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Senator Brandes moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 326.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

326.004 Licensing.-

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



L3	Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 447.02, Florida
L 4	Statutes, is amended to read:
L5	447.02 DefinitionsThe following terms, when used in this
L 6	chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this
L7	section:
L8	(3) The term "department" means the Department of Business
L 9	and Professional Regulation.
20	Section 3. <u>Section 447.04</u> , Florida Statutes, is repealed.
21	Section 4. Section 447.041, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
22	Section 5. <u>Section 447.045</u> , Florida Statutes, is repealed.
23	Section 6. <u>Section 447.06</u> , Florida Statutes, is repealed.
24	Section 7. Subsections (6) and (8) of section 447.09,
25	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
26	447.09 Right of franchise preserved; penalties.—It shall be
27	unlawful for any person:
28	(6) To act as a business agent without having obtained and
29	possessing a valid and subsisting license or permit.
30	(8) To make any false statement in an application for a
31	license.
32	Section 8. <u>Section 447.12</u> , Florida Statutes, is repealed.
33	Section 9. <u>Section 447.16</u> , Florida Statutes, is repealed.
34	Section 10. Section 468.401, Florida Statutes, is reordered
35	and amended to read:
36	468.401 Regulation of Talent agencies; definitions.—As used
37	in this part, the term or any rule adopted pursuant hereto:
38	(8) (1) "Talent agency" means any person who, for
39	compensation, engages in the occupation or business of procuring
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- (6) (2) "Owner" means any partner in a partnership, member of a firm, or principal officer or officers of a corporation, whose partnership, firm, or corporation owns a talent agency, or any individual who is the sole owner of a talent agency.
 - (3) "Compensation" means any one or more of the following:
- (a) Any money or other valuable consideration paid or promised to be paid for services rendered by any person conducting the business of a talent agency under this part;
- (b) Any money received by any person in excess of that which has been paid out by such person for transportation, transfer of baggage, or board and lodging for any applicant for employment; or
- (c) The difference between the amount of money received by any person who furnishes employees, performers, or entertainers for circus, vaudeville, theatrical, or other entertainments, exhibitions, engagements, or performances and the amount paid by him or her to such employee, performer, or entertainer.
- (4) "Engagement" means any employment or placement of an artist, where the artist performs in his or her artistic capacity. However, the term "engagement" shall not apply to procuring opera, music, theater, or dance engagements for any organization defined in s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any nonprofit Florida arts organization that has received a grant from the Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State or has participated in the state touring program of the Division of Cultural Affairs.
- (5) "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
 - (5) (6) "Operator" means the person who is or who will be in



actual charge of a talent agency.

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- (2) (7) "Buyer" or "employer" means a person, company, partnership, or corporation that uses the services of a talent agency to provide artists.
- (1) (8) "Artist" means a person performing on the professional stage or in the production of television, radio, or motion pictures; a musician or group of musicians; or a model.
- (7) (9) "Person" means any individual, company, society, firm, partnership, association, corporation, manager, or any agent or employee of any of the foregoing.
- (10) "License" means a license issued by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to carry on the business a talent agency under this part.
- (11) "Licensee" means a talent agency which holds a valid unrevoked and unforfeited license issued under this part.
 - Section 11. Section 468.402, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
 - Section 12. Section 468.403, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
 - Section 13. Section 468.404, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
 - Section 14. Section 468.405, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 468.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 468.406 Fees to be charged by talent agencies; rates; display.-
- (1) Each owner or operator of a talent agency shall post applicant for a license shall file with the application an itemized schedule of maximum fees, charges, and commissions that which it intends to charge and collect for its services. This schedule may thereafter be raised only by filing with the department an amended or supplemental schedule at least 30 days

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before the change is to become effective. The schedule shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each place of business of the agency, and the schedule shall be printed in not less than a 30point boldfaced type, except that an agency that uses written contracts containing maximum fee schedules need not post such schedules.

Section 16. Section 468.407, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 468.408, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.408 Bond required.-

- (1) A There shall be filed with the department for each talent agency shall obtain license a bond in the form of a surety by a reputable company engaged in the bonding business and authorized to do business in this state. The bond shall be for the penal sum of \$5,000, with one or more sureties to be approved by the department, and be conditioned that the talent agency applicant conform to and not violate any of the duties, terms, conditions, provisions, or requirements of this part.
- (a) If any person is aggrieved by the misconduct of any talent agency, the person may maintain an action in his or her own name upon the bond of the agency in any court having jurisdiction of the amount claimed. All such claims shall be assignable, and the assignee shall be entitled to the same remedies, upon the bond of the agency or otherwise, as the person aggrieved would have been entitled to if such claim had not been assigned. Any claim or claims so assigned may be enforced in the name of such assignee.
- (b) The bonding company shall notify the talent agency department of any claim against such bond, and a copy of such

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notice shall be sent to the talent agency against which the claim is made.

Section 18. Section 468.409, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.409 Records required to be kept.—Each talent agency shall keep on file the application, registration, or contract of each artist. In addition, such file must include the name and address of each artist, the amount of the compensation received, and all attempts to procure engagements for the artist. No such agency or employee thereof shall knowingly make any false entry in applicant files or receipt files. Each card or document in such files shall be preserved for a period of 1 year after the date of the last entry thereon. Records required under this section shall be readily available for inspection by the department during reasonable business hours at the talent agency's principal office. A talent agency must provide the department with true copies of the records in the manner prescribed by the department.

