless exempted by this part.

2012 |       Section 69. Subsection (3) of section 489.115, Florida  
2013 | Statutes, is amended to read:

2014 |       489.115 Certification and registration; endorsement;  
2015 | reciprocity; renewals; continuing education.—

2016 |       (3) The board shall certify as qualified for certification  
2017 | by endorsement any applicant who:

2018 |       (a) Meets the requirements for certification as set forth  
2019 | in this section; has passed a national, regional, state, or  
2020 | United States territorial licensing examination that is  
2021 | substantially equivalent to the examination required by this  
2022 | part; and has satisfied the requirements set forth in s.  
2023 | 489.111;

2024 |       (b) Holds a valid license to practice contracting issued  
2025 | by another state or territory of the United States, if the

2026 criteria for issuance of such license were substantially  
2027 equivalent to Florida's current certification criteria; ~~or~~

2028 (c) Holds a valid, current license to practice contracting  
2029 issued by another state or territory of the United States, if  
2030 the state or territory has entered into a reciprocal agreement  
2031 with the board for the recognition of contractor licenses issued  
2032 in that state, based on criteria for the issuance of such  
2033 licenses that are substantially equivalent to the criteria for  
2034 certification in this state;

2035 (d) Has held a valid license to practice contracting  
2036 issued by another state or territory for at least 10 years  
2037 before the date of application and is applying for the same or  
2038 similar license in this state, subject to subsections (5)-(9).  
2039 The board may consider whether such applicant has had a license  
2040 to practice contracting revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted  
2041 against by the licensing authority of another state, territory,  
2042 or country. Such application must be submitted to the board  
2043 while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or  
2044 territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such  
2045 license. A building contractor, residential contractor, general  
2046 contractor, or roofing contractor who obtains a license by  
2047 endorsement or reciprocity under this paragraph must have  
2048 completed, within the previous 2 years or within 30 days after  
2049 being licensed, a board-approved 2 hour course on wind  
2050 mitigation, flood resistance, and water intrusion requirements

2051 under the Florida Building Code. The approved course may be  
 2052 provided online. The board may approve other building code  
 2053 courses to satisfy this requirement, provided the necessary wind  
 2054 mitigation, flood resistance, and water intrusion requirements  
 2055 are presented. The board may also determine whether a building,  
 2056 residential, general, or roofing contractor applicant has  
 2057 experience and technical competence in wind mitigation and water  
 2058 intrusion.

2059 Section 70. Subsection (5) of section 489.511, Florida  
 2060 Statutes, is amended to read:

2061 489.511 Certification; application; examinations;  
 2062 endorsement.—

2063 (5) The board shall certify as qualified for certification  
 2064 by endorsement any individual applying for certification who:

2065 (a) Meets the requirements for certification as set forth  
 2066 in this section; has passed a national, regional, state, or  
 2067 United States territorial licensing examination that is  
 2068 substantially equivalent to the examination required by this  
 2069 part; and has satisfied the requirements set forth in s.

2070 489.521; ~~or~~

2071 (b) Holds a valid license to practice electrical or alarm  
 2072 system contracting issued by another state or territory of the  
 2073 United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license was  
 2074 substantially equivalent to the certification criteria that  
 2075 existed in this state at the time the certificate was issued; or

2076 (c) Has held a valid license to practice electrical or  
 2077 alarm system contracting issued by another state or territory  
 2078 for at least 10 years before the date of application and is  
 2079 applying for the same or similar license in this state, subject  
 2080 to ss. 489.510 and 489.521(3)(a), and subparagraph (1)(b)1. Such  
 2081 application must be submitted to the board while the applicant  
 2082 holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2  
 2083 years after the expiration of such license. An electrical  
 2084 contractor or alarm system contractor who is licensed in another  
 2085 state who seeks qualification for license by endorsement under  
 2086 this paragraph must complete a class on the Florida Building  
 2087 Code approved by the board, not to exceed 2 hours.

