1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to limited liability companies; 3 amending s. 48.062, F.S.; defining the terms 4 "registered foreign series limited liability company" 5 and "registered foreign protected series of a foreign 6 series limited liability company"; specifying that 7 certain limited liability companies are considered a 8 nonresident under certain circumstances; providing for 9 service of summons and complaint on such companies and series; specifying that such service serves as notice 10 11 to such companies and series; amending s. 605.0103, 12 F.S.; correcting a cross-reference; amending s. 13 605.0117, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 605.0211, F.S.; revising 14 15 requirements for certificates of status; creating s. 16 605.2101, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 605.2102, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 605.2103, 17 18 F.S.; providing that a protected series of a series 19 limited liability company is a person distinct from certain other entities; creating s. 605.2104, F.S.; 20 providing for powers and prohibitions for protected 21 22 series of series limited liability companies; creating 23 s. 605.2105, F.S.; providing construction; creating s. 24 605.2106, F.S.; providing construction regarding protected series operating agreements; providing 25

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26 applicability with regard to certain restrictions on 27 limited liability companies; creating s. 605.2107, 28 F.S.; providing prohibitions and authorizations 29 relating to operating agreements; creating s. 605.2108, F.S.; providing applicability; creating s. 30 605.2201, F.S.; authorizing domestic limited liability 31 32 companies to establish protected series; specifying 33 requirements for establishing protected series and 34 amending protected series designations; creating s. 605.2202, F.S.; specifying requirements for naming a 35 36 protected series; creating s. 605.2203, F.S.; 37 providing specifications and requirements for the 38 registered agent for a protected series; specifying 39 requirements relating to protected series 40 designations; specifying that a registered agent is 41 not required to distinguish between certain processes, 42 notices, demands, and records unless otherwise agreed 43 upon; creating s. 605.2204, F.S.; authorizing service 44 on, and provision of notice and demand to, certain 45 limited liability companies and protected series in a 46 specified manner; providing that certain notice is 47 effective regardless of whether any notice or demand 48 identify a person if certain requirements are met; 49 providing authorizations relating to certain services and notices; providing construction; creating s. 50

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51 605.2205, F.S.; requiring the Department of State to 52 issue a certificate of status under certain 53 circumstances; specifying requirements for 54 certificates of status; providing that a certificate of status may be relied upon as conclusive evidence of 55 56 the facts stated in the certificate; creating s. 57 605.2206, F.S.; requiring series limited liability 58 companies and registered foreign series limited 59 liability companies to include specified information in a required annual report; specifying that failure 60 61 to include such information prevents a certificate of 62 status from being issued; creating s. 605.2301, F.S.; 63 specifying that only certain assets may be considered 64 associated assets; specifying requirements for an asset to be considered an associated asset; 65 66 authorizing that certain records and recordkeeping be 67 organized in a specified manner; authorizing series 68 limited liability companies or protected series of 69 such companies to hold an associated asset in a 70 specified manner; providing exceptions; creating s. 71 605.2302, F.S.; specifying requirements for becoming 72 an associated member of a protected series of a series 73 limited liability company; creating s. 605.2303, F.S.; 74 requiring that protected-series transferable interests 75 be owned initially by an associated member of the

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76 protected series or the series limited liability 77 company; providing for ownership when a protected 78 series of a series limited liability company does not 79 have associated members upon establishment under certain circumstances; authorizing series limited 80 81 liability companies to acquire such interests by 82 transfer; providing applicability; creating s. 83 605.2304, F.S.; authorizing a protected series to have 84 one or more protected-series managers; specifying that if a protected series does not have associated 85 86 members, the series limited liability company is the 87 protected-series manager; providing applicability; 88 specifying that a person does not owe a duty to 89 specified entities for certain reasons; providing rights of associated members; providing applicability; 90 91 specifying that an associated member of a member-92 managed protected series, or a protected-series 93 manager of a manager-managed protected series, is an 94 agent for the protected series and has a specified 95 power; creating s. 605.2305, F.S.; providing rights 96 for certain persons relating to information concerning 97 protected series; providing applicability; creating s. 98 605.2401, F.S.; providing limitations on liability for 99 certain persons; creating s. 605.2402, F.S.; 100 specifying that certain claims are governed by

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101 specified provisions; specifying that the failure of 102 limited liability companies or protected series to 103 observe certain formalities is not a ground to 104 disregard a specified limitation; providing applicability; creating s. 605.2403, F.S.; specifying 105 106 that certain provisions relating to the provision or 107 restriction of remedies apply to certain judgment 108 creditors; creating s. 605.2404, F.S.; defining the 109 terms "enforcement date" and "incurrence date"; authorizing that certain judgments be enforced in 110 111 accordance with specified provisions; authorizing courts to provide a specified prejudgment remedy; 112 113 providing that a party making a certain assertion has 114 the burden of proof in specified proceedings; 115 providing applicability; creating s. 605.2501, F.S.; 116 providing events causing the dissolution of protected series of series limited liability companies; creating 117 118 s. 605.2502, F.S.; specifying requirements and 119 authorizations relating to dissolved protected series; 120 specifying that a series limited liability company has 121 not completed winding up until each of the protected 122 series of the company has done so; creating s. 123 605.2503, F.S.; providing for the effect of 124 reinstatements of series limited liability companies 125 and revocations of voluntary dissolutions; creating s.

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126 605.2601, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 605.2602, 127 F.S.; prohibiting protected series from involvement in 128 certain transactions; creating s. 605.2603, F.S.; 129 prohibiting series limited liability companies from 130 involvement in certain transactions; creating s. 131 605.2604, F.S.; authorizing series limited liability 132 companies to be a party to a merger under certain 133 circumstances; creating s. 605.2605, F.S.; requiring 134 that plans of merger meet certain requirements; creating s. 605.2606, F.S.; requiring articles of 135 136 merger to meet certain requirements; creating s. 605.2607, F.S.; providing for effects of mergers of 137 138 protected series; creating s. 605.2608, F.S.; 139 providing the means for enforcement of creditors' 140 rights; providing applicability of certain provisions 141 after a merger; creating s. 605.2701, F.S.; providing that the law of the jurisdiction of a foreign series 142 143 limited liability company's formation governs certain 144 aspects of the internal affairs of the foreign series 145 limited liability company; providing applicability; 146 creating s. 605.2702, F.S.; specifying requirements 147 for making a specified determination relating to 148 certain companies transacting business in this state 149 or being subject to the personal jurisdiction of the courts in this state; creating s. 605.2703, F.S.; 150

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151 providing applicability of laws of this state relating 152 to certificates of authority for foreign series 153 limited liability companies and foreign protected 154 series of such companies; requiring an application by 155 a foreign protected series for a certificate of 156 authority to include certain information and comply 157 with specified provisions; providing applicability; 158 creating s. 605.2704, F.S.; requiring foreign series 159 limited liability companies and foreign protected series of such companies to make specified 160 161 disclosures; tolling such requirements under certain 162 circumstances; authorizing certain parties to make a 163 specified request or bring a separate proceeding if 164 such company or series fails to make the disclosures; 165 creating s. 605.2801, F.S.; providing applicability of 166 provisions relating to electronic signatures; creating 167 s. 605.2802, F.S.; providing construction; prohibiting 168 domestic limited liability companies from creating or 169 designating any protected series before a specified 170 date; providing an effective date. 171 172 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 173 174 Section 1. Present subsection (7) of section 48.062, 175 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (11), a new Page 7 of 72

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176 subsection (7) and subsections (8), (9), and (10) are added to 177 that section, and subsections (1) and (6) of that section are 178 amended, to read:

179 48.062 Service on a domestic limited liability company or180 registered foreign limited liability company.-

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(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Registered foreign limited liability company" means a foreign limited liability company that has an active certificate of authority to transact business in this state pursuant to a record filed with the Department of State.

186 (b) "Registered foreign protected series of a foreign 187 series limited liability company" means a protected series of a 188 foreign series limited liability company that has an active 189 certificate of authority to transact business in this state 190 pursuant to a record filed with the Department of State.

191 (c) "Registered foreign series limited liability company" 192 means a foreign series limited liability company that has an 193 active certificate of authority to transact business in this 194 state pursuant to a record filed with the Department of State.

(6) A foreign limited liability company, foreign series
limited liability company, or foreign protected series of a
foreign series limited liability company engaging in business in
this state which is not registered is considered, for purposes
of service of process, a nonresident engaging in business in
this state and may be served pursuant to s. 48.181 or by order

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201	of the court under s. 48.102.
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	(7) <u>Service of a summons and complaint on a series limited</u>
203	liability company is notice to each protected series of the
204	series limited liability company of service of the summons and
205	complaint and the contents of the complaint.
206	(8) Service of a summons and complaint on a protected
207	series of a series limited liability company is notice to the
208	series limited liability company and any other protected series
209	of the series limited liability company of service of the
210	summons and complaint and the contents of the complaint.
211	(9) Service of a summons and complaint on a registered
212	foreign series limited liability company is notice to each
213	registered foreign protected series of the registered foreign
214	series limited liability company of service of the summons and
215	complaint and the contents of the complaint.
216	(10) Service of a summons and complaint on a registered
217	foreign protected series of a foreign series limited liability
218	company is notice to the foreign series limited liability
219	company and to any other registered foreign protected series of
220	the foreign series limited liability company of service of the
221	summons and complaint and the contents of the complaint.
222	(11) This section does not apply to service of process on
223	insurance companies.
224	Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 605.0103, Florida
225	Statutes, is amended to read:

