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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Albritton) recommended the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (502686) (with title amendment)

Delete lines 207 - 1318 and insert:

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Section 2. Present subsection (4) of section 322.57, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read

322.57 Tests of knowledge concerning specified vehicles; endorsement; nonresidents; violations.-

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- (4)(a) As used in this subsection, the term "servicemember" means a member of any branch of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, the Florida National Guard, or the Florida Air National Guard. (b) The department shall waive the requirement to pass the Commercial Driver License Skills Tests for servicemembers and veterans if: 1. The applicant has been honorably discharged from military service within 1 year of the application, if the applicant is a veteran; 2. The applicant is trained as an MOS 88M Army Motor Transport Operator or similar military job specialty; 3. The applicant has received training to operate large trucks in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and 4. The applicant has at least 2 years of experience in the military driving vehicles that would require a commercial driver license to operate.
- (c) An applicant must complete every other requirement for a commercial driver license within 1 year of receiving a waiver under paragraph (b) or the waiver is invalid.
- (d) The department shall adopt rules to administer this subsection.
- Section 3. 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



40	state. A separate license must be maintained for each branch
41	office. The division shall establish by rule a fee not to exceed
42	\$100 for each branch office license.
43	Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 447.02, Florida
44	Statutes, is amended to read:
45	447.02 Definitions.—The following terms, when used in this
46	chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this
47	section:
48	(3) The term "department" means the Department of Business
49	and Professional Regulation.
50	Section 5. Section 447.04, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
51	Section 6. Section 447.041, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
52	Section 7. Section 447.045, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
53	Section 8. Section 447.06, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
54	Section 9. Subsections (6) and (8) of section 447.09,
55	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
56	447.09 Right of franchise preserved; penalties.—It shall be
57	unlawful for any person:
58	(6) To act as a business agent without having obtained and
59	possessing a valid and subsisting license or permit.
60	(8) To make any false statement in an application for a
61	license.
62	Section 10. <u>Section 447.12</u> , Florida Statutes, is repealed.
63	Section 11. <u>Section 447.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed.</u>
64	Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 447.305, Florida
65	Statutes, is amended to read:
66	447.305 Registration of employee organization.—
67	(4) Notification of registrations and renewals of
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commission to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Section 13. Subsection (14) is added to section 455.213, Florida Statutes, to read:

455.213 General licensing provisions.—

(14) The department or a board must enter into a reciprocal licensing agreement with other states if the practice act within the purview of this chapter permits such agreement. If a reciprocal licensing agreement exists or if the department or board has determined another state's licensing requirements or examinations to be substantially equivalent or more stringent to those under the practice act, the department or board must post on its website which jurisdictions have such reciprocal licensing agreements or substantially similar licenses.

Section 14. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section 456.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.

- (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be taken:
- (k) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensee. For purposes of this section, failing to repay a student loan issued or guaranteed by the state or the Federal Government in accordance with the terms of the loan is not or failing to comply with service scholarship obligations shall be considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal obligation, and the minimum disciplinary action imposed shall be a suspension of the license until new payment terms are agreed upon or the scholarship obligation is resumed, followed by

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probation for the duration of the student loan or remaining scholarship obligation period, and a fine equal to 10 percent of the defaulted loan amount. Fines collected shall be deposited into the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund.

Section 15. Section 456.0721, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 456.074, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.074 Certain health care practitioners; immediate suspension of license.-

(4) Upon receipt of information that a Florida-licensed health care practitioner has defaulted on a student loan issued or quaranteed by the state or the Federal Government, the department shall notify the licensee by certified mail that he or she shall be subject to immediate suspension of license unless, within 45 days after the date of mailing, the licensee provides proof that new payment terms have been agreed upon by all parties to the loan. The department shall issue an emergency order suspending the license of any licensee who, after 45 days following the date of mailing from the department, has failed to provide such proof. Production of such proof shall not prohibit the department from proceeding with disciplinary action against the licensee pursuant to s. 456.073.