Section 19. Subsection (3) of section 468.410, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.410 Prohibition against registration fees; referral.-

(3) A talent agency shall give each applicant a copy of a contract, within 24 hours after the contract's execution, which lists the services to be provided and the fees to be charged. The contract shall state that the talent agency is regulated by the department and shall list the address and telephone number of the department.

Section 20. Section 468.412, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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468.412 Talent agency regulations; prohibited acts.-

- (1) A talent agency shall maintain a record sheet for each booking. This shall be the only required record of placement and shall be kept for a period of 1 year after the date of the last entry in the buyer's file.
- (2) Each talent agency shall keep records in which shall be entered:
- (a) The name and address of each artist employing such talent agency;
 - (b) The amount of fees received from each such artist; and
- (c) The employment in which each such artist is engaged at the time of employing such talent agency and the amount of compensation of the artist in such employment, if any, and the employments subsequently secured by such artist during the term of the contract between the artist and the talent agency and the amount of compensation received by the artist pursuant thereto. + and
- (d) Other information which the department may require from time to time.
- (3) All books, records, and other papers kept pursuant to this act by any talent agency shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of the department and its agents. Each talent agency shall furnish to the department, upon request, a true copy of such books, records, and papers, or any portion thereof, and shall make such reports as the department may prescribe from time to time.
- (3) (4) Each talent agency shall post in a conspicuous place in the office of such talent agency a printed copy of this part and of the rules adopted under this part. Such copies shall also

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- (4) (a) (5) (a) No talent agency may knowingly issue a contract for employment containing any term or condition which, if complied with, would be in violation of law, or attempt to fill an order for help to be employed in violation of law.
- (b) A talent agency must advise an artist, in writing, that the artist has a right to rescind a contract for employment within the first 3 business days after the contract's execution. Any engagement procured by the talent agency for the artist during the first 3 business days of the contract remains commissionable to the talent agency.
- (5) (6) No talent agency may publish or cause to be published any false, fraudulent, or misleading information, representation, notice, or advertisement. All advertisements of a talent agency by means of card, circulars, or signs, and in newspapers and other publications, and all letterheads, receipts, and blanks shall be printed and contain the licensed name, department license number, and address of the talent agency and the words "talent agency." No talent agency may give any false information or make any false promises or representations concerning an engagement or employment to any applicant who applies for an engagement or employment.
- (6) (7) No talent agency may send or cause to be sent any person as an employee to any house of ill fame, to any house or place of amusement for immoral purposes, to any place resorted to for the purposes of prostitution, to any place for the

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modeling or photographing of a minor in the nude in the absence of written permission from the minor's parents or legal quardians, the character of which places the talent agency could have ascertained upon reasonable inquiry.

(7) (8) No talent agency, without the written consent of the artist, may divide fees with anyone, including, but not limited to, an agent or other employee of an employer, a buyer, a casting director, a producer, a director, or any venue that uses entertainment. For purposes of this subsection, to "divide fees" includes the sharing among two or more persons of those fees charged to an artist for services performed on behalf of that artist, the total amount of which fees exceeds the amount that would have been charged to the artist by the talent agency alone.

(8) (9) If a talent agency collects from an artist a fee or expenses for obtaining employment for the artist, and the artist fails to procure such employment, or the artist fails to be paid for such employment if procured, such talent agency shall, upon demand therefor, repay to the artist the fee and expenses so collected. Unless repayment thereof is made within 48 hours after demand therefor, the talent agency shall pay to the artist an additional sum equal to the amount of the fee.

(9) (10) Each talent agency must maintain a permanent office and must maintain regular operating hours at that office.

(10) (11) A talent agency may assign an engagement contract to another talent agency licensed in this state only if the artist agrees in writing to the assignment. The assignment must occur, and written notice of the assignment must be given to the artist, within 30 days after the artist agrees in writing to the



244 assignment. 245 Section 21. Section 468.413, Florida Statutes, is amended 246 to read: 247 468.413 Legal requirements; penalties.-248 (1) Each of the following acts constitutes a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, 249 250 or s. 775.084: 251 (a) Owning or operating, or soliciting business as, a 252 talent agency in this state without first procuring a license 253 from the department. 254 (b) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license by means of 255 fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment. (1) Each of the following acts constitutes a misdemeanor 256 257 of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 258 775.083: 259 (a) Relocating a business as a talent agency, or operating 260 under any name other than that designated on the license, unless 261 written notification is given to the department and to the 262 surety or sureties on the original bond, and unless the license 263 is returned to the department for the recording thereon of such 264 changes. 265 (b) Assigning or attempting to assign a license issued 266 under this part. 2.67 (c) Failing to show on a license application whether or not 268 the agency or any owner of the agency is financially interested 269 in any other business of like nature and, if so, failing to 270 specify such interest or interests. 271 (a) (d) Failing to maintain the records required by s. 272 468.409 or knowingly making false entries in such records.