2088 Section 71. Subsection (3) and paragraph (b) of subsection  
 2089 (4) of section 489.517, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
 2090 489.517 Renewal of certificate or registration; continuing  
 2091 education.—

2092 (3)(a) Each certificateholder or registrant licensed as a  
 2093 specialty contractor or an alarm system contractor shall provide  
 2094 proof, in a form established by rule of the board, that the  
 2095 certificateholder or registrant has completed at least 7 ~~14~~  
 2096 classroom hours of at least 50 minutes each of continuing  
 2097 education courses during each biennium since the issuance or  
 2098 renewal of the certificate or registration. The board shall by  
 2099 rule establish criteria for the approval of continuing education  
 2100 courses and providers and may by rule establish criteria for

2101 accepting alternative nonclassroom continuing education on an  
 2102 hour-for-hour basis.

2103 (b) Each certificateholder or registrant licensed as an  
 2104 electrical contractor shall provide proof, in a form established  
 2105 by rule of the board, that the certificateholder or registrant  
 2106 has completed at least 11 classroom hours of at least 50 minutes  
 2107 each of continuing education courses during each biennium since  
 2108 the issuance or renewal of the certificate or registration. The  
 2109 board shall by rule establish criteria for the approval of  
 2110 continuing education courses and providers and may by rule  
 2111 establish criteria for accepting alternative nonclassroom  
 2112 continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis.

2113 (4)

2114 (b)1. For licensed specialty contractors or alarm system  
 2115 contractors, of the ~~7~~ 14 classroom hours of continuing education  
 2116 required, at least 1 hour ~~7 hours~~ must be on technical subjects,  
 2117 1 hour on workers' compensation, 1 hour on workplace safety, 1  
 2118 hour on business practices, and ~~for alarm system contractors and~~  
 2119 ~~electrical contractors engaged in alarm system contracting,~~ 2  
 2120 hours on false alarm prevention.

2121 2. For licensed electrical contractors, of the minimum 11  
 2122 classroom hours of continuing education required, at least 7  
 2123 hours must be on technical subjects, 1 hour on workers'  
 2124 compensation, 1 hour on workplace safety, and 1 hour on business  
 2125 practices. Electrical contractors engaged in alarm system

2126 contracting must also complete 2 hours on false alarm  
2127 prevention.

2128 Section 72. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
2129 489.518, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2130 489.518 Alarm system agents.—

2131 (1) A licensed electrical or alarm system contractor may  
2132 not employ a person to perform the duties of a burglar alarm  
2133 system agent unless the person:

2134 (b) Has successfully completed a minimum of 14 hours of  
2135 training within 90 days after employment, to include basic alarm  
2136 system electronics in addition to related training including  
2137 CCTV and access control training, with at least 2 hours of  
2138 training in the prevention of false alarms. Such training shall  
2139 be from a board-approved provider, and the employee or applicant  
2140 for employment shall provide proof of successful completion to  
2141 the licensed employer. The board shall by rule establish  
2142 criteria for the approval of training courses and providers and  
2143 may by rule establish criteria for accepting alternative  
2144 nonclassroom education on an hour-for-hour basis. The board  
2145 shall approve providers that conduct training in other than the  
2146 English language. The board shall establish a fee for the  
2147 approval of training providers or courses, not to exceed \$60.  
2148 Qualified employers may conduct training classes for their  
2149 employees, with board approval.

2150 Section 73. Section 492.104, Florida Statutes, is amended,

2151 to read:

2152 492.104 Rulemaking authority.—The Board of Professional  
2153 Geologists has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
2154 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this chapter. Every licensee  
2155 shall be governed and controlled by this chapter and the rules  
2156 adopted by the board. The board is authorized to set, by rule,  
2157 fees for application, examination, ~~certificate of authorization,~~  
2158 late renewal, initial licensure, and license renewal. These fees  
2159 may ~~should~~ not exceed the cost of implementing the application,  
2160 examination, initial licensure, and license renewal or other  
2161 administrative process and shall be established as follows:

2162 (1) The application fee shall not exceed \$150 and shall be  
2163 nonrefundable.