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226	605.0103 Knowledge; notice		
227	(1) A person knows a fact if the person:		
228	(a) Has actual knowledge of the fact; or		
229	(b) Is deemed to know the fact under paragraph (4)(a)		
230	(4)(b), or a law other than this chapter.		
231	Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 605.0117, Florida		
232	Statutes, is amended to read:		
233	605.0117 Serving process, giving notice, or making a		
234	demand		
235	(3) A registered series of a foreign series limited		
236	liability company may be served in the same manner as a		
237	registered limited liability company.		
238	Section 4. Paragraphs (c) through (f) of subsection (1)		
239	and subsection (2) of section 605.0211, Florida Statutes, are		
240	amended to read:		
241	605.0211 Certificate of status		
242	(1) The department, upon request and payment of the		
243	requisite fee, shall issue a certificate of status for a limited		
244	liability company if the records filed in the department show		
245	that the department has accepted and filed the company's		
246	articles of organization. A certificate of status must state the		
247	following:		
248	(c) Whether all fees <u>and penalties</u> due to the department		
249	under this chapter have been paid.		
250	(d) <u>Whether</u> If the company's most recent annual report		
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251 required under s. 605.0212 has not been filed by the department. 252 Whether If the department has administratively (e) 253 dissolved the company or received a record notifying the 254 department that the company has been dissolved by judicial 255 action pursuant to s. 605.0705. 256 (f) Whether If the department has filed articles of 257 dissolution for the company. 258 The department, upon request and payment of the (2)259 requisite fee, shall furnish a certificate of status for a 260 foreign limited liability company if the filed records filed 261 show that the department has filed a certificate of authority 262 for that company. A certificate of status for a foreign limited 263 liability company must state the following: 264 The foreign limited liability company's name and any (a) 265 current alternate name adopted under s. 605.0906(1) for use in 266 this state. 267 That the foreign limited liability company is (b) 268 authorized to transact business in this state. 269 Whether all fees and penalties due to the department (C) 270 under this chapter or other law have been paid. 271 (d) Whether If the foreign limited liability company's 272 most recent annual report required under s. 605.0212 has not 273 been filed by the department. 274 (e) Whether If the department has: 275 Revoked the foreign limited liability company's 1. Page 11 of 72

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276	certificate of authority; or
277	2. Filed a notice of withdrawal of certificate of
278	authority of the foreign limited liability company.
279	Section 5. Section 605.2101, Florida Statutes, is created
280	to read:
281	605.2101 Short titleSections 605.2101-605.2802 may be
282	cited as the "Uniform Protected Series Provisions."
283	Section 6. Section 605.2102, Florida Statutes, is created
284	to read:
285	605.2102 DefinitionsAs used in ss. 605.2101-605.2802,
286	the term:
287	(1) "Asset" means either of the following:
288	(a) Property in which a series limited liability company
289	or a protected series has rights; or
290	(b) Property as to which the series limited liability
291	company or protected series has the power to transfer rights.
292	(2) "Associated asset" means an asset that meets the
293	requirements of s. 605.2301.
294	(3) "Associated member" means a member that meets the
295	requirements of s. 605.2302.
296	(4) "Foreign protected series" means an arrangement, a
297	configuration, or another structure established by a foreign
298	limited liability company which has attributes comparable to a
299	protected series established under this chapter, regardless of
300	whether the law under which the foreign company is organized

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301 refers to "series" or "protected series." 302 "Foreign series limited liability company" means a (5) 303 foreign limited liability company that has at least one foreign 304 series or protected series. 305 "Non-associated asset" means either of the following: (6) 306 An asset of a series limited liability company which (a) 307 is not an associated asset of the company; or 308 (b) An asset of a protected series of a series limited 309 liability company which is not an associated asset of the 310 protected series. (7) "Person" has the same meaning as in s. 605.0102 and 311 312 includes a protected series and a foreign protected series. (8) "Protected series," except in the phrase "foreign 313 314 protected series," means a protected series established under s. 315 605.2201. 316 (9) "Protected-series manager" means a person under whose 317 authority the powers of a protected series are exercised and 318 under whose direction the activities and affairs of the 319 protected series are managed under the operating agreement and 320 this chapter. 321 (10)"Protected-series transferable interest" means a 322 right to receive a distribution from a protected series. 323 (11) "Protected-series transferee" means a person other 324 than the series limited liability company to which all or part 325 of a protected-series transferable interest of a protected

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326 series of a series limited liability company has been 327 transferred. The term includes a person that owns a protected-328 series transferable interest as a result of ceasing to be an 329 associated member of a protected series. 330 "Registered foreign protected series" means a (12)331 protected series of a foreign series limited liability company 332 that has an active certificate of authority to transact business 333 in this state pursuant to a record filed with the department. 334 (13) "Registered foreign series limited liability company" 335 means a foreign series limited liability company that has an 336 active certificate of authority to transact business in this 337 state pursuant to a record filed with the department. 338 "Series limited liability company," except in the (14)339 phrase "foreign series limited liability company," means a 340 domestic limited liability company that has at least one 341 protected series. 342 Section 7. Section 605.2103, Florida Statutes, is created 343 to read: 344 605.2103 Nature of protected status.-A protected series of 345 a series limited liability company is a person distinct from all 346 of the following: 347 (1) The series limited liability company, subject to ss. 348 605.2104(3), 605.2501(1), and 605.2502(4). 349 (2) Another protected series of the series limited 350 liability company.

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351	(3) A member of the series limited liability company,
352	regardless of whether the member is an associated member of the
353	protected series of the series limited liability company.
354	(4) A protected-series transferee of a protected series of
355	the series limited liability company.
356	(5) A transferee of a transferable interest of the series
357	limited liability company.
358	Section 8. Section 605.2104, Florida Statutes, is created
359	to read:
360	605.2104 Powers and duration of protected series
361	(1) A protected series of a series limited liability
362	company has the capacity to sue and be sued in its own name.
363	(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3) and
364	(4), a protected series of a series limited liability company
365	has the same powers and purposes as the series limited liability
366	company.
367	(3) A protected series of a series limited liability
368	company ceases to exist not later than when the series limited
369	liability company completes its winding up.
370	(4) A protected series of a series limited liability
371	company may not be or do, as applicable, any of the following:
372	(a) Be a member of the series limited liability company;
373	(b) Establish a protected series; or
374	(c) Except as permitted by the laws of this state other
375	than this chapter, have a purpose or power, or take an action,

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376 that the laws of this state other than this chapter prohibit a 377 limited liability company from having or doing. 378 Section 9. Section 605.2105, Florida Statutes, is created 379 to read: 380 605.2105 Protected series governing law.-The laws of this 381 state govern the following: 382 (1) The internal affairs of a protected series of a series 383 limited liability company, including all of the following: 384 (a) Relations among any associated members of the 385 protected series. (b) Relations between the protected series and: 386 387 1. Any associated member; 388 2. Any protected-series manager; or 389 3. Any protected-series transferee. 390 (c) Relations between any associated member and: 391 1. Any protected-series manager; or 392 2. Any protected-series transferee. 393 (d) The rights and duties of a protected-series manager. 394 (e) Governance decisions affecting the activities and 395 affairs of the protected series and the conduct of those activities and affairs. 396 397 (f) Procedures and conditions for becoming an associated 398 member or a protected-series transferee. 399 (2) The relations between a protected series of a series 400 limited liability company and each of the following:

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401 The series limited liability company. (a) 402 Another protected series of the series limited (b) 403 liability company. 404 (c) A member of the series limited liability company which 405 is not an associated member of the protected series of the 406 series limited liability company. 407 (d) A protected-series manager that is not a protected-408 series manager of the protected series. 409 (e) A protected-series transferee that is not a protected-410 series transferee of the protected series. 411 (3) The liability of a person for a debt, an obligation, 412 or another liability of a protected series of a series limited 413 liability company if the debt, obligation, or liability is 414 asserted solely by reason of the person being or acting as any 415 of the following: 416 (a) An associated member, protected-series transferee, or 417 protected-series manager of the protected series; 418 (b) A member of the series limited liability company which 419 is not an associated member of the protected series; 420 (c) A protected-series manager that is not a protected-421 series manager of the protected series; 422 (d) A protected-series transferee that is not a protected-423 series transferee of the protected series; 424 (e) A manager of the series limited liability company; or 425 (f) A transferee of a transferable interest of the series

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426	limited liability company.
427	(4) The liability of a series limited liability company
428	for a debt, an obligation, or another liability of a protected
429	series of the series limited liability company if the debt,
430	obligation, or liability is asserted solely in connection with
431	any of the following on the part of the series limited liability
432	company:
433	(a) Having delivered to the department for filing under s.
434	605.2201(2) a protected series designation pertaining to the
435	protected series or under s. 605.2201(4) or s. 605.2202(3) a
436	statement of designation change pertaining to the protected
437	series;
438	(b) Being or acting as a protected-series manager of the
439	protected series;
440	(c) Having the protected series be or act as a manager of
441	the series limited liability company; or
442	(d) Owning a protected-series transferable interest of the
443	protected series.
444	(5) The liability of a protected series of a series
445	limited liability company for a debt, an obligation, or another
446	liability of the series limited liability company or of another
447	protected series of the series limited liability company if the
448	debt, obligation, or liability is asserted solely by reason of
449	any of the following:
450	(a) The protected series:

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451	1. Being a protected series of the series limited
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	liability company or having as a protected-series manager the
453	series limited liability company or another protected series of
454	the series limited liability company; or
455	2. Being or acting as a protected-series manager of
456	another protected series of the series limited liability company
457	or a manager of the series limited liability company; or
458	(b) The series limited liability company owning a
459	protected-series transferable interest of the protected series.
460	Section 10. Section 605.2106, Florida Statutes, is created
461	to read:
462	605.2106 Relation of a protected series operating
463	agreement and the protected series provisions of this chapter
464	(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, and
465	subject to ss. 605.2107 and 605.2108, the operating agreement of
466	a series limited liability company governs the following:
467	(a) The internal affairs of a protected series, including
468	all of the following:
469	1. Relations among any associated members of the protected
470	series.
471	2. Relations between the protected series and:
472	a. Any associated member of the protected series;
473	b. Any protected-series manager; or
474	c. Any protected-series transferee.
475	3. Relations between any associated member and:
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476 a. Any protected-series manager; or 477 b. Any protected-series transferee. 478 4. The rights and duties of a protected-series manager. 479 5. Governance decisions affecting the activities and 480 affairs of the protected series and the conduct of those 481 activities and affairs. 482 6. Procedures and conditions for becoming an associated 483 member or a protected-series transferee. 484 (b) Relations between a protected series of the series 485 limited liability company and each of the following: 486 1. The series limited liability company. 487 2. Another protected series of the series limited 488 liability company. 489 3. The protected series, any of its protected-series 490 managers, any associated member of the protected series, or any 491 protected-series transferee of the protected series. 492 4. A person in the person's capacity as: a. A member of the series limited liability company which 493 494 is not an associated member of the protected series; 495 b. A protected-series transferee or protected-series 496 manager of another protected series; or 497 c. A transferee of the series limited liability company. 498 (2) If this chapter restricts the power of an operating 499 agreement to affect a matter, the restriction applies to a 500 matter under ss. 605.2101-605.2802 in accordance with s.

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501	605.0105.
502	(3) If a law of this state other than this chapter imposes
503	a prohibition, limitation, requirement, condition, obligation,
504	liability, or other restriction on a limited liability company;
505	a member, a manager, or another agent of a limited liability
506	company; or a transferee of a limited liability company, except
507	as otherwise provided in the laws of this state other than this
508	chapter, the restriction applies in accordance with s. 605.2108.
509	(4) Except as otherwise provided in s. 605.2107, if the
510	operating agreement of a series limited liability company does
511	not provide for a matter described in subsection (1) in a manner
512	authorized by ss. 605.2101-605.2802, the matter is determined in
513	accordance with the following:
514	(a) To the extent that ss. 605.2101-605.2802 address the
515	matter, ss. 605.2101-605.2802 govern.
516	(b) To the extent that ss. 605.2101-605.2802 do not
517	address the matter, this chapter governs the matter in
518	accordance with s. 605.2108.
519	Section 11. Section 605.2107, Florida Statutes, is created
520	to read:
521	605.2107 Additional limitations on operating agreements
522	(1) An operating agreement may not vary the effect of:
523	(a) This section;
524	(b) Section 605.2103;
525	(c) Section 605.2104(1);

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Section 605.2104(2), to provide a protected series a 526 (d) 527 power beyond those provided in this chapter to a limited 528 liability company; 529 (e) Section 605.2104(3) or (4); 530 (f) Section 605.2105; 531 (q) Section 605.2106; 532 (h) Section 605.2108; (i) Section 605.2201, except to vary the manner in which a 533 534 series limited liability company approves establishing a 535 protected series; 536 (j) Section 605.2202; 537 (k) Section 605.2301; 538 (1) Section 605.2302; 539 (m) Section 605.2303(1) or (2); (n) Section 605.2304(3) or (6); 540 541 (o) Section 605.2401, except to decrease or eliminate a 542 limitation of liability stated in that section; 543 (p) Section 605.2402; 544 (q) Section 605.2403; 545 (r) Section 605.2404; 546 (s) Section 605.2501(1), (4), and (5); (t) Section 605.2502, except to designate a different 547 548 person to manage winding up; 549 (u) Section 605.2503; 550 (v) Sections 605.2601-605.2608; Page 22 of 72

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551 (w) Sections 605.2701-605.2704; 552 Sections 605.2801-605.2802, except to vary the person (X) 553 that has the right to sign and deliver to the department for 554 filing a record under this chapter; or 555 (y) A provision of this chapter pertaining to: 556 1. A registered office or registered agents; or 2. The department, including provisions relating to 557 558 records authorized or required to be delivered to the department 559 for filing under this chapter. 560 (2) An operating agreement may not unreasonably restrict the duties and rights conferred under s. 605.2305 but may impose 561 562 reasonable restrictions on the availability and use of 563 information obtained under that section and may provide 564 appropriate remedies, including liquidated damages, for a breach 565 of any reasonable restriction on use. 566 Section 12. Section 605.2108, Florida Statutes, is created 567 to read: 568 605.2108 Application of this chapter to protected series.-569 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) and s. 570 605.2107, the following provisions apply in the application of ss. 605.2106, 605.2304(3) and (6), 605.2501(4)(a), 605.2502(1), 571 572 and 605.2503(2): 573 (a) A protected series of a series limited liability 574 company is deemed to be a limited liability company that is 575 formed separately from the series limited liability company and

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576 is distinct from the series limited liability company and any 577 other protected series of the series limited liability company; 578 (b) An associated member of the protected series of a 579 series limited liability company is deemed to be a member of the 580 series limited liability company deemed to exist under paragraph 581 (a)<u>;</u> 582 (c) A protected-series transferee of the protected series is deemed to be a transferee of the series limited liability 583 584 company deemed to exist under paragraph (a); 585 (d) A protected-series transferable interest of the protected series is deemed to be a transferable interest of the 586 587 series limited liability company deemed to exist under paragraph 588 (a); 589 (e) A protected-series manager is deemed to be a manager 590 of the series limited liability company deemed to exist under 591 paragraph (a); 592 (f) An asset of the protected series is deemed to be an 593 asset of the series limited liability company deemed to exist 594 under paragraph (a), regardless of whether the asset is an 595 associated asset of the protected series; or 596 (q) Any creditor or other obligee of the protected series 597 is deemed to be a creditor or obligee of the series limited 598 liability company deemed to exist under paragraph (a). 599 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if its application would 600 do either of the following:

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601	(a) Contravene s. 605.0105; or
602	(b) Authorize or require the department to:
603	1. Accept for filing a type of record which this chapter
604	does not authorize or require a person to deliver to the
605	department for filing; or
606	2. Make or deliver a record that this chapter does not
607	authorize or require the department to make or deliver.
608	(3) Except to the extent otherwise specified in ss.
609	605.2101-605.2802, the provisions of this chapter applicable to
610	limited liability companies in general and their managers,
611	members, and transferees, including, but not limited to,
612	provisions relating to formation, powers, operation, existence,
613	management, court proceedings, and filings with the department
614	and other state or local government agencies, are applicable to
615	each series limited liability company and to each protected
616	series established pursuant to s. 605.2201.
617	Section 13. Section 605.2201, Florida Statutes, is created
618	to read:
619	605.2201 Establishment of protected series; change of
620	designation
621	(1) With the affirmative vote or consent of all members of
622	a limited liability company, the company may establish a
623	protected series.
624	(2) To establish a protected series, a limited liability
625	company shall deliver to the department for filing a protected
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62.6 series designation, signed by the company, stating the name of 627 the company and the name of the protected series to be 628 established, and any other information the department requires 629 for filing. 630 (3) A protected series is established when the protected 631 series designation takes effect under s. 605.0207. 632 (4) To amend a protected series designation, a series 633 limited liability company shall deliver to the department for 634 filing a statement of designation change, signed by the company, 635 that sets forth the following: (a) The name of the series limited liability company and 636 637 the name of the protected series to which the change to the 638 protected series designation applies; 639 (b) Each change to the protected series designation; and 640 (c) A statement that each designation change was approved 641 by the affirmative vote or consent of the members of the series 642 limited liability company required to make each change to the 643 protected series designation. 644 (5) Each designation change made pursuant to subsection 645 (4) takes effect when the statement of designation change takes effect under s. 605.0207. 646 647 Section 14. Section 605.2202, Florida Statutes, is created 648 to read: 649 605.2202 Protected series name.-(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), the 650 Page 26 of 72

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651 name of a protected series must comply with s. 605.0112. 652 The name of a protected series of a series limited (2) 653 liability company must: 654 (a) Begin with the name of the series limited liability 655 company, including any word or abbreviation required by s. 656 605.0112; and 657 (b) Contain the phrase "protected series" or the 658 abbreviation "P.S." or "PS." 659 (3) If a series limited liability company changes its 660 name, the company must deliver to the department for filing a 661 statement of designation change for each of the company's 662 protected series, changing the name of each protected series to 663 comply with this section. 664 Section 15. Section 605.2203, Florida Statutes, is created 665 to read: 666 605.2203 Registered agent.-667 (1) The registered agent in this state for a series limited liability company is the registered agent in this state 668 669 for each protected series of that company. 670 (2) Before delivering a protected series designation to the department for filing, a series limited liability company 671 672 must agree with a registered agent specifying that the agent 673 will serve as the registered agent in this state for that 674 company and for each protected series of that company. 675 (3) A person that signs a protected series designation

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676 delivered to the department for filing affirms as a fact that 677 the series limited liability company on whose behalf the 678 designation is delivered has complied with subsection (2). 679 (4) A person that ceases to be the registered agent for a 680 series limited liability company ceases to be the registered 681 agent for each protected series of that company. 682 (5) A person that ceases to be the registered agent for a 683 protected series of a series limited liability company, other 684 than as a result of the termination of the protected series, 685 ceases to be the registered agent of that company and any other protected series of that company. 686 687 (6) Except as otherwise agreed upon by a series limited 688 liability company and its registered agent, the registered agent 689 is not obligated to distinguish between a process, notice, 690 demand, or other record concerning the company and a process, 691 notice, demand, or other record concerning a protected series of 692 the company. 693 Section 16. Section 605.2204, Florida Statutes, is created 694 to read: 695 605.2204 Series limited liability company; service of 696 process; giving notice or making demand.-697 (1) Process against a series limited liability company, a 698 protected series of a series limited liability company, a 699 registered foreign series limited liability company, or a 700 registered foreign protected series of a registered foreign