Section 17. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 468.385, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.385 Licenses required; qualifications; examination.-(7)

(b) A $\frac{1}{100}$ business may not $\frac{1}{100}$ auction or offer to auction any property in this state unless it is owned by an auctioneer

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who is licensed as an auction business by the department board or is exempt from licensure under this act. Each application for licensure must shall include the names of the owner and the business, the business mailing address and location, and any other information which the board may require. The owner of an auction business shall report to the board within 30 days of any change in this required information.

Section 18. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section 468.603, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.603 Definitions.—As used in this part:

- (5) "Categories of building code inspectors" include the following:
- (f) "Residential One and two family dwelling inspector" means a person who is qualified to inspect and determine that one-family, two-family, or three-family residences not exceeding two habitable stories above no more than one uninhabitable story and accessory use structures in connection therewith one and two family dwellings and accessory structures are constructed in accordance with the provisions of the governing building, plumbing, mechanical, accessibility, and electrical codes.

Section 19. Section 468.613, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.613 Certification by endorsement.—The board shall examine other certification or training programs, as applicable, upon submission to the board for its consideration of an application for certification by endorsement. The board shall waive its examination, qualification, education, or training requirements, to the extent that such examination, qualification, education, or training requirements of the

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applicant are determined by the board to be comparable with those established by the board. The board shall waive its examination, qualification, education, or training requirements if an applicant for certification by endorsement is at least 18 years of age; is of good moral character; has held a valid building administrator, inspector, plans examiner, or the equivalent, certification issued by another state or territory of the United States for at least 10 years before the date of application; and has successfully passed an applicable examination administered by the International Code Council. Such application must be made either when the license in another state or territory is active or within 2 years after such license was last active.

Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 468.8314, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8314 Licensure.-

- (3) The department shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement an applicant who is of good moral character as determined in s. 468.8313, who maintains an insurance policy as required by s. 468.8322, and who: +
- (a) Holds a valid license to practice home inspection services in another state or territory of the United States, whose educational requirements are substantially equivalent to those required by this part; and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by this part; or
- (b) Has held a valid license to practice home inspection services issued by another state or territory of the United

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Section 21. Subsection (5) of section 471.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

471.015 Licensure.-

- (5)(a) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the fundamentals examination when such applicant has held a valid professional engineer's license in another state for 10 15 years and has had 20 years of continuous professional-level engineering experience.
- (b) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the fundamentals examination and the principles and practices examination when such applicant has held a valid professional engineer's license in another state for 15 25 years and has had 30 years of continuous professional-level engineering experience.

Section 22. Subsection (7) of section 473.308, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

473.308 Licensure.-

- (7) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement an applicant who:
- (a) $\frac{1}{2}$ Is not licensed and has not been licensed in another state or territory and who has met the requirements of this section for education, work experience, and good moral character and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial

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licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by s. 473.306; or and

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(b) 1.a. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting issued by another state or territory of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were substantially equivalent to the licensure criteria that existed in this state at the time the license was issued;

2.b. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting issued by another state or territory of the United States but the criteria for issuance of such license did not meet the requirements of sub-subparagraph a.; has met the requirements of this section for education, work experience, and good moral character; and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by s. 473.306; or

3.c. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting issued by another state or territory of the United States for at least 10 years before the date of application; has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by s. 473.306; and has met the requirements of this section for good moral character; and

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2. Has completed continuing education courses that are equivalent to the continuing education requirements for a Florida certified public accountant licensed in this state during the 2 years immediately preceding her or his application for licensure by endorsement.

Section 23. Subsection (6) of section 474.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.202 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

(6) "Limited-service veterinary medical practice" means offering or providing veterinary services at any location that has a primary purpose other than that of providing veterinary medical service at a permanent or mobile establishment permitted by the board; provides veterinary medical services for privately owned animals that do not reside at that location; operates for a limited time; and provides limited types of veterinary medical services, including vaccinations or immunizations against disease, preventative procedures for parasitic control, and microchipping.