2164 (2) The examination fee shall not exceed \$250, and the fee  
2165 may be apportioned to each part of a multipart examination. The  
2166 examination fee shall be refundable in whole or part if the  
2167 applicant is found to be ineligible to take any portion of the  
2168 licensure examination.

2169 (3) The initial license fee shall not exceed \$100.

2170 (4) The biennial renewal fee shall not exceed \$150.

2171 ~~(5) The fee for a certificate of authorization shall not~~  
2172 ~~exceed \$350 and the fee for renewal of the certificate shall not~~  
2173 ~~exceed \$350.~~

2174 (5) ~~(6)~~ The fee for reactivation of an inactive license may  
2175 ~~shall~~ not exceed \$50.

2176        (6)~~(7)~~ The fee for a provisional license may ~~shall~~ not  
 2177 exceed \$400.

2178        (7)~~(8)~~ The fee for application, examination, and licensure  
 2179 for a license by endorsement is ~~shall be~~ as provided in this  
 2180 section for licenses in general.

2181        Section 74. Subsection (1) of section 492.108, Florida  
 2182 Statutes, is amended to read:

2183        492.108 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fees.—

2184        (1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to  
 2185 any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting  
 2186 an application fee, has been certified by the board that he or  
 2187 she:

2188        (a) Has met the qualifications for licensure in s.  
 2189 492.105(1)(b)-(e) and:-

2190        1.~~(b)~~ Is the holder of an active license in good standing  
 2191 in a state, trust, territory, or possession of the United  
 2192 States.

2193        2.~~(e)~~ Was licensed through written examination in at least  
 2194 one state, trust, territory, or possession of the United States,  
 2195 the examination requirements of which have been approved by the  
 2196 board as substantially equivalent to or more stringent than  
 2197 those of this state, and has received a score on such  
 2198 examination which is equal to or greater than the score required  
 2199 by this state for licensure by examination.

2200        3.~~(d)~~ Has taken and successfully passed the laws and rules



2201 | portion of the examination required for licensure as a  
 2202 | professional geologist in this state.

2203 |       (b) Has held a valid license to practice geology in  
 2204 | another state, trust, territory, or possession of the United  
 2205 | States for at least 10 years before the date of application and  
 2206 | has successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
 2207 | examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
 2208 | examination required by the department. If such applicant has  
 2209 | met the requirements for a license by endorsement except  
 2210 | successful completion of an examination that is equivalent to or  
 2211 | more stringent than the examination required by the board, such  
 2212 | applicant may take the examination required by the board. Such  
 2213 | application must be submitted to the board while the applicant  
 2214 | holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2  
 2215 | years after the expiration of such license.

2216 |       Section 75. Section 492.111, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 2217 | to read:

2218 |       492.111 Practice of professional geology by a firm,  
 2219 | corporation, or partnership; ~~certificate of authorization.~~—The  
 2220 | practice of, or offer to practice, professional geology by  
 2221 | individual professional geologists licensed under the provisions  
 2222 | of this chapter through a firm, corporation, or partnership  
 2223 | offering geological services to the public through individually  
 2224 | licensed professional geologists as agents, employees, officers,  
 2225 | or partners thereof is permitted subject to the provisions of

2226 | this chapter, if ~~provided that~~:

2227 |       (1) At all times that it offers geological services to the  
2228 | public, the firm, corporation, or partnership is qualified by  
2229 | ~~has on file with the department the name and license number of~~  
2230 | one or more individuals who hold a current, active license as a  
2231 | professional geologist in the state and are serving as a  
2232 | geologist of record for the firm, corporation, or partnership. A  
2233 | geologist of record may be any principal officer or employee of  
2234 | such firm or corporation, or any partner or employee of such  
2235 | partnership, who holds a current, active license as a  
2236 | professional geologist in this state, or any other Florida-  
2237 | licensed professional geologist with whom the firm, corporation,  
2238 | or partnership has entered into a long-term, ongoing  
2239 | relationship, as defined by rule of the board, to serve as one  
2240 | of its geologists of record. ~~It shall be the responsibility of~~  
2241 | ~~the firm, corporation, or partnership and~~ The geologist of  
2242 | record shall ~~to~~ notify the department of any changes in the  
2243 | relationship or identity of that geologist of record within 30  
2244 | days after such change.

