1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to recreational vehicles; amending s. 3 527.01, F.S.; defining the term "recreational vehicle"; amending s. 527.0201, F.S.; requiring the 4 5 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to 6 adopt rules specifying requirements for agents to 7 administer certain competency examinations and 8 establishing a competency test for a license to engage 9 in activities solely related to the service and repair 10 of recreational vehicles; authorizing certain 11 qualifiers and master qualifiers to engage in 12 activities solely related to the service and repair of recreational vehicles; requiring verifiable LP gas 13 14 experience or professional certification by an LP gas manufacturer in order to apply for certification as a 15 16 master qualifier; providing an effective date. 17 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 19 20 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 527.01, 21 Florida Statutes, to read: 22 527.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter: 23 "Recreational vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, 24

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camping, or travel use and that has its own propulsion or is

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mounted on or towed by another motor vehicle.

Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 527.0201, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 527.0201 Qualifiers; master qualifiers; examinations.—

- (1) In addition to the requirements of s. 527.02, \underline{a} any person applying for a license to engage in category I, category II, or category V activities must prove competency by passing a written examination administered by the department or its agent with a grade of 70 percent or above in each area tested. Each applicant for examination shall submit a \$20 nonrefundable fee.
- (a) The department shall by rule specify the general areas of competency to be covered by each examination and the relative weight to be assigned in grading each area tested.
- (b) The department shall by rule specify the requirements for agents qualified to administer the written competency examinations required by this part.
- (c) The department shall by rule establish a separate test for persons applying for a license to engage in category I activities solely related to the service and repair of recreational vehicles. The category I recreational vehicle dealer/installer test shall include and ensure competency in the following activities as they relate to recreational vehicles:
- 1. Operating a liquefied petroleum gas dispensing unit to serve liquid product to a consumer for industrial, commercial, or domestic use;

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

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

- (d) Any qualifier or master qualifier who has passed the category I recreational vehicle dealer/installer test may engage in category I activities solely related to the service and repair of recreational vehicles.
- (5) In addition to all other licensing requirements, each category I and category V licensee must, at the time of application for licensure, identify to the department one master qualifier who is a full-time employee at the licensed location. This person shall be a manager, owner, or otherwise primarily responsible for overseeing the operations of the licensed location and must provide documentation to the department as provided by rule. The master qualifier requirement shall be in addition to the requirements of subsection (1).
- (a) In order to apply for certification as a master qualifier, each applicant must have been a registered qualifier for a minimum of 3 years of verifiable LP gas experience or hold a professional certification by an LP gas manufacturer as adopted by department rule immediately preceding submission of the application, must be employed by a licensed category I or category V licensee, or an applicant for such license, and must

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pass a master qualifier competency examination administered by the department or its agent. Master qualifier examinations shall be based on Florida's laws, rules, and adopted codes governing liquefied petroleum gas safety, general industry safety standards, and administrative procedures. The applicant must successfully pass the examination with a grade of 70 percent or above. Each applicant for master qualifier registration must submit to the department a nonrefundable \$30 examination fee before the examination.

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

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