Section 24. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 474.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.207 Licensure by examination.

- (2) The department shall license each applicant who the board certifies has:
- (b) 1. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education; or
- 2. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine listed in the American Veterinary Medical Association Roster of Veterinary Colleges of the World and obtained a certificate from



the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence.

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The department shall not issue a license to any applicant who is under investigation in any state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia for an act which would constitute a violation of this chapter until the investigation is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been terminated, at which time the provisions of s. 474.214 shall apply.

Section 25. Subsection (1) of section 474.217, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.217 Licensure by endorsement.-

- (1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting a fee set by the board, demonstrates to the board that she or he:
- (a) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of the board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this state; and
- (b)1. Either Holds, and has held for the 3 years immediately preceding the application for licensure, a valid, active license to practice veterinary medicine in another state of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, provided that the applicant has successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the examination required by the board requirements for licensure in the issuing state, district, or territory are equivalent to or more stringent than the requirements of this chapter; or

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2. Meets the qualifications of s. 474.207(2)(b) and has successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other examination which is equivalent to or more stringent than the examination given by the department and has passed the board's clinical competency examination or another clinical competency examination specified by rule of the board.

Section 26. Subsection (2) of section 476.114, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

476.114 Examination; prerequisites.

- (2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by examination to practice barbering if the applicant:
 - (a) Is at least 16 years of age;
 - (b) Pays the required application fee; and
- (c) 1. Holds an active valid license to practice barbering in another state, has held the license for at least 1 year, and does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided for in s. 476.144(5); or
- 2. Has received a minimum of 900 $\frac{1,200}{1}$ hours of training in sanitation, safety, and laws and rules, as established by the board, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly related to the practice of barbering at one of the following:
 - a. A school of barbering licensed pursuant to chapter 1005;
 - b. A barbering program within the public school system; or
 - c. A government-operated barbering program in this state.

The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the required examination after the completion of a minimum of 600

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1,000 actual school hours. If the person passes the examination, she or he shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the person fails the examination, she or he shall not be qualified to take the examination again until the completion of the full requirements provided by this section.

Section 27. Subsection (5) of section 476.144, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

476.144 Licensure.

(5) The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by endorsement as a barber in this state an applicant who holds a current active license to practice barbering in another state. The board shall adopt rules specifying procedures for the licensure by endorsement of practitioners desiring to be licensed in this state who hold a current active license in another state or country and who have met qualifications substantially similar to, equivalent to, or greater than the qualifications required of applicants from this state.

Section 28. Subsection (9) of section 477.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.013 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

(9) "Hair braiding" means the weaving or interweaving of natural human hair or commercial hair, including the use of hair extensions or wefts, for compensation without cutting, coloring, permanent waving, relaxing, removing, or chemical treatment and does not include the use of hair extensions or wefts.

Section 29. Section 477.0132, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 30. Subsections (7) through (10) are added to section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, to read:



359 477.0135 Exemptions.-360 (7) A license or registration is not required for a person 361 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding 362 as defined in s. 477.013(9). 363 (8) A license or registration is not required for a person 364 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair wrapping 365 as defined in s. 477.013(10). 366 (9) A license or registration is not required for a person 367 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to body wrapping 368 as defined in s. 477.013(12). 369 (10) A license or registration is not required for a person 370 whose occupation or practice is confined solely to applying 371 polish to fingernails and toenails. 372 Section 31. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 477.019, 373 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 374 477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure; 375 supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing 376 education. 377 (6) The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by 378 endorsement as a cosmetologist in this state an applicant who 379 holds a current active license to practice cosmetology in 380 another state and who has completed a 2-hour course approved by 381 the board on human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune 382 deficiency syndrome. The board may not require proof of educational hours if the license was issued in a state that 383 384 requires 1,200 or more hours of prelicensure education and 385 passage of a written examination. This subsection does not apply to applicants who received their license in another state 386

