

By the Committee on Infrastructure and Security; and Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to recreational vehicles; amending s.  
3 527.01, F.S.; defining the term "recreational  
4 vehicle"; amending s. 527.0201, F.S.; requiring the  
5 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to  
6 adopt rules specifying requirements for agents to  
7 administer certain competency examinations and  
8 establishing a written competency examination for a  
9 license to engage in activities solely related to the  
10 service and repair of recreational vehicles;  
11 authorizing certain qualifiers and master qualifiers  
12 to engage in activities solely related to the service  
13 and repair of recreational vehicles; requiring  
14 verifiable LP gas experience or professional  
15 certification by an LP gas manufacturer in order to  
16 apply for certification as a master qualifier;  
17 providing an effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 527.01,  
22 Florida Statutes, to read:

23 527.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

24 (18) "Recreational vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is  
25 designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational,  
26 camping, or travel use and that has its own propulsion or is  
27 mounted on or towed by another motor vehicle.

28 Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection  
29 (5) of section 527.0201, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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30 527.0201 Qualifiers; master qualifiers; examinations.—

31 (1) In addition to the requirements of s. 527.02, a any  
32 person applying for a license to engage in category I, category  
33 II, or category V activities must prove competency by passing a  
34 written examination administered by the department or its agent  
35 with a grade of 70 percent or above in each area tested. Each  
36 applicant for examination shall submit a \$20 nonrefundable fee.

37 (a) The department shall by rule specify the general areas  
38 of competency to be covered by each examination and the relative  
39 weight to be assigned in grading each area tested.

40 (b) The department shall by rule specify the requirements  
41 for agents qualified to administer the written competency  
42 examinations required by this part.

43 (c) The department shall by rule establish a separate  
44 written competency examination for persons applying for a  
45 license to engage in category I activities solely related to the  
46 service and repair of recreational vehicles. The category I  
47 recreational vehicle dealer/installer examination shall include  
48 and ensure competency in the following activities as they relate  
49 to recreational vehicles:

50 1. Operating a liquefied petroleum gas dispensing unit to  
51 serve liquid product to a consumer for industrial, commercial,  
52 or domestic use;

53 2. Selling or offering to sell, or leasing or offering to  
54 lease, apparatus, appliances, and equipment for the use of  
55 liquefied petroleum gas; and

56 3. Installing, servicing, or repairing recreational vehicle  
57 liquefied petroleum gas appliances and equipment.

58 (d) Any qualifier or master qualifier who has passed the

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59 category I recreational vehicle dealer/installer examination may  
60 engage in category I activities solely related to the service  
61 and repair of recreational vehicles.

62 (5) In addition to all other licensing requirements, each  
63 category I and category V licensee must, at the time of  
64 application for licensure, identify to the department one master  
65 qualifier who is a full-time employee at the licensed location.  
66 This person shall be a manager, owner, or otherwise primarily  
67 responsible for overseeing the operations of the licensed  
68 location and must provide documentation to the department as  
69 provided by rule. The master qualifier requirement shall be in  
70 addition to the requirements of subsection (1).

71 (a) In order to apply for certification as a master  
72 qualifier, each applicant must have ~~been a registered qualifier~~  
73 ~~for~~ a minimum of 3 years of verifiable LP gas experience or hold  
74 a professional certification by an LP gas manufacturer as  
75 adopted by department rule immediately preceding submission of  
76 the application, must be employed by a licensed category I or  
77 category V licensee, or an applicant for such license, and must  
78 pass a master qualifier competency examination administered by  
79 the department or its agent. Master qualifier examinations shall  
80 be based on Florida's laws, rules, and adopted codes governing  
81 liquefied petroleum gas safety, general industry safety  
82 standards, and administrative procedures. The applicant must  
83 successfully pass the examination with a grade of 70 percent or  
84 above. Each applicant for master qualifier registration must  
85 submit to the department a nonrefundable \$30 examination fee  
86 before the examination.

87 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.