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- (b) (e) Requiring as a condition to registering or obtaining employment or placement for any applicant that the applicant subscribe to, purchase, or attend any publication, postcard service, advertisement, resume service, photography service, school, acting school, workshop, or acting workshop.
- (c) (f) Failing to give each applicant a copy of a contract which lists the services to be provided and the fees to be charged by, which states that the talent agency is regulated by the department, and which lists the address and telephone number of the department.
- (d) (g) Failing to maintain a record sheet as required by s. 468.412(1).
- (e) (h) Knowingly sending or causing to be sent any artist to a prospective employer or place of business, the character or operation of which employer or place of business the talent agency knows to be in violation of the laws of the United States or of this state.
- (3) The court may, in addition to other punishment provided for in subsection (2), suspend or revoke the license of any licensee under this part who has been found guilty of any misdemeanor listed in subsection (2).
- (2) (2) (4) In the event that the department or any state attorney shall have probable cause to believe that a talent agency or other person has violated any provision of subsection (1), an action may be brought by the department or any state attorney to enjoin such talent agency or any person from continuing such violation, or engaging therein or doing any acts in furtherance thereof, and for such other relief as to the court seems appropriate. In addition to this remedy, the

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department may assess a penalty against any talent agency person in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Section 22. Section 468.414, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 23. Section 468.415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.415 Sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency.-The talent agent-artist relationship is founded on mutual trust. Sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency means violation of the talent agent-artist relationship through which the talent agent uses the relationship to induce or attempt to induce the artist to engage or attempt to engage in sexual activity. Sexual misconduct is prohibited in the operation of a talent agency. If Any agent, owner, or operator of a licensed talent agency who commits is found to have $\frac{\text{committed}}{\text{committed}}$ sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency, the agency license shall be permanently revoked. Such agent, owner, or operator shall be permanently prohibited from acting disqualified from present and future licensure as an agent, owner, or operator of a Florida talent agency.

Section 24. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (2), subsection (3), paragraph (b) of subsection (4), and subsection (6) of section 469.006, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

469.006 Licensure of business organizations; qualifying agents.-

(2) (a) If the applicant proposes to engage in consulting or contracting as a partnership, corporation, business trust, or other legal entity, or in any name other than the applicant's legal name, the legal entity must apply for licensure through a qualifying agent or the individual applicant must apply for

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licensure under the fictitious name of the business organization.

- (e) A The license, when issued upon application of a business organization, must be in the name of the qualifying agent business organization, and the name of the business organization qualifying agent must be noted on the license thereon. If there is a change in any information that is required to be stated on the application, the qualifying agent business organization shall, within 45 days after such change occurs, mail the correct information to the department.
- (3) The qualifying agent must shall be licensed under this chapter in order for the business organization to be qualified licensed in the category of the business conducted for which the qualifying agent is licensed. If any qualifying agent ceases to be affiliated with such business organization, the agent shall so inform the department. In addition, if such qualifying agent is the only licensed individual affiliated with the business organization, the business organization shall notify the department of the termination of the qualifying agent and has shall have 60 days after from the date of termination of the qualifying agent's affiliation with the business organization in which to employ another qualifying agent. The business organization may not engage in consulting or contracting until a qualifying agent is employed, unless the department has granted a temporary nonrenewable license to the financially responsible officer, the president, the sole proprietor, a partner, or, in the case of a limited partnership, the general partner, who assumes all responsibilities of a primary qualifying agent for the entity. This temporary license only allows shall only allow



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- (b) Upon a favorable determination by the department, after investigation of the financial responsibility, credit, and business reputation of the qualifying agent and the new business organization, the department shall issue, without any examination, a new license in the qualifying agent's business organization's name, and the name of the business organization qualifying agent shall be noted thereon.
- (6) Each qualifying agent shall pay the department an amount equal to the original fee for licensure of a new business organization. if the qualifying agent for a business organization desires to qualify additional business organizations. τ The department shall require the agent to present evidence of supervisory ability and financial responsibility of each such organization. Allowing a licensee to qualify more than one business organization must shall be conditioned upon the licensee showing that the licensee has both the capacity and intent to adequately supervise each business organization. The department may shall not limit the number of business organizations that which the licensee may qualify except upon the licensee's failure to provide such information as is required under this subsection or upon a finding that the such information or evidence as is supplied is incomplete or unpersuasive in showing the licensee's capacity and intent to comply with the requirements of this subsection. A qualification for an additional business organization may be revoked or suspended upon a finding by the department that the licensee has failed in the licensee's responsibility to adequately supervise

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Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 469.009, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

469.009 License revocation, suspension, and denial of issuance or renewal.-

- (1) The department may revoke, suspend, or deny the issuance or renewal of a license; reprimand, censure, or place on probation any contractor, consultant, or financially responsible officer, or business organization; require financial restitution to a consumer; impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 per violation; require continuing education; or assess costs associated with any investigation and prosecution if the contractor or consultant, or business organization or officer or agent thereof, is found guilty of any of the following acts:
- (a) Willfully or deliberately disregarding or violating the health and safety standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Construction Safety Act, the National Emission Standards for Asbestos, the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Abatement Projects Worker Protection Rule, the Florida Statutes or rules promulgated thereunder, or any ordinance enacted by a political subdivision of this state.
 - (b) Violating any provision of chapter 455.
- (c) Failing in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated hereunder.
 - (d) Acting in the capacity of an asbestos contractor or

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asbestos consultant under any license issued under this chapter except in the name of the licensee as set forth on the issued license.