2245 |       ~~(2) The firm, corporation, or partnership has been issued~~  
2246 | ~~a certificate of authorization by the department as provided in~~  
2247 | ~~this chapter. For purposes of this section, a certificate of~~  
2248 | ~~authorization shall be required of any firm, corporation,~~  
2249 | ~~partnership, association, or person practicing under a~~  
2250 | ~~fictitious name and offering geological services to the public;~~

2251 ~~except that, when an individual is practicing professional~~  
2252 ~~geology in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required~~  
2253 ~~to obtain a certificate of authorization under this section.~~  
2254 ~~Such certificate of authorization shall be renewed every 2~~  
2255 ~~years.~~

2256 (2)~~(3)~~ All final geological papers or documents involving  
2257 the practice of the profession of geology which have been  
2258 prepared or approved for the use of such firm, corporation, or  
2259 partnership, for delivery to any person for public record with  
2260 the state, shall be dated and bear the signature and seal of the  
2261 professional geologist or professional geologists who prepared  
2262 or approved them.

2263 (3)~~(4)~~ Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a  
2264 licensed professional geologist practices through a corporation  
2265 or partnership does not relieve the registrant from personal  
2266 liability for negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed  
2267 by her or him. The partnership and all partners are jointly and  
2268 severally liable for the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful  
2269 acts committed by their agents, employees, or partners while  
2270 acting in a professional capacity. Any officer, agent, or  
2271 employee of a corporation is personally liable and accountable  
2272 only for negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed  
2273 by her or him or committed by any person under her or his direct  
2274 supervision and control, while rendering professional services  
2275 on behalf of the corporation. The personal liability of a

2276 shareholder of a corporation, in her or his capacity as  
2277 shareholder, may be no greater than that of a shareholder-  
2278 employee of a corporation incorporated under chapter 607. The  
2279 corporation is liable up to the full value of its property for  
2280 any negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by  
2281 any of its officers, agents, or employees while they are engaged  
2282 on behalf of the corporation in the rendering of professional  
2283 services.

2284 ~~(5) The firm, corporation, or partnership desiring a~~  
2285 ~~certificate of authorization shall file with the department an~~  
2286 ~~application therefor, upon a form to be prescribed by the~~  
2287 ~~department, accompanied by the required application fee.~~

2288 ~~(6) The department may refuse to issue a certificate of~~  
2289 ~~authorization if any facts exist which would entitle the~~  
2290 ~~department to suspend or revoke an existing certificate of~~  
2291 ~~authorization or if the department, after giving persons~~  
2292 ~~involved a full and fair hearing, determines that any of the~~  
2293 ~~officers or directors of said firm or corporation, or partners~~  
2294 ~~of said partnership, have violated the provisions of s. 492.113.~~

2295 Section 76. Subsection (4) of section 492.113, Florida  
2296 Statutes, is amended to read:

2297 492.113 Disciplinary proceedings.—

2298 (4) The department shall reissue the license of a  
2299 disciplined professional geologist ~~or business~~ upon  
2300 certification by the board that the disciplined person has

2301 | complied with ~~all of~~ the terms and conditions set forth in the  
 2302 | final order.

2303 |       Section 77. Section 492.115, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 2304 | to read:

2305 |       492.115 Roster of licensed professional geologists.—A  
 2306 | roster showing the names and places of business or residence of  
 2307 | all licensed professional geologists and all properly qualified  
 2308 | firms, corporations, or partnerships practicing holding  
 2309 | ~~certificates of authorization to practice~~ professional geology  
 2310 | in the state shall be prepared annually by the department. A  
 2311 | copy of this roster must be made available to ~~shall be~~  
 2312 | ~~obtainable by~~ each licensed professional geologist and each  
 2313 | firm, corporation, or partnership qualified by a professional  
 2314 | geologist holding a certificate of authorization, and copies  
 2315 | thereof shall be placed on file with the department.