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701 series limited liability company, respectively, may be served in 702 the same manner as service is made on each such entity under s. 703 48.062 and chapter 48 or chapter 49. 704 (2) Any notice or demand on a series limited liability 705 company or a protected series of a series limited liability 706 company under this chapter may be given or made to any member of 707 a member-managed series limited liability company or to any 708 manager of a manager-managed series limited liability company; 709 to the registered agent of a series limited liability company at 710 the registered office of the series limited liability company in 711 this state; or to any other address in this state which is the 712 principal office in this state of the series limited liability 713 company. (3) Any notice or demand on a registered foreign series 714 715 limited liability company or a registered foreign protected 716 series of a registered foreign series limited liability company 717 under this chapter may be given or made to any member of a 718 member-managed foreign series limited liability company or to 719 any manager of a manager-managed foreign series limited 720 liability company; to the registered agent of the registered 721 foreign series limited liability company at the registered 722 office of the registered foreign series limited liability 723 company in this state; or to the principal office address, or 724 any other address in this state which is, in fact, the principal 725 office in this state of the registered foreign series limited

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726 liability company. 727 This section does not affect the right to serve (4) 728 process on, give notice to, or make a demand on a series limited 729 liability company or any protected series of a series limited 730 liability company, or to or on any foreign series limited 731 liability company or any protected series of the foreign series 732 limited liability company, in any other manner provided by law. 733 Section 17. Section 605.2205, Florida Statutes, is created 734 to read: 735 605.2205 Certificate of status for domestic or foreign 736 protected series.-737 (1) The department, upon request, payment of the requisite 738 fee, and compliance with any other filing requirements of the 739 department, shall issue a certificate of status for a protected 740 series of a series limited liability company if the records 741 filed in the department show that the department has accepted 742 and filed articles of organization for the series limited 743 liability company and a protected series designation for the 744 protected series. A certificate of status for a protected series 745 of a series limited liability company must state all of the 746 following: 747 (a) The series limited liability company's name. 748 (b) The name of the protected series. 749 (c) That the series limited liability company was 750 organized under the laws of this state and the date of

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751	organization.
752	(d) That the protected series was designated under the
753	laws of this state and the date of designation.
754	(e) Whether all fees and penalties due to the department
755	under this chapter or other law by the series limited liability
756	company and the protected series have been paid.
757	(f) Whether the series limited liability company's most
758	recent annual report required by s. 605.0212 has been filed by
759	the department.
760	(g) Whether the series limited liability company's most
761	recent annual report includes the name of the protected series,
762	unless:
763	1. When the series limited liability company delivered the
764	annual report for filing, the protected series designation
765	pertaining to the protected series had not yet taken effect; or
766	2. After the series limited liability company delivered
767	the annual report for filing, the company delivered to the
768	department for filing a statement of designation change, which
769	changes the name of the protected series.
770	(h) Whether the department has administratively dissolved
771	the series limited liability company or received a record
772	notifying the department that the company has been dissolved by
773	judicial action pursuant to s. 605.0705.
774	(i) Whether the department has administratively dissolved
775	the protected series or received a record notifying the

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776	department that the protected series has been dissolved by
777	judicial action pursuant to s. 605.2501(4) or (5).
778	(j) Whether the department has filed articles of
779	dissolution for the series limited liability company.
780	(k) Whether the department has filed a statement of
781	dissolution, termination, or relocation for the protected
782	series.
783	(2) The department, upon request, payment of the requisite
784	fee, and compliance with any other filing requirements of the
785	department, shall issue a certificate of status for a foreign
786	protected series of a foreign series limited liability company
787	if the records filed in the department show that the department
788	has filed a certificate of authority for the foreign series
789	limited liability company and a certificate of authority for the
790	foreign protected series. A certificate of status for a
791	registered foreign protected series of a registered foreign
792	series limited liability company must state all of the
793	following:
794	(a) The foreign series limited liability company's name
795	and any current alternative name adopted under s. 605.0906(1)
796	for use in this state.
797	(b) The name of the foreign protected series and any
798	current alternative name adopted under s. 605.0906(1) for use in
799	this state.
800	(c) That the foreign series limited liability company is
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801 authorized to transact business in this state. 802 That the foreign protected series is authorized to (d) 803 transact business in this state. 804 (e) Whether all fees and penalties due to the department 805 under this chapter or other law by the foreign series limited 806 liability company and the foreign protected series have been 807 paid. 808 (f) Whether the foreign series limited liability company's 809 most recent annual report required by s. 605.0212 has been filed 810 by the department. 811 (q) Whether the foreign series limited liability company's 812 most recent annual report includes the name of the foreign 813 protected series, unless: 814 1. When the foreign series limited liability company 815 delivered the annual report for filing, the foreign protected 816 series designation pertaining to the foreign protected series 817 had not yet taken effect; or 2. After the foreign series limited liability company 818 819 delivered the annual report for filing, the foreign series 820 limited liability company delivered to the department for filing a statement of designation change which changes the name of the 821 822 foreign protected series. 823 (h) Whether the department has: 824 1. Revoked the foreign series limited liability company's 825 certificate of authority or revoked the foreign protected series

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826 certificate of authority; or 827 2. Filed a notice of withdrawal of the certificate of 828 authority for the foreign series limited liability company or 829 for the foreign protected series. 830 (3) Subject to any qualification stated by the department 831 in a certificate of status, a certificate of status issued by 832 the department may be relied upon as conclusive evidence of the 833 facts stated in the certificate of status as to the active 834 status of the domestic or foreign series limited liability 835 company and any protected series of the domestic or foreign 836 limited liability company authorized to transact business in 837 this state. Section 18. Section 605.2206, Florida Statutes, is created 838 839 to read: 840 605.2206 Information required in annual report; failure to 841 comply.-842 (1) In the annual report required by s. 605.0212, a series 843 limited liability company shall include the name of each 844 protected series of the company: 845 (a) For which the series limited liability company has previously delivered to the department for filing a protected 846 847 series designation; and 848 (b) Which has not dissolved and completed winding up. 849 (2) The failure of a series limited liability company to 850 comply with subsection (1) with regard to a protected series

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851	prevents issuance of a certificate of status pertaining to the
852	protected series, but does not otherwise affect the protected
853	series.
854	(3) In the annual report required by s. 605.0212, a
855	registered foreign series limited liability company shall
856	include the name of each registered foreign protected series of
857	the registered foreign series limited liability company:
858	(a) For which the registered foreign series limited
859	liability company has previously delivered to the department for
860	filing an application for a certificate of authority to transact
861	business in this state, which has been accepted by the
862	department; and
863	(b) Which has not withdrawn its certificate of authority
864	to transact business in this state.
865	(4) The failure of a registered foreign series limited
866	liability company to comply with subsection (3) with regard to a
866 867	liability company to comply with subsection (3) with regard to a registered foreign protected series prevents issuance of a
867	registered foreign protected series prevents issuance of a
867 868	registered foreign protected series prevents issuance of a certificate of status pertaining to the registered foreign
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867 868 869 870 871 872	registered foreign protected series prevents issuance of a certificate of status pertaining to the registered foreign protected series. Section 19. Section 605.2301, Florida Statutes, is created to read: <u>605.2301 Associated asset</u>
867 868 869 870 871 872 873	registered foreign protected series prevents issuance of a certificate of status pertaining to the registered foreign protected series. Section 19. Section 605.2301, Florida Statutes, is created to read: <u>605.2301 Associated asset</u> (1) Only an asset of a protected series may be an

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876 the company. 877 (2) (a) An asset of a protected series of a series limited 878 liability company is an associated asset of the protected series 879 only if the protected series creates and maintains records that 880 state the name of the protected series and describe the asset 881 with sufficient specificity to permit a disinterested, 882 reasonable individual to: 883 1. Identify the asset and distinguish it from any other 884 asset of the protected series, any asset of the series limited 885 liability company, and any asset of any other protected series 886 of the company; 887 2. Determine when and from which person the protected 888 series acquired the asset or how the asset otherwise became an 889 asset of the protected series; and 890 3. If the protected series acquired the asset from the series limited liability company or another protected series of 891 892 the company, determine any consideration paid, the payor, and 893 the payee. 894 (b) A deed or other instrument granting an interest in 895 real property to or from one or more protected series of a 896 series limited liability company, or any other instrument 897 otherwise affecting an interest in real property held by one or 898 more protected series of a series limited liability company, in 899 each case to the extent such deed or other instrument is in 900 favor of a person who gives value without knowledge of the lack