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- (7) (a) The board shall prescribe by rule continuing education requirements intended to ensure protection of the public through updated training of licensees and registered specialists, not to exceed 10 14 hours biennially, as a condition for renewal of a license or registration as a specialist under this chapter. Continuing education courses shall include, but not be limited to, the following subjects as they relate to the practice of cosmetology: human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome; Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations; workers' compensation issues; state and federal laws and rules as they pertain to cosmetologists, cosmetology, salons, specialists, specialty salons, and booth renters; chemical makeup as it pertains to hair, skin, and nails; and environmental issues. Courses given at cosmetology conferences may be counted toward the number of continuing education hours required if approved by the board.
- (b) Any person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping is exempt from the continuing education requirements of this subsection.
- (c) The board may, by rule, require any licensee in violation of a continuing education requirement to take a refresher course or refresher course and examination in addition to any other penalty. The number of hours for the refresher course may not exceed 48 hours.

Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 477.0201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.0201 Specialty registration; qualifications;



registration renewal; endorsement.-

- (1) Any person is qualified for registration as a specialist in any one or more of the specialty practice practices within the practice of cosmetology under this chapter who:
- (a) Is at least 16 years of age or has received a high school diploma.
 - (b) Has received a certificate of completion for: in a
- 1. One hundred and eighty hours of training, as established by the board, which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to practice specialties as defined in s. 477.013(6)(a) and (b); specialty pursuant to s. 477.013(6)
- 2. Two hundred and twenty hours of training, as established by the board, which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to practice the specialty as defined in s.
- 477.013(6)(c); or 432

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- 3. Four hundred hours of training or the number of hours of training required to maintain minimum Pell Grant requirements, as established by the board, which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to practice the specialties as defined in s. 477.013(6)(a)-(c).
- (c) The certificate of completion specified in paragraph (b) must be from one of the following:
 - 1. A school licensed pursuant to s. 477.023.
- 2. A school licensed pursuant to chapter 1005 or the equivalent licensing authority of another state.
 - 3. A specialty program within the public school system.
- 4. A specialty division within the Cosmetology Division of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, provided the

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training programs comply with minimum curriculum requirements established by the board.

Section 33. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 477.026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.026 Fees; disposition.-

- (1) The board shall set fees according to the following schedule:
- (f) For hair braiders, hair wrappers, and body wrappers, fees for registration shall not exceed \$25.

Section 34. Subsection (4) of section 477.0263, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

477.0263 Cosmetology services to be performed in licensed salon; exceptions.-

- (4) Pursuant to rules adopted by the board, any cosmetology or specialty service may be performed in a location other than a licensed salon when the service is performed in connection with a special event and is performed by a person who is employed by a licensed salon and who holds the proper license or specialty registration. An appointment for the performance of any such service in a location other than a licensed salon must be made through a licensed salon.
- (5) Hair shampooing, hair cutting, hair arranging, makeup application, nail polish removal, nail filing, nail buffing, and nail cleansing may be performed in a location other than a licensed salon when the service is performed by a person who holds the proper license.

Section 35. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 477.0265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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477.0265 Prohibited acts.-

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to:
- (f) Advertise or imply that skin care services or body wrapping, as performed under this chapter, have any relationship to the practice of massage therapy as defined in s. 480.033(3), except those practices or activities defined in s. 477.013.

Section 36. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 477.029, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.029 Penalty.-

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to:
- (a) Hold himself or herself out as a cosmetologist or τ specialist, hair wrapper, hair braider, or body wrapper unless duly licensed or registered, or otherwise authorized, as provided in this chapter.

Section 37. Section 481.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.201 Purpose.—The primary legislative purpose for enacting this part is to ensure that every architect practicing in this state meets minimum requirements for safe practice. It is the legislative intent that architects who fall below minimum competency or who otherwise present a danger to the public shall be prohibited from practicing in this state. The Legislature further finds that it is in the interest of the public to limit the practice of interior design to interior designers or architects who have the design education and training required by this part or to persons who are exempted from the provisions of this part.