2316 |       Section 78. Section 509.102, Florida Statutes, is created  
 2317 | to read:

2318 |       509.102 Mobile food dispensing vehicles.—

2319 |       (1) As used in this section, the term "mobile food  
 2320 | dispensing vehicle" means any vehicle-mounted public food  
 2321 | service establishment which is self-propelled or otherwise  
 2322 | movable from place to place and includes self-contained  
 2323 | utilities, including, but not limited to, gas, water,  
 2324 | electricity, and liquid waste disposal.

2325 |       (2) A municipality, county, or other local government

2326 entity may not:

2327 (a) Require a separate license, registration, or permit  
 2328 beyond those established by the division under s. 509.241 as a  
 2329 condition for the mobile food dispensing vehicle's operation  
 2330 within the jurisdiction.

2331 (b) Require a separate license, registration, or permit  
 2332 fee beyond those established by the division under s. 509.251 as  
 2333 a condition for the mobile food dispensing vehicle's operation  
 2334 within the jurisdiction.

2335 (c) Prohibit mobile food dispensing vehicles from  
 2336 operating within the jurisdiction.

2337 (3) This section may not be construed to affect a  
 2338 municipality, county, or other local governmental entity's  
 2339 authority to regulate the operation of mobile food dispensing  
 2340 vehicles other than the regulations described in subsection (2).

2341 (4) This section does not apply to any port authority,  
 2342 aviation authority, airport, or seaport.

2343 Section 79. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section  
 2344 548.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2345 548.003 Florida State Boxing Commission.—

2346 (2) The Florida State Boxing Commission, as created by  
 2347 subsection (1), shall administer the provisions of this chapter.  
 2348 The commission has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
 2349 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this  
 2350 chapter and to implement each of the duties and responsibilities

2351 conferred upon the commission, including, but not limited to:

2352 ~~(i) Designation and duties of a knockdown timekeeper.~~

2353 Section 80. Subsection (1) of section 548.017, Florida  
2354 Statutes, is amended to read:

2355 548.017 Participants, managers, and other persons required  
2356 to have licenses.—

2357 (1) A participant, manager, trainer, second, ~~timekeeper,~~  
2358 referee, judge, ~~announcer,~~ physician, matchmaker, or promoter  
2359 must be licensed before directly or indirectly acting in such  
2360 capacity in connection with any match involving a participant. A  
2361 physician approved by the commission must be licensed pursuant  
2362 to chapter 458 or chapter 459, must maintain an unencumbered  
2363 license in good standing, and must demonstrate satisfactory  
2364 medical training or experience in boxing, or a combination of  
2365 both, to the executive director before working as the ringside  
2366 physician.

2367 Section 81. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
2368 553.5141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2369 553.5141 Certifications of conformity and remediation  
2370 plans.—

2371 (1) For purposes of this section:

2372 (d) "Qualified expert" means:

2373 1. An engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 471.

2374 2. A certified general contractor licensed pursuant to  
2375 chapter 489.

2376           3. A certified building contractor licensed pursuant to  
 2377 chapter 489.

2378           4. A building code administrator licensed pursuant to  
 2379 chapter 468.

2380           5. A building inspector licensed pursuant to chapter 468.

2381           6. A plans examiner licensed pursuant to chapter 468.

2382           7. An interior designer registered ~~licensed~~ pursuant to  
 2383 chapter 481.

2384           8. An architect licensed pursuant to chapter 481.

2385           9. A landscape architect licensed pursuant to chapter 481.

2386           10. Any person who has prepared a remediation plan related  
 2387 to a claim under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities  
 2388 Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 12182, that has been accepted by a federal  
 2389 court in a settlement agreement or court proceeding, or who has  
 2390 been qualified as an expert in Title III of the Americans with  
 2391 Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 12182, by a federal court.