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901	of authority of the person signing and delivering a deed or
902	other instrument and is recorded in the office for recording
903	transfers or other matters affecting real property, is
904	conclusive of the authority of the person signing and
905	constitutes a record that such interest in real property is an
906	associated asset or liability, as applicable, of the protected
907	series.
908	(3)(a) An asset of a series limited liability company is
909	an associated asset of the company only if the company creates
910	and maintains records that state the name of the company and
911	describe the asset with sufficient specificity to permit a
912	disinterested, reasonable individual to:
913	1. Identify the asset and distinguish it from any other
914	asset of the series limited liability company and any asset of
915	any protected series of the company;
916	2. Determine when and from which person the series limited
917	liability company acquired the asset or how the asset otherwise
918	became an asset of the company; and
919	3. If the series limited liability company acquired the
920	asset from a protected series of the company, determine any
921	consideration paid, the payor, and the payee.
922	(b) A deed or other instrument granting an interest in
923	real property to or from a series limited liability company, or
924	any other instrument otherwise affecting an interest in real
925	property held by a series limited liability company, in each
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926	case to the extent such deed or other instrument is in favor of
927	<u>a person who gives value without knowledge of the lack of</u>
928	authority of the person signing and delivering a deed or other
929	instrument and is recorded in the office for recording transfers
930	or other matters affecting real property, is conclusive of the
931	authority of the person signing and constitutes a record that
932	such interest in real property is an associated asset or
933	liability, as applicable, of the series limited liability
934	company.
935	(4) The records and recordkeeping required by subsections
936	(2) and (3) may be organized by specific listing, category,
937	type, quantity, or computational or allocative formula or
938	procedure, including a percentage or share of any asset, or in
939	any other reasonable manner.
940	(5) To the extent authorized by this chapter and the laws
941	of this state other than this chapter, a series limited
942	liability company or protected series of a series limited
943	liability company may hold an associated asset directly or
944	indirectly, through a representative, nominee, or similar
945	arrangement, except for the following:
946	(a) A protected series may not hold an associated asset in
947	the name of the series limited liability company or another
948	protected series of the company; and
949	(b) A series limited liability company may not hold an
950	associated asset in the name of a protected series of the

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951	company.
952	Section 20. Section 605.2302, Florida Statutes, is created
953	to read:
954	605.2302 Associated member
955	(1) Only a member of a series limited liability company
956	may be an associated member of a protected series of the
957	company.
958	(2) A member of a series limited liability company becomes
959	an associated member of a protected series of the company if the
960	operating agreement or a procedure established by the operating
961	agreement states all of the following:
962	(a) That the member is an associated member of the
963	protected series.
964	(b) The date on which the member became an associated
965	member of the protected series.
966	(c) Any protected-series transferable interest the
967	associated member has in connection with becoming or being an
968	associated member of the protected series.
969	(3) If a person that is an associated member of a
970	protected series of a series limited liability company is
971	dissociated from the company, the person ceases to be an
972	associated member of the protected series.
973	Section 21. Section 605.2303, Florida Statutes, is created
974	to read:
975	605.2303 Protected-series transferable interest
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976	(1) A protected-series transferable interest of a
977	protected series of a series limited liability company must be
978	owned initially by an associated member of the protected series
979	or the series limited liability company.
980	(2) If a protected series of a series limited liability
981	company has no associated members when established, the company
982	owns the protected-series transferable interests in the
983	protected series.
984	(3) In addition to acquiring a protected-series
985	transferable series interest under subsection (2), a series
986	limited liability company may acquire a protected-series
987	transferable interest through a transfer from another person or
988	as provided in the operating agreement.
989	(4) Except for s. 605.2108(1)(c), any provision of this
990	chapter which applies to a protected-series transferee of a
991	protected series of a series limited liability company applies
992	to the company in its capacity as an owner of a protected-series
993	transferable interest of the protected series. Any provision of
994	the operating agreement of a series limited liability company
995	which applies to a protected-series transferee of a protected
996	series of the company applies to the company in its capacity as
997	an owner of a protected-series transferable interest of the
998	protected series.
999	Section 22. Section 605.2304, Florida Statutes, is created
1000	to read:
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1001	605.2304 Management
1002	(1) A protected series may have one or more protected-
1003	series managers.
1004	(2) If a protected series has no associated members, the
1005	series limited liability company is the protected-series
1006	manager.
1007	(3) Section 605.2108 applies to the determination of any
1008	duties of a protected-series manager of a protected series to
1009	each of the following:
1010	(a) The protected series.
1011	(b) Any associated member of the protected series.
1012	(c) Any protected-series transferee of the protected
1013	series.
1014	(4) Solely by reason of being or acting as a protected-
1015	series manager of a protected series, a person owes no duty to
1016	any of the following:
1017	(a) The series limited liability company.
1018	(b) Another protected series of the series limited
1019	liability company.
1020	(c) Another person in that person's capacity as:
1021	1. A member of the series limited liability company which
1022	is not an associated member of the protected series;
1023	2. A protected-series transferee or protected-series
1024	manager of another protected series; or
1025	3. A transferee of the series limited liability company.
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1026	(5) An associated member of a protected series of a series
1027	limited liability company has the same rights as any other
1028	member of the company to vote on or consent to an amendment to
1029	the company's operating agreement or any other matter being
1030	decided by the members, regardless of whether the amendment or
1031	matter affects the interests of the protected series or the
1032	associated member.
1033	(6) The right of a member to maintain a derivative action
1034	to enforce a right of a limited liability company pursuant to s.
1035	605.0802 applies to each of the following:
1036	(a) An associated member of a protected series, in
1037	accordance with s. 605.2108.
1038	(b) A member of a series limited liability company, in
1039	accordance with s. 605.2108.
1040	(7) An associated member of a member-managed protected
1041	series is an agent for the protected series with power to bind
1042	the protected series to the same extent that a member of a
1043	member-managed limited liability company is an agent for the
1044	company with power to bind the company under s. 605.04074(1)(a).
1045	A protected-series manager of a manager-managed protected series
1046	is an agent for the protected series with power to bind the
1047	protected series to the same extent that a manager of a manager-
1048	managed limited liability company is an agent for the company
1049	with power to bind the company under s. 605.04074(2)(b).
1050	Section 23. Section 605.2305, Florida Statutes, is created
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1051 to read: 1052 605.2305 Right of a person that is not an associated 1053 member of a protected series to information of a protected 1054 series.-1055 (1) A member of a series limited liability company which 1056 is not an associated member of a protected series of the company 1057 has a right to information concerning the protected series to 1058 the same extent, in the same manner, and under the same 1059 conditions that a member that is not a manager of a manager-1060 managed limited liability company has a right to information of the company under s. 605.0410(1) and (3)(b). 1061 1062 (2) A person that was formerly an associated member of a 1063 protected series has a right to information concerning the 1064 protected series to the same extent, in the same manner, and 1065 under the same conditions that a person dissociated as a member 1066 of a manager-managed limited liability company has a right to 1067 information concerning the limited liability company under s. 605.0410(4) or other applicable law. 1068 1069 (3) If an associated member of a protected series dies, 1070 the legal representative of the deceased associated member has a 1071 right to information concerning the protected series to the same extent, in the same manner, and under the same conditions that 1072 1073 the legal representative of a deceased member of a limited 1074 liability company has a right to information concerning the 1075 company under ss. 605.0410(9) and 605.0504.

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1076	(4) A protected-series manager of a protected series has a
1077	right to information concerning the protected series to the same
1078	extent, in the same manner, and under the same conditions that a
1079	manager of a manager-managed limited liability company has a
1080	right to information concerning the company under s.
1081	<u>605.0410(3)(a).</u>
1082	(5) The court-ordered inspection provisions of s. 605.0411
1083	apply to the information rights regarding series limited
1084	liability companies and protected series of such companies.
1085	Section 24. Section 605.2401, Florida Statutes, is created
1086	to read:
1087	605.2401 Limitations on liability
1088	(1) A person is not liable, directly or indirectly, by way
1089	of contribution or otherwise, for a debt, an obligation, or
1090	another liability of either of the following:
1091	(a) A protected series of a series limited liability
1092	company solely by reason of being or acting as:
1093	1. An associated member, protected-series manager, or
1094	protected-series transferee of the protected series; or
1095	2. A member, manager, or transferee of the company; or
1096	(b) A series limited liability company solely by reason of
1097	being or acting as an associated member, protected-series
1098	manager, or protected-series transferee of a protected series of
1099	the company.
1100	(2) Subject to s. 605.2404, the following apply:
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1101 (a) A debt, an obligation, or another liability of a 1102 series limited liability company is solely the debt, obligation, 1103 or liability of the company. 1104 (b) A debt, an obligation, or another liability of a 1105 protected series is solely the debt, obligation, or liability of 1106 the protected series. 1107 (c) A series limited liability company is not liable, 1108 directly or indirectly, by way of contribution or otherwise, for 1109 a debt, an obligation, or another liability of a protected series of the company solely by reason of the protected series 1110 1111 being a protected series of the company, or the series limited 1112 liability company: 1113 1. Being or acting as a protected-series manager of the 1114 protected series; 2. Having the protected series manage the series limited 1115 1116 liability company; or 1117 3. Owning a protected-series transferable interest of the 1118 protected series. 1119 (d) A protected series of a series limited liability 1120 company is not liable, directly or indirectly, by way of contribution or otherwise, for a debt, an obligation, or another 1121 1122 liability of the company or another protected series of the 1123 company solely by reason of: 1124 1. Being a protected series of the series limited 1125 liability company;

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1126 2. Being or acting as a manager of the series limited 1127 liability company or a protected-series manager of another 1128 protected series of the company; or 1129 3. Having the series limited liability company or another 1130 protected series of the company be or act as a protected-series 1131 manager of the protected series. 1132 Section 25. Section 605.2402, Florida Statutes, is created 1133 to read: 1134 605.2402 Claim seeking to disregard limitation of 1135 liability.-1136 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), a 1137 claim seeking to disregard a limitation in s. 605.2401 is governed by the principles of law and equity, including a 1138 1139 principle providing a right to a creditor or holding a person 1140 liable for a debt, an obligation, or another liability of 1141 another person, which would apply if each protected series of a 1142 series limited liability company were a limited liability 1143 company formed separately from the series limited liability 1144 company and distinct from the series limited liability company 1145 and any other protected series of the series limited liability 1146 company. 1147 (2) The failure of a limited liability company or a 1148 protected series to observe formalities relating to the exercise 1149 of its powers or management of its activities and affairs is not a ground to disregard a limitation in s. 605.2401(1) but may be 1150

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1151 a ground to disregard a limitation in s. 605.2401(2). 1152 (3) This section applies to a claim seeking to disregard a 1153 limitation of liability applicable to a foreign series limited 1154 liability company or foreign protected series and comparable to a limitation stated in s. 605.2401, if either of the following 1155 1156 applies: 1157 (a) The claimant is a resident of this state, transacting business in this state, or authorized to transact business in 1158 1159 this state; or 1160 (b) The claim is to establish or enforce a liability 1161 arising under law of this state other than this chapter or from an act or omission in this state. 1162 Section 26. Section 605.2403, Florida Statutes, is created 1163 1164 to read: 1165 605.2403 Remedies of judgment creditor of associated 1166 member or protected-series transferee. - The provisions of s. 1167 605.0503 providing or restricting remedies available to a 1168 judgment creditor of a member or transferee of a limited 1169 liability company apply to a judgment creditor of either or both 1170 of the following: 1171 (1) An associated member or a protected-series transferee of a protected series. 1172 1173 (2) A series limited liability company, to the extent the 1174 company owns a protected-series transferable interest of a 1175 protected series.