Section 38. Section 481.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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- 481.203 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term: (3) (1) "Board" means the Board of Architecture and Interior Design.
- (7) "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- (1) (3) "Architect" or "registered architect" means a natural person who is licensed under this part to engage in the practice of architecture.
- (5) (4) "Certificate of registration" means a license or registration issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the practice of architecture or interior design.
- (4) (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.
- (2) (6) "Architecture" means the rendering or offering to render services in connection with the design and construction of a structure or group of structures which have as their principal purpose human habitation or use, and the utilization of space within and surrounding such structures. These services include planning, providing preliminary study designs, drawings and specifications, job-site inspection, and administration of construction contracts.
- (16) (7) "Townhouse" is a single-family dwelling unit not exceeding three stories in height which is constructed in a series or group of attached units with property lines separating such units. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated from adjoining townhouses by the

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use of separate exterior walls meeting the requirements for zero clearance from property lines as required by the type of construction and fire protection requirements; or shall be separated by a party wall; or may be separated by a single wall meeting the following requirements:

- (a) Such wall shall provide not less than 2 hours of fire resistance. Plumbing, piping, ducts, or electrical or other building services shall not be installed within or through the 2-hour wall unless such materials and methods of penetration have been tested in accordance with the Standard Building Code.
- (b) Such wall shall extend from the foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing, and the underside of the roof shall have at least 1 hour of fire resistance for a width not less than 4 feet on each side of the wall.
- (c) Each dwelling unit sharing such wall shall be designed and constructed to maintain its structural integrity independent of the unit on the opposite side of the wall.
- (10) (8) "Interior design" means designs, consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior elements of a building or structure. "Interior design" includes, but is not limited to, reflected ceiling plans, space planning, furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural elements within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings. "Interior design" specifically excludes the design of or the responsibility for architectural and engineering work, except for specification of fixtures and their location within interior spaces. As used in this subsection, "architectural and engineering interior construction relating to the building

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systems" includes, but is not limited to, construction of structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems, or construction which materially affects lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems.

(11) (9) "Registered interior designer" or "interior designer" means a natural person who holds a valid certificate of registration to practice interior design is licensed under this part.

(12) (10) "Nonstructural element" means an element which does not require structural bracing and which is something other than a load-bearing wall, load-bearing column, or other loadbearing element of a building or structure which is essential to the structural integrity of the building.

(13) (11) "Reflected ceiling plan" means a ceiling design plan which is laid out as if it were projected downward and which may include lighting and other elements.

(15) (12) "Space planning" means the analysis, programming, or design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space layouts and final planning.

(6) (13) "Common area" means an area that is held out for use by all tenants or owners in a multiple-unit dwelling, including, but not limited to, a lobby, elevator, hallway, laundry room, clubhouse, or swimming pool.

(8) (14) "Diversified interior design experience" means

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experience which substantially encompasses the various elements of interior design services set forth under the definition of "interior design" in subsection $(10)\frac{(8)}{(8)}$.

(9) (15) "Interior decorator services" includes the selection or assistance in selection of surface materials, window treatments, wallcoverings, paint, floor coverings, surface-mounted lighting, surface-mounted fixtures, and loose furnishings not subject to regulation under applicable building codes.

(14) (16) "Responsible supervising control" means the exercise of direct personal supervision and control throughout the preparation of documents, instruments of service, or any other work requiring the seal and signature of a licensee under this part.

Section 39. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 481.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.205 Board of Architecture and Interior Design.-

(3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 455.225, 455.228, and 455.32, the duties and authority of the department to receive complaints and investigate and discipline persons licensed or registered under this part, including the ability to determine legal sufficiency and probable cause; to initiate proceedings and issue final orders for summary suspension or restriction of a license or certificate of registration pursuant to s. 120.60(6); to issue notices of noncompliance, notices to cease and desist, subpoenas, and citations; to retain legal counsel, investigators, or prosecutorial staff in connection with the licensed practice of architecture or registered and interior design; and to investigate and deter the unlicensed

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practice of architecture and interior design as provided in s. 455.228 are delegated to the board. All complaints and any information obtained pursuant to an investigation authorized by the board are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) as provided in s. 455.225(2) and (10).