2392           Section 82. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (1) of  
 2393 section 553.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2394           553.74 Florida Building Commission.—

2395           (1) The Florida Building Commission is created and located  
 2396 within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
 2397 for administrative purposes. Members are appointed by the  
 2398 Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The commission  
 2399 is composed of 19 ~~27~~ members, consisting of the following  
 2400 members:



2401 (a) One architect licensed under chapter 481 with at least  
 2402 5 years of experience in the design and construction of  
 2403 buildings designated for Group E or Group I occupancies by the  
 2404 Florida Building Code ~~registered to practice in this state and~~  
 2405 ~~actively engaged in the profession.~~ The American Institute of  
 2406 Architects, Florida Section, is encouraged to recommend a list  
 2407 of candidates for consideration.

2408 (b) One structural engineer registered to practice in this  
 2409 state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida  
 2410 Engineering Society is encouraged to recommend a list of  
 2411 candidates for consideration.

2412 (c) One air-conditioning contractor, ~~or~~ mechanical  
 2413 contractor, or mechanical engineer certified to do business in  
 2414 this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida  
 2415 Air Conditioning Contractors Association, the Florida  
 2416 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association, ~~and~~  
 2417 the Mechanical Contractors Association of Florida, and the  
 2418 Florida Engineering Society are encouraged to recommend a list  
 2419 of candidates for consideration.

2420 (d) One electrical contractor or electrical engineer  
 2421 certified to do business in this state and actively engaged in  
 2422 the profession. The Florida Association of Electrical  
 2423 Contractors, ~~and~~ the National Electrical Contractors  
 2424 Association, Florida Chapter, and the Florida Engineering  
 2425 Society are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for

2426 consideration.

2427 ~~(e) One member from fire protection engineering or~~  
 2428 ~~technology who is actively engaged in the profession. The~~  
 2429 ~~Florida Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers and~~  
 2430 ~~the Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association are~~  
 2431 ~~encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.~~

2432 (e)~~(f)~~ One certified general contractor or one certified  
 2433 building contractor certified to do business in this state and  
 2434 actively engaged in the profession. The Associated Builders and  
 2435 Contractors of Florida, the Florida Associated General  
 2436 Contractors Council, the Florida Home Builders Association, and  
 2437 the Union Contractors Association are encouraged to recommend a  
 2438 list of candidates for consideration.

2439 (f)~~(g)~~ One plumbing contractor licensed to do business in  
 2440 this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida  
 2441 Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors is  
 2442 encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2443 (g)~~(h)~~ One roofing or sheet metal contractor certified to  
 2444 do business in this state and actively engaged in the  
 2445 profession. The Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal, and Air  
 2446 Conditioning Contractors Association and the Sheet Metal and Air  
 2447 Conditioning Contractors' National Association are encouraged to  
 2448 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2449 (h)~~(i)~~ One certified residential contractor licensed to do  
 2450 business in this state and actively engaged in the profession.

2451 The Florida Home Builders Association is encouraged to recommend  
2452 a list of candidates for consideration.

2453 (i)~~(j)~~ Three members who are municipal, county, or  
2454 district codes enforcement officials, one of whom is also a fire  
2455 official. The Building Officials Association of Florida and the  
2456 Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association are encouraged  
2457 to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2458 ~~(k) One member who represents the Department of Financial~~  
2459 ~~Services.~~

2460 ~~(l) One member who is a county codes enforcement official.~~  
2461 ~~The Building Officials Association of Florida is encouraged to~~  
2462 ~~recommend a list of candidates for consideration.~~

2463 (j)~~(m)~~ One member of a Florida-based organization of  
2464 persons with disabilities or a nationally chartered organization  
2465 of persons with disabilities with chapters in this state which  
2466 complies with or is certified to be compliant with the  
2467 requirements of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, as  
2468 amended.

2469 (k)~~(n)~~ One member of the manufactured buildings industry  
2470 who is licensed to do business in this state and is actively  
2471 engaged in the industry. The Florida Manufactured Housing  
2472 Association is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for  
2473 consideration.