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1176	Section 27. Section 605.2404, Florida Statutes, is created
1177	to read:
1178	605.2404 Enforcement of claim against non-associated
1179	asset
1180	(1) For the purposes of this section, the term:
1181	(a) "Enforcement date" means 12:01 a.m. on the date on
1182	which a claimant first serves process on a series limited
1183	liability company or protected series in an action seeking to
1184	enforce a claim against an asset of the company or protected
1185	series by attachment, levy, or similar means under this section.
1186	(b) "Incurrence date," subject to s. 605.2608(2), means
1187	the date on which a series limited liability company or
1188	protected series of the company incurred the liability giving
1189	rise to a claim that a claimant seeks to enforce under this
1190	section.
1191	(2) If a claim against a series limited liability company
1192	or a protected series of the company has been reduced to
1193	judgment, in addition to any other remedy provided by law or
1194	equity, the judgment may be enforced in accordance with the
1195	following:
1196	(a) A judgment against the series limited liability
1197	company may be enforced against an asset of a protected series
1198	of the company if the asset:
1199	1. Was a non-associated asset of the protected series on
1200	the incurrence date; or

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1201	2. Is a non-associated asset of the protected series on
1202	the enforcement date.
1203	(b) A judgment against a protected series may be enforced
1204	against an asset of the series limited liability company if the
1205	asset:
1206	1. Was a non-associated asset of the series limited
1207	liability company on the incurrence date; or
1208	2. Is a non-associated asset of the series limited
1209	liability company on the enforcement date.
1210	(c) A judgment against a protected series may be enforced
1211	against an asset of another protected series of the series
1212	limited liability company if the asset:
1213	1. Was a non-associated asset of the other protected
1214	series on the incurrence date; or
1215	2. Is a non-associated asset of the other protected series
1216	on the enforcement date.
1217	(3) In addition to any other remedy provided by law or
1218	equity, if a claim against a series limited liability company or
1219	a protected series has not been reduced to a judgment, and law
1220	other than this chapter permits a prejudgment remedy by
1221	attachment, levy, or similar means, the court may apply
1222	subsection (2) as a prejudgment remedy.
1223	(4) In a proceeding under this section, the party
1224	asserting that an asset is or was an associated asset of a
1225	series limited liability company or a protected series of the

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1226	series limited liability company has the burden of proof on the
1227	issue.
1228	(5) This section applies to an asset of a foreign series
1229	limited liability company or foreign protected series if all of
1230	the following apply:
1231	(a) The asset is real or tangible property located in this
1232	state.
1233	(b) The claimant is a resident of this state or
1234	transacting business or authorized to transact business in this
1235	state, or the claim under this section is to enforce a judgment,
1236	or to seek a prejudgment remedy, pertaining to a liability
1237	arising from the law of this state other than this chapter or an
1238	act or omission in this state.
1239	(c) The asset is not identified in the records of the
1240	foreign series limited liability company or foreign protected
1241	series in a manner comparable to the manner required by s.
1242	<u>605.2301.</u>
1243	Section 28. Section 605.2501, Florida Statutes, is created
1244	to read:
1245	605.2501 Events causing dissolution of protected seriesA
1246	protected series of a series limited liability company is
1247	dissolved, and its activities and affairs must be wound up, upon
1248	the occurrence of any of the following:
1249	(1) Dissolution of the series limited liability company.
1250	(2) Occurrence of an event or a circumstance that the

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1251 operating agreement states causes dissolution of the protected 1252 series. 1253 (3) Affirmative vote or consent of all associated members 1254 of the protected series. 1255 Entry by the court of an order dissolving the (4) 1256 protected series on application by an associated member or a 1257 protected-series manager of the protected series: 1258 (a) In accordance with s. 605.2108; and 1259 (b) To the same extent, in the same manner, and on the 1260 same grounds the court would enter an order dissolving a limited 1261 liability company on application by a member or manager of the 1262 limited liability company pursuant to s. 605.0702. (5) Entry by the court of an order dissolving the 1263 1264 protected series on application by the series limited liability 1265 company or a member or manager of the series limited liability 1266 company: 1267 (a) In accordance with s. 605.2108; and 1268 (b) To the same extent, in the same manner, and on the 1269 same grounds the court would enter an order dissolving a limited liability company on application by a member or manager of the 1270 limited liability company pursuant to s. 605.0702. 1271 1272 (6) Automatic or involuntary dissolution of the series 1273 limited liability company that established the protected series. 1274 (7) The filing of a statement of administrative 1275 dissolution of the limited liability company or a protected

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1276 series of the company by the department pursuant to s. 605.0714. 1277 Section 29. Section 605.2502, Florida Statutes, is created 1278 to read: 1279 605.2502 Winding up dissolved protected series.-(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) and in accordance 1280 with s. 605.2108, the following apply: 1281 1282 (a) A dissolved protected series shall wind up its 1283 activities and affairs in the same manner that a dissolved 1284 limited liability company winds up its activities and affairs 1285 under s. 605.0709, subject to the same requirements and conditions, and with the same effects. 1286 1287 (b) Judicial supervision or another judicial remedy is 1288 available in the winding up of the protected series to the same 1289 extent, in the same manner, under the same conditions, and with 1290 the same effects that apply under s. 605.0709(5). 1291 (2) When a protected series of a series limited liability 1292 company dissolves, the company may deliver to the department for 1293 filing its articles of protected series dissolution stating the 1294 name of the series limited liability company and the protected 1295 series and that the protected series is dissolved. The filing of the articles of dissolution by the department has the same 1296 1297 effect with regard to the protected series as the filing by a 1298 limited liability company of articles of dissolution with the 1299 department under s. 605.0707. (3) When a protected series of a series limited liability 1300

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1301 company has completed winding up in accordance with s. 605.0709, 1302 the company that established the protected series may deliver to 1303 the department for filing a statement of designation cancellation, stating all of the following: 1304 1305 The name of the company and the protected series. (a) 1306 That the protected series is terminated with the (b) 1307 effective date of the termination if that date is not the date 1308 of filing of the statement of designation cancellation. 1309 (c) Any other information required by the department. 1310 The filing of the statement of designation (4) 1311 cancellation by the department has the same effect as the filing 1312 by the department of a statement of termination under s. 1313 605.0709(7). 1314 (5) A series limited liability company has not completed 1315 its winding up until each of the protected series of the company 1316 has completed its winding up. 1317 Section 30. Section 605.2503, Florida Statutes, is created 1318 to read: 1319 605.2503 Effects of reinstatement of series limited 1320 liability company; revocation of voluntary dissolution.-If a series limited liability company that has been administratively 1321 dissolved is reinstated, or if a series limited liability 1322 1323 company that voluntarily dissolved revokes its articles of 1324 dissolution before filing a statement of termination, both of 1325 the following apply:

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1326 (1) Each protected series of the series limited liability 1327 company ceases winding up. 1328 (2) Section 605.0708 applies to the series limited liability company and to each protected series of the company, 1329 1330 in accordance with s. 605.2108. Section 31. Section 605.2601, Florida Statutes, is created 1331 1332 to read: 1333 605.2601 Entity transactions involving a series limited 1334 liability company or a protected series of the company 1335 restricted; definitions.-As used in ss. 605.2601-605.2608, the 1336 term: 1337 (1) "After a merger" or "after the merger" means when a merger under s. 605.2604 becomes effective and any time 1338 1339 thereafter. 1340 (2) "Before a merger" or "before the merger" means before 1341 a merger under s. 605.2604 becomes effective. (3) "Continuing protected series" means a protected series 1342 of a surviving series limited liability company which continues 1343 1344 in uninterrupted existence after a merger under s. 605.2604. 1345 (4) "Merging company" means a limited liability company that is party to a merger under s. 605.2604. 1346 1347 (5) "Non-surviving company" means a merging company that 1348 does not continue in existence after a merger under s. 605.2604. (6) "Relocated protected series" means a protected series 1349 of a non-surviving company which, after a merger under s. 1350

