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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee  
 2 Representative Ponder offered the following:

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**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 1439-1979 and insert:

Section 39. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer representative, adjuster, service representative, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

(6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have separated from service ~~retired~~ within 24 months before application for licensure, are exempt from the application filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must provide a copy of a military identification card, military

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17 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
18 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~  
19 ~~document,~~ or a separation document that indicates such members  
20 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing  
21 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

22 Section 40. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida  
23 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection  
24 (6) is added to that section, to read:

25 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or  
26 instruction.—

27 (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an  
28 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed  
29 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. Qualified  
30 individuals must provide a copy of a military identification  
31 card, military dependent identification card, military service  
32 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper  
33 or separation document that indicates such members are currently  
34 in good standing or such veterans were honorably discharged.

35 Section 41. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended  
36 to read:

37 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or  
38 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except  
39 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified  
40 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the  
41 date the application for a license is filed with the department

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42 he or she has:

43 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life  
44 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the  
45 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of  
46 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter  
47 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

48 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of  
49 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life  
50 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the  
51 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of  
52 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter  
53 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

54 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as  
55 Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College  
56 of Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute  
57 (FLMI) from the Life Management Institute;

58 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another  
59 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state  
60 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in  
61 the state; or

62 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least  
63 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who  
64 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is  
65 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her  
66 employment with the department or office.

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68 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is  
69 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the  
70 spouse of such a member or veteran. Qualified individuals must  
71 provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
72 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
73 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper or separation  
74 document that indicates such members are currently in good  
75 standing or such veterans were honorably discharged.

76 Section 42. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended  
77 to read:

78 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or  
79 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,  
80 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be  
81 qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately  
82 preceding the date the application for license is filed with the  
83 department he or she has:

84 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in  
85 health insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which  
86 shall be on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include  
87 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities  
88 engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida  
89 Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the  
90 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et  
91 seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by

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92 employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

93 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of  
94 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health  
95 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be  
96 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include  
97 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities  
98 engaging in the business of insurance;

99 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a  
100 Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare  
101 Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant  
102 (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;  
103 Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton  
104 School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance  
105 Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;

106 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another  
107 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state  
108 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in  
109 Florida; or

110 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least  
111 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who  
112 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is  
113 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her  
114 employment with the department or office.

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116 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is

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117 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the  
118 spouse of such a member or veteran. Qualified individuals must  
119 provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
120 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
121 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper or separation  
122 document that indicates such members are currently in good  
123 standing or such veterans were honorably discharged.

124 Section 43. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,  
125 Florida Statutes, to read:

126 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.—

127 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an  
128 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed  
129 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. Qualified  
130 individuals must provide a copy of a military identification  
131 card, military dependent identification card, military service  
132 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper  
133 or separation document that indicates such members are currently  
134 in good standing or such veterans were honorably discharged.

135 Section 44. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,  
136 Florida Statutes, to read:

137 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.—

138 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an  
139 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed  
140 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. Qualified  
141 individuals must provide a copy of a military identification

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143 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper  
144 or separation document that indicates such members are currently  
145 in good standing or such veterans were honorably discharged.

146 Section 45. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended  
147 to read:

148 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter  
149 certifications.—

150 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his  
151 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she  
152 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter  
153 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:

154 (a) Be active as a firefighter.

155 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor  
156 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year  
157 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,  
158 which proof must be registered in an electronic database  
159 designated by the division.

160 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,  
161 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course  
162 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed  
163 by rule.

164 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,  
165 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course  
166 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.

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167 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or  
168 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4  
169 years he or she must:

170 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or

171 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of  
172 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.

173 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified  
174 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as  
175 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety  
176 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment  
177 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.

178 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"  
179 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a  
180 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within  
181 a 4-year period.

182 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the  
183 certificate or separation from employment.

184 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer  
185 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements  
186 of this section.

187 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,  
188 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer  
189 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the  
190 following grounds exists:

191 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could



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192 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to  
193 the division.

194 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any  
195 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

196 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate  
197 issued by the division.

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199 The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be  
200 extended for an honorably discharged veteran of the United  
201 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran to 12 months  
202 after discharge from military service if the military service  
203 does not exceed 3 years, but in no event more than 6 years from  
204 the date of issue or renewal, if applicable. Qualified  
205 individuals must provide a copy of a military identification  
206 card, military dependent identification card, military service  
207 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper  
208 or separation document that indicates such members are currently  
209 in good standing or such veterans were honorably discharged.

210 Section 46. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,  
211 Florida Statutes, to read:

212 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire  
213 College.—

214 (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental  
215 expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire  
216 College for an active duty member of the United States Armed

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217 Forces, the spouse of such a member who was serving on active  
218 duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding  
219 the spouse attending the college, an honorably discharged  
220 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or  
221 surviving spouse of such a veteran. Qualified individuals must  
222 provide a copy of a military identification card, military  
223 dependent identification card, military service record, military  
224 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper or separation  
225 document that indicates such members are currently in good  
226 standing or such veterans were honorably discharged.

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231 Remove lines 45-72 and insert:

232 waive certain registration fees; amending s. 626.171, F.S.;

233 revising fee waiver qualification requirements for certain

234 applicants; amending ss. 626.732, 626.7851, 626.8311, 626.8417,

235 and 626.927, F.S.; revising prelicensure course requirements for

236 certain applicants; amending s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an

237 extension for firefighter certification renewal for certain

238 persons; amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring the Division of

239 State Fire Marshal to waive certain expenses associated with

240 attending the Florida State Fire College; creating s.