- (e) Proceeding on any job without obtaining all applicable approvals, authorizations, permits, and inspections.
 - (f) Obtaining a license by fraud or misrepresentation.
- (q) Being convicted or found quilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting or the ability to practice asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (h) Knowingly violating any building code, lifesafety code, or county or municipal ordinance relating to the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (i) Performing any act which assists a person or entity in engaging in the prohibited unlicensed practice of asbestos consulting or contracting, if the licensee knows or has reasonable grounds to know that the person or entity was unlicensed.
- (j) Committing mismanagement or misconduct in the practice of contracting that causes financial harm to a customer. Financial mismanagement or misconduct occurs when:
- 1. Valid liens have been recorded against the property of a contractor's customer for supplies or services ordered by the contractor for the customer's job; the contractor has received funds from the customer to pay for the supplies or services; and the contractor has not had the liens removed from the property, by payment or by bond, within 75 days after the date of such liens;

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- 2. The contractor has abandoned a customer's job and the percentage of completion is less than the percentage of the total contract price paid to the contractor as of the time of abandonment, unless the contractor is entitled to retain such funds under the terms of the contract or refunds the excess funds within 30 days after the date the job is abandoned; or
- 3. The contractor's job has been completed, and it is shown that the customer has had to pay more for the contracted job than the original contract price, as adjusted for subsequent change orders, unless such increase in cost was the result of circumstances beyond the control of the contractor, was the result of circumstances caused by the customer, or was otherwise permitted by the terms of the contract between the contractor and the customer.
- (k) Being disciplined by any municipality or county for an act or violation of this chapter.
- (1) Failing in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter, or violating a rule or lawful order of the department.
- (m) Abandoning an asbestos abatement project in which the asbestos contractor is engaged or under contract as a contractor. A project may be presumed abandoned after 20 days if the contractor terminates the project without just cause and without proper notification to the owner, including the reason for termination; if the contractor fails to reasonably secure the project to safeguard the public while work is stopped; or if the contractor fails to perform work without just cause for 20 days.
 - (n) Signing a statement with respect to a project or

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contract falsely indicating that the work is bonded; falsely indicating that payment has been made for all subcontracted work, labor, and materials which results in a financial loss to the owner, purchaser, or contractor; or falsely indicating that workers' compensation and public liability insurance are provided.

- (o) Committing fraud or deceit in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (p) Committing incompetency or misconduct in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (q) Committing gross negligence, repeated negligence, or negligence resulting in a significant danger to life or property in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.
- (r) Intimidating, threatening, coercing, or otherwise discouraging the service of a notice to owner under part I of chapter 713 or a notice to contractor under chapter 255 or part I of chapter 713.
- (s) Failing to satisfy, within a reasonable time, the terms of a civil judgment obtained against the licensee, or the business organization qualified by the licensee, relating to the practice of the licensee's profession.

For the purposes of this subsection, construction is considered to be commenced when the contract is executed and the contractor has accepted funds from the customer or lender.

Section 26. Subsection (7) is added to section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, to read:

477.0135 Exemptions.-

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Section 27. Subsection (5) of section 481.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.203 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(5) "Business organization" means a partnership, a limited liability company, a corporation, or an individual operating under a fictitious name "Certificate of authorization" means a certificate issued by the department to a corporation or partnership to practice architecture or interior design.

Section 28. Section 481.219, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 481.219 Business organization; qualifying agents Certification of partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations.-
- (1) A licensee may The practice of or the offer to practice architecture or interior design by licensees through a business organization that offers corporation, limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural or interior design services to the public, or through by a business organization that offers corporation, limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural or interior design services to the public through such licensees under this part as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is permitted, subject to the provisions of this section.
- (2) If a licensee or an applicant proposes to engage in the practice of architecture or interior design as a business organization, the licensee or applicant must apply to qualify the business organization For the purposes of this section, a

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certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or person practicing under a fictitious name, offering architectural services to the public jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing architecture in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required to be certified under this section. Certification under this subsection to offer architectural services shall include all the rights and privileges of certification under subsection (3) to offer interior design services.

- (a) An application to qualify a business organization must:
- 1. If the business is a partnership, state the names of the partnership and its partners.
- 2. If the business is a corporation, state the names of the corporation and its officers and directors and the name of each of its stockholders who is also an officer or a director.
- 3. If the business is operating under a fictitious name, state the fictitious name under which it is doing business.
- 4. If the business is not a partnership, a corporation, or operating under a fictitious name, state the name of such other legal entity and its members.
- (b) The board may deny an application to qualify a business organization if the applicant or any person required to be named pursuant to paragraph (a) has been involved in past disciplinary actions or on any grounds for which an individual registration or certification may be denied.
- (3) (a) A business organization may not engage in the practice of architecture unless its qualifying agent is a registered architect under this part. A business organization

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may not engage in the practice of interior design unless its qualifying agent is a registered architect or a registered interior designer under this part. A qualifying agent who terminates her or his affiliation with a business organization shall immediately notify the department of such termination. If the qualifying agent who terminates her or his affiliation is the only qualifying agent for a business organization, the business organization must be qualified by another qualifying agent within 60 days after the termination. Except as provided in paragraph (b), such a business organization may not engage in the practice of architecture or interior design until it is qualified by a qualifying agent.