Section 40. Section 481.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.207 Fees.—The board, by rule, may establish separate fees for architects and registered interior designers, to be paid for applications, examination, reexamination, licensing and renewal, delinquency, reinstatement, and recordmaking and recordkeeping. The examination fee shall be in an amount that covers the cost of obtaining and administering the examination and shall be refunded if the applicant is found ineligible to sit for the examination. The application fee is nonrefundable. The fee for initial application and examination for architects and interior designers may not exceed \$775 plus the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards or the National Council of Interior Design Qualifications, respectively, or similar national organizations. The initial nonrefundable fee for registered interior designers may not exceed \$75. The biennial renewal fee for architects may not exceed \$200. The biennial renewal fee for registered interior designers may not exceed \$75 \\$500. The delinquency fee may not exceed the biennial renewal fee established by the board for an active license. The board shall establish fees that are adequate to ensure the continued operation of the board and to fund the proportionate expenses incurred by the department which are

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allocated to the regulation of architects and registered interior designers. Fees shall be based on department estimates of the revenue required to implement this part and the provisions of law with respect to the regulation of architects and interior designers.

Section 41. Section 481.209, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.209 Examinations.

- (1) A person desiring to be licensed as a registered architect by initial examination shall apply to the department, complete the application form, and remit a nonrefundable application fee. The department shall license any applicant who the board certifies:
- (a) has passed the licensure examination prescribed by board rule + and
- (b) is a graduate of a school or college of architecture with a program accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board.
- (2) A person seeking to obtain a certificate of registration as a registered interior designer and a seal pursuant to s. 481.221 must provide the department with his or her name and address and written proof that he or she has successfully passed the qualification examination prescribed by the Council for Interior Design Qualification or its successor entity or the California Council for Interior Design Certification or its successor entity, or has successfully passed an equivalent exam as determined by the department A person desiring to be licensed as a registered interior designer shall apply to the department for licensure. The department

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shall administer the licensure examination for interior designers to each applicant who has completed the application form and remitted the application and examination fees specified in s. 481.207 and who the board certifies:

- (a) Is a graduate from an interior design program of 5 years or more and has completed 1 year of diversified interior design experience;
- (b) Is a graduate from an interior design program of 4 years or more and has completed 2 years of diversified interior design experience;
- (c) Has completed at least 3 years in an interior design curriculum and has completed 3 years of diversified interior design experience; or
- (d) Is a graduate from an interior design program of at least 2 years and has completed 4 years of diversified interior design experience.

Subsequent to October 1, 2000, for the purpose of having the educational qualification required under this subsection accepted by the board, the applicant must complete his or her education at a program, school, or college of interior design whose curriculum has been approved by the board as of the time of completion. Subsequent to October 1, 2003, all of the required amount of educational credits shall have been obtained in a program, school, or college of interior design whose curriculum has been approved by the board, as of the time each educational credit is gained. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review and approval of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design and courses of interior design study

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based on a review and inspection by the board of the curriculum of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design in the United States, including those programs, schools, and colleges accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review and approval of diversified interior design experience required by this subsection.

Section 42. Section 481.213, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.213 Licensure and registration.-

- (1) The department shall license or register any applicant who the board certifies is qualified for licensure or registration and who has paid the initial licensure or registration fee. Licensure as an architect under this section shall be deemed to include all the rights and privileges of registration licensure as an interior designer under this section.
- (2) The board shall certify for licensure or registration by examination any applicant who passes the prescribed licensure or registration examination and satisfies the requirements of ss. 481.209 and 481.211, for architects, or the requirements of s. 481.209, for interior designers.
- (3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement as an architect or registration as a registered an interior designer an applicant who:
- (a) Qualifies to take the prescribed licensure or registration examination, and has passed the prescribed licensure registration examination or a substantially equivalent examination in another jurisdiction, as set forth in s. 481.209

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for architects or registered interior designers, as applicable, and has satisfied the internship requirements set forth in s. 481.211 for architects;

- (b) Holds a valid license to practice architecture or a license, registration, or certification to practice interior design issued by another jurisdiction of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were substantially equivalent to the licensure criteria that existed in this state at the time the license was issued; provided, however, that an applicant who has been licensed for use of the title "interior design" rather than licensed to practice interior design shall not qualify hereunder; or
- (c) Has passed the prescribed licensure examination and holds a valid certificate issued by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and holds a valid license to practice architecture issued by another state or jurisdiction of the United States.