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1351	605.2604, continues in uninterrupted existence as a protected
1352	series of the surviving company.
1353	(7) "Surviving company" means a merging company that
1354	continues in existence after a merger under s. 605.2604.
1355	Section 32. Section 605.2602, Florida Statutes, is created
1356	to read:
1357	605.2602 Restrictions on entity transactions involving
1358	protected seriesExcept as provided in ss. 605.2605(2),
1359	605.2606(2), and 605.2607(1), a protected series may not be a
1360	party to; be formed, organized, established, or created in; or
1361	result from either of the following:
1362	(1) A conversion, domestication, interest exchange, or
1363	merger under this chapter or the law of a foreign jurisdiction,
1364	however the transaction is denominated under such law; or
1365	(2) A transaction with the same substantive effect as a
1366	conversion, domestication, interest exchange, or merger.
1367	Section 33. Section 605.2603, Florida Statutes, is created
1368	to read:
1369	605.2603 Restrictions on entity transactions involving
1370	series limited liability company.—A series limited liability
1371	company may not be:
1372	(1) A party to, formed, organized, created in, or result
1373	from either of the following:
1374	(a) A conversion, domestication, or interest exchange,
1375	under this chapter or the law of a foreign jurisdiction, however
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1376 the transaction is denominated under such law; or 1377 (b) A transaction with the same substantive effect as a 1378 conversion, domestication, or interest exchange. 1379 (2) Except as otherwise provided in s. 605.2604, a party 1380 to or the surviving company of either of the following: 1381 (a) A merger under this chapter or the law of a foreign 1382 jurisdiction, however a merger is denominated under such law; or 1383 (b) A transaction with the same substantive effect as a 1384 merger. 1385 Section 34. Section 605.2604, Florida Statutes, is created 1386 to read: 1387 605.2604 Restrictions on merger.-A series limited liability company may be a party to a merger in accordance with 1388 1389 ss. 605.1021-605.1026, this section, and ss. 605.2605-605.2608 1390 only if both of the following apply: 1391 (1) Each other party to the merger is a limited liability 1392 company. 1393 (2) The surviving company is not created in the merger. 1394 Section 35. Section 605.2605, Florida Statutes, is created 1395 to read: 605.2605 Plan of merger.-In a merger under s. 605.2604, 1396 1397 the plan of merger must do all of the following: 1398 (1) Comply with s. 605.1022 relating to the contents of a 1399 plan of merger of a limited liability company. 1400 (2) State in a record: Page 56 of 72

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1401	(a) For any protected series of a non-surviving company,
1402	whether, after the merger, the protected series will be a
1403	relocated protected series or be dissolved, wound up, and
1404	terminated.
1405	(b) For any protected series of the surviving company
1406	which exists before the merger, whether, after the merger, the
1407	protected series will be a continuing protected series or be
1408	dissolved, wound up, and terminated.
1409	(c) For each relocated protected series or continuing
1410	protected series:
1411	1. The name of any person that becomes an associated
1412	member or a protected-series transferee of the protected series
1413	after the merger, any consideration to be paid by, on behalf of,
1414	or in respect of the person, the name of the payor, and the name
1415	of the payee;
1416	2. The name of any person which rights or obligations in
1417	the person's capacity as an associated member or a protected-
1418	series transferee will change after the merger;
1419	3. Any consideration to be paid to a person that before
1420	the merger was an associated member or a protected-series
1421	transferee of the protected series and the name of the payor;
1422	and
1423	4. If, after the merger, the protected series will be a
1424	relocated protected series, its new name.
1425	(d) For any protected series to be established by the
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1426 surviving company as a result of the merger: 1427 1. The name of the protected series and the address of its 1428 principal office; 1429 2. Any protected-series transferable interest to be owned 1430 by the surviving company when the protected series is 1431 established; and 1432 3. The name of and any protected-series transferable 1433 interest owned by any person that will be an associated member 1434 of the protected series when the protected series is 1435 established. 1436 (e) For any person that is an associated member of a 1437 relocated protected series and will remain a member after the 1438 merger, any amendment to the operating agreement of the 1439 surviving limited liability company which: 1440 1. Is or is proposed to be in a record; and 1441 2. Is necessary or appropriate to state the rights and 1442 obligations of the person as a member of the surviving limited 1443 liability company. 1444 Section 36. Section 605.2606, Florida Statutes, is created 1445 to read: 1446 605.2606 Articles of merger.-In a merger under s. 605.2604, the articles of merger must do all of the following: 1447 1448 (1) Comply with s. 605.1025 relating to the articles of 1449 merger. 1450 (2) Include as an attachment all of the following records,

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1451 each to become effective when the merger becomes effective: 1452 (a) For a protected series of a merging company being 1453 terminated as a result of the merger, a statement of designation 1454 cancellation and termination signed by the non-surviving merging 1455 company. 1456 (b) For a protected series of a non-surviving company 1457 which after the merger will be a relocated protected series: 1458 1. A statement of relocation signed by the non-surviving 1459 company which contains the name of the series limited liability 1460 company and the name of the protected series before and after 1461 the merger; and 1462 2. A statement of protected series designation signed by 1463 the surviving company. 1464 (c) For a protected series being established by the 1465 surviving company as a result of the merger, a protected series 1466 designation signed by the surviving company. 1467 Section 37. Section 605.2607, Florida Statutes, is created 1468 to read: 1469 605.2607 Effect of merger.-When a merger of a protected 1470 series under s. 605.2604 becomes effective, in addition to the effects stated in s. 605.1026, all of the following apply: 1471 1472 (1) As provided in the plan of merger, each protected 1473 series of each merging series limited liability company which 1474 was established before the merger is either a relocated 1475 protected series or continuing protected series, or is

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1476 dissolved, wound up, and terminated. 1477 Any protected series to be established as a result of (2) 1478 the merger is established. 1479 (3) Any relocated protected series or continuing protected 1480 series is the same person without interruption as it was before 1481 the merger. 1482 (4) All property of a relocated protected series or 1483 continuing protected series continues to be vested in the 1484 protected series without transfer, reversion, or impairment. 1485 (5) All debts, obligations, and other liabilities of a 1486 relocated protected series or continuing protected series 1487 continue as debts, obligations, and other liabilities of the relocated protected series or continuing protected series. 1488 1489 (6) Except as otherwise provided by law or the plan of 1490 merger, all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, and 1491 purposes of a relocated protected series or continuing protected 1492 series remain in the protected series. 1493 The new name of a relocated protected series may be (7) 1494 substituted for the former name of the relocated protected 1495 series in any pending action or proceeding. 1496 (8) To the extent provided in the plan of merger, the 1497 following apply: 1498 (a) A person becomes an associated member or a protected-1499 series transferee of a relocated protected series or continuing

1500 protected series.

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1501	(b) A person becomes an associated member of a protected
1502	series established by the surviving company as a result of the
1503	merger.
1504	(c) Any change in the rights or obligations of a person in
1505	the person's capacity as an associated member or a protected-
1506	series transferee of a relocated protected series or continuing
1507	protected series takes effect.
1508	(d) Any consideration to be paid to a person that before
1509	the merger was an associated member or a protected-series
1510	transferee of a relocated protected series or continuing
1511	protected series is due.
1512	(9) Any person that is an associated member of a relocated
1513	protected series becomes a member of the surviving company, if
1514	not already a member.
1515	Section 38. Section 605.2608, Florida Statutes, is created
1516	to read:
1517	605.2608 Application of s. 605.2404 after merger
1518	(1) A creditor's right that existed under s. 605.2404
1519	immediately before a merger under that section may be enforced
1520	after the merger in accordance with the following provisions:
1521	(a) A creditor's right that existed immediately before the
1522	merger against the surviving company, a continuing protected
1523	series, or a relocated protected series continues without change
1524	after the merger.
1525	(b) A creditor's right that existed immediately before the
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1526	merger against a non-surviving company:
1527	1. May be asserted against an asset of the non-surviving
1528	company which vested in the surviving company as a result of the
1529	merger; and
1530	2. Does not otherwise change.
1531	(c) Subject to subsection (2), the following provisions
1532	apply:
1533	1. In addition to the remedy stated in paragraph (b), a
1534	creditor with a right conferred under s. 605.2404 which existed
1535	immediately before the merger against a non-surviving company or
1536	a relocated protected series may assert the right against:
1537	a. An asset of the surviving company, other than an asset
1538	of the non-surviving company which vested in the surviving
1539	company as a result of the merger;
1540	b. An asset of a continuing protected series;
1541	c. An asset of a protected series established by the
1542	surviving company as a result of the merger;
1543	d. If the creditor's right was against an asset of the
1544	non-surviving company, an asset of a relocated protected series;
1545	or
1546	e. If the creditor's right was against an asset of a
1547	relocated protected series, an asset of another relocated
1548	protected series.
1549	2. In addition to the remedy stated in paragraph (b), a
1550	creditor with a right that existed immediately before the merger
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1551	against the surviving company or a continuing protected series
1552	may assert the right against:
1553	a. An asset of a relocated protected series; or
1554	b. An asset of a non-surviving company which vested in the
1555	surviving company as a result of the merger.
1556	(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c) and s.
1557	605.2404(2)(a)1., (b)1., and (c)1., the incurrence date is
1558	deemed to be the date on which the merger becomes effective.
1559	(3) A merger under s. 605.2604 does not affect the manner
1560	in which s. 605.2404 applies to a liability incurred after the
1561	merger becomes effective.
1562	Section 39. Section 605.2701, Florida Statutes, is created
1563	to read:
1564	605.2701 Governing law; foreign series limited liability
1565	companies and foreign protected seriesThe law of the
1566	jurisdiction of formation of a foreign series limited liability
1567	company governs all of the following:
1568	(1) The internal affairs of a foreign protected series of
1569	the foreign series limited liability company, including the
1570	following:
1571	(a) Relations among any associated members of the foreign
1572	protected series.
1573	(b) Relations between the foreign protected series and:
1574	1. Any associated member;
1575	2. Any protected-series manager; or
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1576	3. Any protected-series transferee.
1577	(c) Relations between any associated member and:
1578	1. Any protected-series manager; or
1579	2. Any protected-series transferee.
1580	(d) The rights and duties of a protected-series manager.
1581	(e) Governance decisions affecting the activities and
1582	affairs of the foreign protected series and the conduct of those
1583	activities and affairs.
1584	(f) Procedures and conditions for becoming an associated
1585	member or a protected-series transferee.
1586	(2) Relations between the foreign protected series and the
1587	following:
1588	(a) The foreign series limited liability company.
1589	(b) Another foreign protected series of the foreign series
1590	limited liability company.
1591	(c) A member of the foreign series limited liability
1592	company which is not an associated member of the foreign
1593	protected series.
1594	(d) A foreign protected-series manager that is not a
1595	protected-series manager of the foreign protected series.
1596	(e) A foreign protected-series transferee that is not a
1597	foreign protected-series transferee of the foreign protected
1598	series.
1599	(f) A transferee of a transferable interest of the foreign
1600	series limited liability company.