- (b) In the event a qualifying architect or interior designer ceases employment with the business organization, the executive director or the chair of the board may authorize another registered architect or interior designer employed by the business organization to temporarily serve as its qualifying agent for no more than 60 days. The business organization is not authorized to operate beyond such period under this chapter absent replacement of the qualifying architect or interior designer who has ceased employment.
- (c) A qualifying agent shall notify the department in writing before engaging in the practice of architecture or interior design in her or his own name or in affiliation with a different business organization, and she or he or such business organization shall supply the same information to the department as required of applicants under this part For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or

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person operating under a fictitious name, offering interior design services to the public jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing interior design in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required to be certified under this section.

- (4) All final construction documents and instruments of service which include drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other papers or documents that involve involving the practice of architecture which are prepared or approved for the use of the business organization corporation, limited liability company, or partnership and filed for public record within the state must shall bear the signature and seal of the licensee who prepared or approved them and the date on which they were sealed.
- (5) All drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other papers or documents prepared or approved for the use of the business organization corporation, limited liability company, or partnership by an interior designer in her or his professional capacity and filed for public record within the state must shall bear the signature and seal of the licensee who prepared or approved them and the date on which they were sealed.
- (6) The department shall issue a certificate of authorization to any applicant who the board certifies as qualified for a certificate of authorization and who has paid the fee set in s. 481.207.
- (6) (7) The board shall allow certify an applicant to qualify one or more business organizations as qualified for a certificate of authorization to offer architectural or interior design services, or to use a fictitious name to offer such

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services, if one of the following criteria is met provided that:

- (a) One or more of the principal officers of the corporation or limited liability company, or one or more partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership who act in its behalf in this state as architects, are registered as provided by this part.; or
- (b) One or more of the principal officers of the corporation or one or more partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership who act in its behalf in this state as interior designers, are registered as provided by this part.
- (8) The department shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of certificates of authorization.
- (9) The department shall renew a certificate of authorization upon receipt of the renewal application and biennial renewal fee.
- (7) (10) Each qualifying agent approved to qualify a business organization partnership, limited liability company, and corporation certified under this section shall notify the department within 30 days after of any change in the information contained in the application upon which the qualification certification is based. Any registered architect or interior designer who qualifies the business organization shall ensure corporation, limited liability company, or partnership as provided in subsection (7) shall be responsible for ensuring responsible supervising control of projects of the business organization entity and shall notify the department of the upon

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termination of her or his employment with a business organization qualified partnership, limited liability company, or corporation certified under this section shall notify the department of the termination within 30 days after such termination.

(8) (11) A business organization is not No corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees, or officers by reason of its compliance with this section. However, except as provided in s. 558.0035, the architect who signs and seals the construction documents and instruments of service is shall be liable for the professional services performed, and the interior designer who signs and seals the interior design drawings, plans, or specifications is shall be liable for the professional services performed.

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

(9) (13) Nothing in This section may not shall be construed to mean that a certificate of registration to practice architecture or interior design must shall be held by a business organization corporation, limited liability company, or partnership. Nothing in This section does not prohibit a business organization from offering prohibits corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships from joining together to offer architectural, engineering, interior design, surveying and mapping, and landscape architectural services, or

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any combination of such services, to the public if the business organization, provided that each corporation, limited liability company, or partnership otherwise meets the requirements of law.

(10) (14) A business organization that is qualified by a registered architect may Corporations, limited liability companies, or partnerships holding a valid certificate of authorization to practice architecture shall be permitted to use in their title the term "interior designer" or "registered interior designer—" in its title.

Section 29. Section 481.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 481.221 Seals; display of license certificate number.-
- (1) The board shall prescribe, by rule, one or more forms of seals to be used by registered architects holding valid certificates of registration.
- (2) Each registered architect shall obtain one seal in a form approved by rule of the board and may, in addition, register her or his seal electronically in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006. All final construction documents and instruments of service which include drawings, plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by the registered architect and being filed for public record shall bear the signature and seal of the registered architect who prepared or approved the document and the date on which they were sealed. The signature, date, and seal shall be evidence of the authenticity of that to which they are affixed. Final plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by a registered architect may be transmitted electronically and may be signed by the registered architect, dated, and sealed electronically with

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the seal in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006.

- (3) The board shall adopt a rule prescribing the distinctly different seals to be used by registered interior designers holding valid certificates of registration. Each registered interior designer shall obtain a seal as prescribed by the board, and all drawings, plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by the registered interior designer and being filed for public record shall bear the signature and seal of the registered interior designer who prepared or approved the document and the date on which they were sealed. The signature, date, and seal shall be evidence of the authenticity of that to which they are affixed. Final plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by a registered interior designer may be transmitted electronically and may be signed by the registered interior designer, dated, and sealed electronically with the seal in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006.
- (4) No registered architect shall affix, or permit to be affixed, her or his seal or signature to any final construction document or instrument of service which includes any plan, specification, drawing, or other document which depicts work which she or he is not competent to perform.
- (5) No registered interior designer shall affix, or permit to be affixed, her or his seal or signature to any plan, specification, drawing, or other document which depicts work which she or he is not competent or licensed to perform.
- (6) No registered architect shall affix her or his signature or seal to any final construction document or instrument of service which includes drawings, plans, specifications, or architectural documents which were not

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prepared by her or him or under her or his responsible supervising control or by another registered architect and reviewed, approved, or modified and adopted by her or him as her or his own work according to rules adopted by the board.