754 An architect who is licensed in another state who seeks 755 qualification for license by endorsement under this subsection 756 must complete a class approved by the board on the Florida 757 Building Code.

- (4) The board may refuse to certify any applicant who has violated any of the provisions of s. 481.223, s. 481.225, or s. 481.2251, as applicable.
- (5) The board may refuse to certify any applicant who is under investigation in any jurisdiction for any act which would constitute a violation of this part or of chapter 455 until such time as the investigation is complete and disciplinary

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- (6) The board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this part relating to the examination, internship, and licensure of applicants.
- (7) For persons whose licensure requires satisfaction of the requirements of ss. 481.209 and 481.211, the board shall, by rule, establish qualifications for certification of such persons as special inspectors of threshold buildings, as defined in ss. 553.71 and 553.79, and shall compile a list of persons who are certified. A special inspector is not required to meet standards for certification other than those established by the board, and the fee owner of a threshold building may not be prohibited from selecting any person certified by the board to be a special inspector. The board shall develop minimum qualifications for the qualified representative of the special inspector who is authorized under s. 553.79 to perform inspections of threshold buildings on behalf of the special inspector.
- (8) A certificate of registration is not required for a person whose occupation or practice is confined to interior decorator services or for a person whose occupation or practice is confined to interior design except as required in this part.

Section 43. Subsection (1) of section 481.2131, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 481.2131 Interior design; practice requirements; disclosure of compensation for professional services.-
- (1) A registered interior designer is authorized to perform "interior design" as defined in s. 481.203. Interior design documents prepared by a registered interior designer shall contain a statement that the document is not an architectural or

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engineering study, drawing, specification, or design and is not to be used for construction of any load-bearing columns, loadbearing framing or walls of structures, or issuance of any building permit, except as otherwise provided by law. Interior design documents that are prepared and sealed by a registered interior designer must may, if required by a permitting body, be accepted by the permitting body be submitted for the issuance of a building permit for interior construction excluding design of any structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems or that materially affect lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems. Interior design documents submitted for the issuance of a building permit by an individual performing interior design services who is not a licensed architect must include a seal issued by the department and in conformance with the requirements of s. 481.221.

Section 44. Section 481.215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 481.215 Renewal of license or certificate of registration.-
- (1) Subject to the requirement of subsection (3), the department shall renew a license or certificate of registration upon receipt of the renewal application and renewal fee.
- (2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses and certificate of registrations.

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- (3) A No license or certificate of registration renewal may not shall be issued to an architect or a registered an interior designer by the department until the licensee or registrant submits proof satisfactory to the department that, during the 2 years before prior to application for renewal, the licensee or registrant participated per biennium in not less than 20 hours of at least 50 minutes each per biennium of continuing education approved by the board. The board shall approve only continuing education that builds upon the basic knowledge of architecture or interior design. The board may make exception from the requirements of continuing education in emergency or hardship cases.
- (4) The board shall by rule establish criteria for the approval of continuing education courses and providers and shall by rule establish criteria for accepting alternative nonclassroom continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis.
- (5) For architects, the board shall require, by rule adopted pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, 2 a specified number of hours in specialized or advanced courses, approved by the Florida Building Commission, on any portion of the Florida Building Code, adopted pursuant to part IV of chapter 553, relating to the licensee's respective area of practice. Such hours count towards the continuing education hours required under subsection (3). A licensee may complete the courses required under this subsection online.