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1601 (3) Except as otherwise provided in ss. 605.2402 and 1602 605.2404, the liability of a person for a debt, an obligation, 1603 or another liability of a foreign protected series of a foreign 1604 series limited liability company if the debt, obligation, or 1605 liability is asserted solely by reason of the person being or 1606 acting as any of the following: 1607 (a) An associated member, a protected-series transferee, 1608 or a protected-series manager of the foreign protected series. 1609 (b) A member of the foreign series limited liability 1610 company which is not an associated member of the foreign 1611 protected series. 1612 (c) A protected-series manager of another foreign protected series of the foreign series limited liability 1613 1614 company. (d) A protected-series transferee of another foreign 1615 1616 protected series of the foreign series limited liability 1617 company. 1618 (e) A manager of the foreign series limited liability 1619 company. 1620 (f) A transferee of a transferable interest of the foreign 1621 series limited liability company. 1622 (4) Except as otherwise provided in ss. 605.2402 and 1623 605.2404, the following apply: 1624 (a) The liability of the foreign series limited liability company for a debt, an obligation, or another liability of a 1625

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1626 foreign protected series of the foreign series limited liability 1627 company if the debt, obligation, or liability is asserted solely 1628 by reason of the foreign protected series being a foreign protected series of the foreign series limited liability 1629 1630 company, or the foreign protected series limited liability 1631 company: 1632 1. Being or acting as a foreign protected-series manager 1633 of the foreign protected series; 1634 2. Having the foreign protected series manage the foreign 1635 series limited liability company; or 1636 3. Owning a protected-series transferable interest of the 1637 foreign protected series. (b) The liability of a foreign protected series for a 1638 1639 debt, an obligation, or another liability of the foreign series 1640 limited liability company or another foreign protected series of 1641 the foreign series limited liability company, if the debt, 1642 obligation, or liability is asserted solely by reason of the 1643 foreign protected series: 1644 1. Being a foreign protected series of the foreign series 1645 limited liability company or having the foreign series limited liability company or another foreign protected series of the 1646 foreign series limited liability company be or act as a foreign 1647 1648 protected-series manager of the foreign protected series; or 1649 2. Managing the foreign series limited liability company or being or acting as a foreign protected-series manager of 1650

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1651 another foreign protected series of the foreign series limited 1652 liability company. 1653 Section 40. Section 605.2702, Florida Statutes, is created 1654 to read: 605.2702 No attribution of activities constituting 1655 1656 transacting business or for establishing jurisdiction.-In determining whether a foreign series limited liability company 1657 1658 or foreign protected series of the foreign series limited 1659 liability company is transacting business in this state or is 1660 subject to the personal jurisdiction of the courts in this 1661 state, the following apply: (1) The activities and affairs of the foreign series 1662 1663 limited liability company are not attributable to a foreign 1664 protected series of the foreign series limited liability company solely by reason of the foreign protected series being a foreign 1665 1666 protected series of the foreign series limited liability 1667 company. 1668 (2) The activities and affairs of a foreign protected series are not attributable to the foreign series limited 1669 1670 liability company or another foreign protected series of the 1671 foreign series limited liability company, solely by reason of 1672 the foreign protected series being a foreign protected series of the foreign series limited <u>liability company.</u> 1673 1674 Section 41. Section 605.2703, Florida Statutes, is created 1675 to read:

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1676	605.2703 Certificate of authority for foreign series
1677	limited liability company and foreign protected series;
1678	amendment of application
1679	(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and
1680	subject to ss. 605.2402 and 605.2404, the laws of this state
1681	governing application by a foreign limited liability company to
1682	obtain a certificate of authority to transact business in this
1683	state as required under s. 605.0902, including the effect of
1684	obtaining a certificate of authority under s. 605.0903, and the
1685	effect of failure to have a certificate of authority as
1686	described in s. 605.0904, apply to a foreign series limited
1687	liability company and to a foreign protected series of a foreign
1688	series limited liability company, as if the foreign protected
1689	series was a foreign limited liability company formed separately
1690	from the foreign series limited liability company, and distinct
1691	from the foreign series limited liability company and any other
1692	foreign protected series of the foreign series limited liability
1693	company.
1694	(2) An application by a foreign protected series of a
1695	foreign series limited liability company for a certificate of
1696	authority to transact business in this state must include all of
1697	the following:
1698	(a) The name and jurisdiction of formation of the foreign
1699	series limited liability company and the foreign protected
1700	series seeking a certificate of authority, and all of the other
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1701 information required under s. 605.0902, and any other 1702 information required by the department. 1703 (b) If the company has other foreign protected series, the 1704 name, title, capacity, and street and mailing address of at 1705 least one person that has the authority to manage the foreign 1706 limited liability company and who knows the name and street and 1707 mailing_address of: 1708 1. Each other foreign protected series of the foreign 1709 series limited liability company; and 1710 2. The foreign protected-series manager of, and the registered agent for service of process on, each other foreign 1711 protected series of the foreign series limited liability 1712 1713 company. 1714 (3) The name of a foreign protected series applying for a 1715 certificate of authority to transact business in this state must 1716 comply with ss. 605.0112 and 605.2202, which may be accomplished 1717 by using an alternate name pursuant to ss. 605.0906 and 865.09, 1718 if the alternate name complies with ss. 605.0112, 605.0906, and 1719 605.2202. 1720 (4) The requirements in s. 605.0907 relating to required 1721 information and amending of a certificate of authority apply to 1722 the information required by subsection (2). 1723 (5) Sections 605.0903-605.0912 apply to a foreign limited 1724 liability company and to a protected series of a foreign series limited liability company applying for, amending, or withdrawing 1725

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1726	a certificate of authority to transact business in this state.
1727	Section 42. Section 605.2704, Florida Statutes, is created
1728	to read:
1729	605.2704 Disclosure required when a foreign series limited
1730	liability company or foreign protected series becomes a party to
1731	proceeding
1732	(1) Not later than 30 days after becoming a party to a
1733	proceeding before a civil, administrative, or other adjudicative
1734	tribunal of or located in this state, or a tribunal of the
1735	United States located in this state:
1736	(a) A foreign series limited liability company shall
1737	disclose to each other party the name and street and mailing
1738	address of:
1739	1. Each foreign protected series of the foreign series
1740	limited liability company; and
1741	2. Each foreign protected-series manager of and a
1742	registered agent for service of process for each foreign
1742 1743	registered agent for service of process for each foreign protected series of the foreign series limited liability
1743	protected series of the foreign series limited liability
1743 1744	protected series of the foreign series limited liability company.
1743 1744 1745	protected series of the foreign series limited liability company. (b) A foreign protected series of a foreign series limited
1743 1744 1745 1746	protected series of the foreign series limited liability <u>company.</u> (b) A foreign protected series of a foreign series limited <u>liability company shall disclose to each other party the name</u>
1743 1744 1745 1746 1747	protected series of the foreign series limited liability <u>company.</u> (b) A foreign protected series of a foreign series limited <u>liability company shall disclose to each other party the name</u> <u>and street and mailing address of:</u>
1743 1744 1745 1746 1747 1748	protected series of the foreign series limited liability company. (b) A foreign protected series of a foreign series limited liability company shall disclose to each other party the name and street and mailing address of: 1. The foreign series limited liability company and each

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1751	<u>liability company; and</u>
1752	2. Any other foreign protected series of the foreign
1753	series limited liability company and each foreign protected-
1754	series manager of and an agent for service of process for the
1755	other foreign protected series.
1756	(2) If a foreign series limited liability company or
1757	foreign protected series challenges the personal jurisdiction of
1758	the tribunal, the requirement that the foreign series limited
1759	liability company or foreign protected series make disclosure
1760	under subsection (1) is tolled until the tribunal determines
1761	whether it has personal jurisdiction.
1762	(3) If a foreign series limited liability company or
1763	foreign protected series does not comply with subsection (1), a
1764	party to the proceeding may do one or both of the following:
1765	(a) Request the tribunal to treat the noncompliance as a
1766	failure to comply with the tribunal's discovery rules.
1767	(b) Bring a separate proceeding in the court to enforce
1768	subsection (1).
1769	Section 43. Section 605.2801, Florida Statutes, is created
1770	to read:
1771	605.2801 Relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and
1772	National Commerce ActSection 605.1102 applies to ss. 605.2101-
1773	<u>605.2802.</u>
1774	Section 44. Section 605.2802, Florida Statutes, is created
1775	to read:
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1776	605.2802 Effective date
1777	(1) Beginning January 1, 2025, this chapter governs all
1778	domestic and foreign protected series limited liability
1779	companies and all domestic protected series and all foreign
1780	series that transact business in this state.
1781	(2) A domestic limited liability company formed before
1782	January 1, 2025, may not create or designate any protected
1783	series before the effective date of this act.
1784	Section 45. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

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