- (7) No registered interior designer shall affix her or his signature or seal to any plans, specifications, or other documents which were not prepared by her or him or under her or his responsible supervising control or by another registered interior designer and reviewed, approved, or modified and adopted by her or him as her or his own work according to rules adopted by the board.
- (8) Final construction documents or instruments of service which include plans, drawings, specifications, or other architectural documents prepared by a registered architect as part of her or his architectural practice shall be of a sufficiently high standard to clearly and accurately indicate or illustrate all essential parts of the work to which they refer.
- (9) Studies, drawings, specifications, and other related documents prepared by a registered interior designer in providing interior design services shall be of a sufficiently high standard to clearly and accurately indicate all essential parts of the work to which they refer.
- (10) Each registered architect or interior designer must τ and each corporation, limited liability company, or partnership holding a certificate of authorization, shall include her or his license its certificate number in any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used by the registered licensee architect, interior designer, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership. Each business organization

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must include the license number of the registered architect or interior designer who serves as the qualifying agent for that business organization in any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used by the business organization but is not required to display the license numbers of other registered architects or interior designers employed by the business organization A corporation, limited liability company, or partnership is not required to display the certificate number of individual registered architects or interior designers employed by or working within the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership.

- (11) When the certificate of registration of a registered architect or interior designer has been revoked or suspended by the board, the registered architect or interior designer shall surrender her or his seal to the secretary of the board within a period of 30 days after the revocation or suspension has become effective. If the certificate of the registered architect or interior designer has been suspended for a period of time, her or his seal shall be returned to her or him upon expiration of the suspension period.
- (12) A person may not sign and seal by any means any final plan, specification, or report after her or his certificate of registration has expired or is suspended or revoked. A registered architect or interior designer whose certificate of registration is suspended or revoked shall, within 30 days after the effective date of the suspension or revocation, surrender her or his seal to the executive director of the board and confirm in writing to the executive director the cancellation of the registered architect's or interior designer's electronic

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signature in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006. When a registered architect's or interior designer's certificate of registration is suspended for a period of time, her or his seal shall be returned upon expiration of the period of suspension.

Section 30. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (5) of section 481.229, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.-

- (5)(a) Nothing contained in This part does not prohibit shall prevent a registered architect or a qualified business organization partnership, limited liability company, or corporation holding a valid certificate of authorization to provide architectural services from performing any interior design service or from using the title "interior designer" or "registered interior designer."
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, a registered architect or qualified business organization certified any corporation, partnership, or person operating under a fictitious name which holds a certificate of authorization to provide architectural services must shall be qualified, without fee, for a certificate of authorization to provide interior design services upon submission of a completed application for qualification therefor. For corporations, partnerships, and persons operating under a fictitious name which hold a certificate of authorization to provide interior design services, satisfaction of the requirements for renewal of the certificate of authorization to provide architectural services under s. 481.219 shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements for renewal of the certificate of authorization to provide interior design services under that section.

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Section 31. Section 481.303, Florida Statutes, is reordered and amended to read:

- 481.303 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (1) "Board" means the Board of Landscape Architecture.
- (3) "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- (6) (3) "Registered landscape architect" means a person who holds a license to practice landscape architecture in this state under the authority of this act.
- (2) (4) "Certificate of registration" means a license issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the practice of landscape architecture.
- (5) "Certificate of authorization" means a license issued by the department to a corporation or partnership to engage in the practice of landscape architecture.
- (4) (6) "Landscape architecture" means professional services, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) Consultation, investigation, research, planning, design, preparation of drawings, specifications, contract documents and reports, responsible construction supervision, or landscape management in connection with the planning and development of land and incidental water areas, including the use of Florida-friendly landscaping as defined in s. 373.185, where, and to the extent that, the dominant purpose of such services or creative works is the preservation, conservation, enhancement, or determination of proper land uses, natural land features, ground cover and plantings, or naturalistic and aesthetic values;
 - (b) The determination of settings, grounds, and approaches

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for and the siting of buildings and structures, outdoor areas, or other improvements;

- (c) The setting of grades, shaping and contouring of land and water forms, determination of drainage, and provision for storm drainage and irrigation systems where such systems are necessary to the purposes outlined herein; and
- (d) The design of such tangible objects and features as are necessary to the purpose outlined herein.
- (5) (7) "Landscape design" means consultation for and preparation of planting plans drawn for compensation, including specifications and installation details for plant materials, soil amendments, mulches, edging, gravel, and other similar materials. Such plans may include only recommendations for the conceptual placement of tangible objects for landscape design projects. Construction documents, details, and specifications for tangible objects and irrigation systems shall be designed or approved by licensed professionals as required by law.