2474 ~~(o) One mechanical or electrical engineer registered to~~  
2475 ~~practice in this state and actively engaged in the profession.~~

2476 ~~The Florida Engineering Society is encouraged to recommend a~~  
2477 ~~list of candidates for consideration.~~

2478 ~~(p) One member who is a representative of a municipality~~  
2479 ~~or a charter county. The Florida League of Cities and the~~  
2480 ~~Florida Association of Counties are encouraged to recommend a~~  
2481 ~~list of candidates for consideration.~~

2482 (l)~~(q)~~ One member of the building products manufacturing  
2483 industry who is authorized to do business in this state and is  
2484 actively engaged in the industry. The Florida Building Material  
2485 Association, the Florida Concrete and Products Association, and  
2486 the Fenestration Manufacturers Association are encouraged to  
2487 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2488 (m)~~(r)~~ One member who is a representative of the building  
2489 owners and managers industry who is actively engaged in  
2490 commercial building ownership or management. The Building Owners  
2491 and Managers Association is encouraged to recommend a list of  
2492 candidates for consideration.

2493 (n)~~(s)~~ One member who is a representative of the insurance  
2494 industry. The Florida Insurance Council is encouraged to  
2495 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2496 ~~(t) One member who is a representative of public~~  
2497 ~~education.~~

2498 (o)~~(u)~~ One member who is a swimming pool contractor  
2499 licensed to do business in this state and actively engaged in  
2500 the profession. The Florida Swimming Pool Association and the

2501 United Pool and Spa Association are encouraged to recommend a  
 2502 list of candidates for consideration.

2503 (p)~~(v)~~ One member who is a representative of the Chief  
 2504 Resilience Officer under the Executive Office of the Governor.  
 2505 The Chief Resilience Officer is encouraged to recommend a list  
 2506 of candidates for consideration ~~the green building industry and~~  
 2507 ~~who is a third party commission agent, a Florida board member of~~  
 2508 ~~the United States Green Building Council or Green Building~~  
 2509 ~~Initiative, a professional who is accredited under the~~  
 2510 ~~International Green Construction Code (IGCC), or a professional~~  
 2511 ~~who is accredited under Leadership in Energy and Environmental~~  
 2512 ~~Design (LEED).~~

2513 (q)~~(w)~~ One member who is a representative of a natural gas  
 2514 distribution system and who is actively engaged in the  
 2515 distribution of natural gas in this state. The Florida Natural  
 2516 Gas Association is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates  
 2517 for consideration.

2518 ~~(x) One member who is a representative of the Department~~  
 2519 ~~of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Energy. The~~  
 2520 ~~Commissioner of Agriculture is encouraged to recommend a list of~~  
 2521 ~~candidates for consideration.~~

2522 ~~(y) One member who shall be the chair.~~

2523 Section 83. Subsection (7) of section 558.002, Florida  
 2524 Statutes, is amended to read:

2525 558.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

2526 (7) "Design professional" means a person, as defined in s.  
2527 1.01, licensed or registered in this state as an architect,  
2528 interior designer, landscape architect, engineer, surveyor, or  
2529 geologist.

2530 Section 84. Subsection (5) is added to section 823.15,  
2531 Florida Statutes, to read:

2532 823.15 Dogs and cats released from animal shelters or  
2533 animal control agencies; sterilization requirement.—

2534 (5) (a) Employees, agents, or contractors of a public or  
2535 private animal shelter, a humane organization, or an animal  
2536 control agency operated by a humane organization or by a county,  
2537 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision may  
2538 implant dogs and cats with a radio frequency identification  
2539 microchip device as part of their work with such public or  
2540 private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control  
2541 agency.

2542 (b) Notwithstanding s. 474.2165, employees, agents, or  
2543 contractors of a public or private animal shelter, a humane  
2544 organization, or an animal control agency operated by a humane  
2545 organization or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated  
2546 political subdivision may contact the owner of record listed on  
2547 a radio frequency identification microchip device to verify pet  
2548 ownership.

2549 Section 85. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
2550 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.