Section 32. Subsection (5) of section 481.321, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 481.321 Seals; display of certificate number.-
- (5) Each registered landscape architect must and each corporation or partnership holding a certificate of authorization shall include her or his its certificate number in any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used by the registered landscape architect, corporation, or partnership. A corporation or partnership must is not required to display the certificate number numbers of at least one officer, director, owner, or partner who is a individual registered landscape architect architects employed by or



882 practicing with the corporation or partnership. 883 Section 33. Subsection (4) of section 481.311, Florida 884 Statutes, is amended to read: 481.311 Licensure.-885 886 (4) The board shall certify as qualified for a certificate 887 of authorization any applicant corporation or partnership who satisfies the requirements of s. 481.319. 888 889 Section 34. Subsection (2) of section 481.317, Florida 890 Statutes, is amended to read: 891 481.317 Temporary certificates.-892 (2) Upon approval by the board and payment of the fee set 893 in s. 481.307, the department shall grant a temporary 894 certificate of authorization for work on one specified project 895 in this state for a period not to exceed 1 year to an out-of-896 state corporation, partnership, or firm, provided one of the 897 principal officers of the corporation, one of the partners of 898 the partnership, or one of the principals in the fictitiously 899 named firm has obtained a temporary certificate of registration 900 in accordance with subsection (1). 901 Section 35. Section 481.319, Florida Statutes, is amended 902 to read: 903 481.319 Corporate and partnership practice of landscape architecture; certificate of authorization.-904 905 (1) The practice of or offer to practice landscape 906 architecture by registered landscape architects registered under 907 this part through a corporation or partnership offering 908 landscape architectural services to the public, or through a 909 corporation or partnership offering landscape architectural 910 services to the public through individual registered landscape

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architects as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is permitted, subject to the provisions of this section, if:

- (a) One or more of the principal officers of the corporation, or partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation or partnership who act in its behalf as landscape architects in this state are registered landscape architects; and
- (b) One or more of the officers, one or more of the directors, one or more of the owners of the corporation, or one or more of the partners of the partnership is a registered landscape architect; and
- (c) The corporation or partnership has been issued a certificate of authorization by the board as provided herein.
- (2) All documents involving the practice of landscape architecture which are prepared for the use of the corporation or partnership shall bear the signature and seal of a registered landscape architect.
- (3) A landscape architect applying to practice in the name of a An applicant corporation must shall file with the department the names and addresses of all officers and board members of the corporation, including the principal officer or officers, duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state and, also, of all individuals duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by the corporation in this state. A landscape architect applying to practice in the name of a An applicant partnership must shall file with the department the names and addresses of all partners of the partnership, including the partner or partners duly

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

- (4) Each landscape architect qualifying a partnership or and corporation licensed under this part must shall notify the department within 1 month after of any change in the information contained in the application upon which the license is based. Any landscape architect who terminates her or his or her employment with a partnership or corporation licensed under this part shall notify the department of the termination within 1 month after such termination.
- (5) Disciplinary action against a corporation or partnership shall be administered in the same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action against a registered landscape architect.
- (5) Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a registered landscape architect practices landscape architecture through a corporation or partnership as provided in this section does not relieve the landscape architect from personal liability for her or his or her professional acts.

Section 36. Subsection (5) of section 481.329, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 481.329 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.
- (5) This part does not prohibit any person from engaging in the practice of landscape design, as defined in s. 481.303(5) 481.303(7), or from submitting for approval to a governmental agency planting plans that are independent of, or a component

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of, construction documents that are prepared by a Floridaregistered professional. Persons providing landscape design services shall not use the title, term, or designation "landscape architect," "landscape architectural," "landscape architecture," "L.A.," "landscape engineering," or any description tending to convey the impression that she or he is a landscape architect unless she or he is registered as provided in this part.

Section 37. Subsection (14) of section 489.503, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (24) is added to that section, to read:

489.503 Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:

(14) The sale of, installation of, repair of, alteration of, addition to, or design of electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances, thermostats, apparatus, raceways, computers, customer premises equipment, customer premises wiring, and conduit, or any part thereof, by an employee, contractor, subcontractor, or affiliate of a company operating under a certificate issued under chapter 364 or chapter 610, or under a local franchise or right-of-way agreement, if those items are for the purpose of transmitting data, voice, video, or other communications, or commands as part of a cable television, community antenna television, radio distribution, communications, or telecommunications system. An employee, subcontractor, contractor, or affiliate of a company that operates under a certificate issued under chapter 364 or chapter 610, or under a local franchise or right-of-way agreement, is not subject to any local ordinance that requires a permit for work related to low-voltage electrical work, including related

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technical codes, regulations, and licensure. The scope of this exemption is limited to electrical circuits and equipment governed by the applicable provisions of Articles 725 (Classes 2 and 3 circuits only), 770, 800, 810, and 820 of the National Electrical Code, current edition, or 47 C.F.R. part 68, and employees, contractors, and subcontractors of companies, and affiliates thereof, operating under a certificate issued under chapter 364 or chapter 610 or under a local franchise or rightof-way agreement. This subsection does not relieve any person from licensure as an alarm system contractor.

(24) A person who installs low-voltage landscape lighting that contains a factory-installed electrical cord with a plug and does not require installation, wiring, or a modification to the electrical wiring in a structure.

Section 38. Present paragraphs (a) through (e) of subsection (2) of section 489.518, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (b) through (f), respectively, and a new paragraph (a) is added to that subsection, to read:

489.518 Alarm system agents.-

(2) (a) A person who performs only sales or installations of wireless alarm systems, other than fire alarm systems, in a single-family residence is not required to complete the initial training required for burglar alarm system agents.

Section 39. In order to protect the safety and welfare of racing greyhounds and the integrity of the races in which the animals participate, each greyhound permitholder must report an injury to a racing greyhound sustained at a pari-mutuel facility within 7 days after the injury. The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and Professional



Regulation shall adopt rules establishing the method of reporting injuries to racing greyhounds.

Section 40. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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An act relating to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 326.004, F.S.; deleting a requirement that yacht and ship brokers maintain a separate license for each branch office and related fees; amending s. 447.02, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term "department"; repealing s. 447.04, F.S., relating to business agents, licenses, and permits; repealing s. 447.041, F.S., relating to a hearing for a denied license, permit, or registration; repealing s. 447.045, F.S., relating to certain confidential information; repealing s. 447.06, F.S., relating to the required registration of labor organizations; amending s. 447.09, F.S.; deleting prohibitions against specified actions; repealing s. 447.12, F.S., relating to registration fees; repealing s. 447.16, F.S., relating to the applicability of ch. 447, F.S.; amending s. 468.401, F.S.; deleting definitions; repealing s. 468.402, F.S., relating to the duties of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; repealing s. 468.403, F.S.,

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relating to licensure and application requirements for owners and operators of talent agencies; repealing s. 468.404, F.S., relating to fees and renewal of talent agency licenses; repealing s. 468.405, F.S., relating to qualification for talent agency licenses; amending s. 468.406, F.S.; deleting the requirement for talent agencies to file with the department an itemized schedule of certain fees and an amended or a supplemental schedule under certain circumstances; repealing s. 468.407, F.S., relating to license contents and posting; amending s. 468.408, F.S.; revising requirements for talent agency bonds; deleting a departmental requirement to approve talent agency bonds; requiring that a bonding company notify the talent agency, rather than notifying the department, of certain claims; amending s. 468.409, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring talent agencies to make specified records readily available for inspection by the department; amending s. 468.410, F.S.; deleting a reference to the department in talent agency contracts; amending s. 468.412, F.S.; revising the information that talent agencies must enter in the talent agency records; deleting requirements relating to the inspection of talent agency records and the submission of certain records and reports to the department; revising the requirements for talent agencies to post certain laws and rules; revising the information required in talent agency publications; amending s. 468.413, F.S.; deleting provisions

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relating to criminal violations for failing to obtain or maintain licensure with the department; deleting provisions authorizing the court to suspend or revoke a license; deleting a provision authorizing the court to take certain actions; revising the department's authority to bring certain actions and impose certain remedies for violations of talent agency regulations; repealing s. 468.414, F.S., relating to collection and deposit of fines, fees, and penalties by the department; amending s. 468.415, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring the department to revoke a license; amending s. 469.006, F.S.; requiring that a license be in the name of a qualifying agent rather than the name of a business organization; requiring the qualifying agent, rather than the business organization, to report certain changes in information; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 469.009, F.S.; deleting the authority of the department to reprimand, censure, or impose probation on certain business organizations; amending s. 477.0135, F.S.; providing that a license or registration is not required for a person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to applying polish to nails; amending s. 481.203, F.S.; defining the term "business organization"; deleting the definition of the term "certificate of authorization"; amending s. 481.219, F.S.; revising the process by which a business organization obtains the requisite license to perform architectural services; requiring

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that a licensee or an applicant apply to qualify a business organization under certain circumstances; specifying application requirements; authorizing the Board of Architecture and Interior Design to deny an application under certain circumstances; requiring that a qualifying agent be a registered architect or a registered interior designer under certain circumstances; requiring that a qualifying agent notify the department when she or he ceases to be affiliated with a business organization; prohibiting a business organization from engaging in certain practices until it is qualified by a qualifying agent; authorizing the executive director or the chair of the board to authorize a certain registered architect or interior designer to temporarily serve as the business organization's qualifying agent for a specified timeframe under certain circumstances; requiring the qualifying agent to give written notice to the department before engaging in practice under her or his own name or in affiliation with another business organization; requiring the board to allow an applicant to qualify one or more business organizations or to operate using a fictitious name under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.221, F.S.; requiring a business organization to include the license number of a certain registered architect or interior designer in any advertising; providing an exception; conforming provisions to changes made by

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the act; amending s. 481.229, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reordering and amending s. 481.303, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term "certificate of authorization"; amending s. 481.321, F.S.; revising provisions that require persons to display certificate numbers under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 481.311, 481.317, and 481.319, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.329, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 489.503, F.S.; revising an exemption from regulation for certain persons; exempting a person who installs certain low-voltage landscape lighting from specified requirements; amending s. 489.518, F.S.; exempting certain persons from initial training for burglar alarm system agents; requiring greyhound permitholders to report the injury of a racing greyhound at a pari-mutuel facility to the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering of the department within a certain timeframe; requiring the division to adopt rules for reporting such injuries; providing an effective date.