Section 45. Section 481.217, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.217 Inactive status.-

(1) The board may prescribe by rule continuing education

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requirements as a condition of reactivating a license. The rules may not require more than one renewal cycle of continuing education to reactivate a license or registration for a registered architect or registered interior designer. For interior design, the board may approve only continuing education that builds upon the basic knowledge of interior design.

(2) The board shall adopt rules relating to application procedures for inactive status and for the reactivation of inactive licenses and registrations.

Section 46. Section 481.219, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 481.219 Qualification of business organizations 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 qualified business organization that offers corporation, limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural or interior design services to the public, or by a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural or interior design services to the public through 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 as a business organization, the licensee or applicant shall qualify the business organization upon approval of the board For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or person

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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.

- (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 qualifying agent who terminates an affiliation with a qualified business organization shall immediately notify the department of such termination. If such qualifying agent is the only qualifying agent for that business organization, the business organization must be qualified by another qualifying agent within 60 days after the termination. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the business organization may not engage in the practice of architecture until it is qualified by another qualifying agent.
- (b) In the event a qualifying agent ceases employment with a qualified business organization, the executive director or the chair of the board may authorize another registered architect employed by the business organization to temporarily serve as its qualifying agent for a period of no more than 60 days. The business organization is not authorized to operate beyond such period under this chapter absent replacement of the qualifying agent who has ceased employment.
- (c) A qualifying agent shall notify the department in writing before engaging in the practice of architecture in her

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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.

- (3) For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or 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 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership by an interior designer in her or his professional capacity and filed for public record within the state 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

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qualified for a certificate of authorization and who has paid the fee set in s. 481.207.

(7) The board shall allow a licensee or 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 services, if 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.
- (6) (10) Each qualifying agent who qualifies a business organization, partnership, limited liability company, or 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

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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 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.

(7) (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 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.

(8) (13) Nothing in This section may not shall be construed to mean that a certificate of registration to practice architecture must or interior design shall be held by a business

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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 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.

(14) 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."

Section 47. Subsections (5) and (10) of section 481.221, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

481.221 Seals; display of certificate number.-

- (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 registered licensed to perform.
- (10) Each registered architect must or interior designer, 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. Each business organization must include the license number of the registered architect who serves as the qualifying agent for that business organization in any newspaper, telephone



1026 directory, or other advertising medium used by the business 1027 organization architect, interior designer, corporation, limited 1028 liability company, or partnership. A corporation, limited 1029 liability company, or partnership is not required to display the certificate number of individual registered architects or 1030 1031 interior designers employed by or working within the 1032 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership. 1033 1034 ======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== 1035 And the title is amended as follows: 1036 Delete lines 3 - 130 1037 and insert: 1038 occupations; providing a short title; amending s. 1039 322.57, F.S.; defining the term "servicemember"; 1040 requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 1041 Vehicles to waive the requirement to pass the Commercial Driver License Skills Tests for certain 1042 1043 servicemembers and veterans; requiring an applicant 1044 who receives such waiver to complete certain 1045 requirements within a specified time; requiring the 1046 department to adopt rules; amending s. 326.004, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a yacht broker maintain 1047 1048 a separate license for each branch office; deleting 1049 the requirement that the Division of Florida 1050 Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes establish a 1051 fee; amending s. 447.02, F.S.; conforming provisions 1052 to changes made by the act; repealing s. 447.04, F.S.,

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to hearings for persons or labor organizations denied licensure as a business agent; repealing s. 447.045, F.S., relating to confidential information obtained during the application process; repealing s. 447.06, F.S., relating to required registration of labor organizations; amending s. 447.09, F.S.; deleting certain prohibited actions relating to the right of franchise of a member of a labor organization; repealing s. 447.12, F.S., relating to registration fees; repealing s. 447.16, F.S., relating to applicability; amending s. 447.305, F.S.; deleting a provision that requires notification of registrations and renewals to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; requiring the department or a board to enter into reciprocal licensing agreements with other states under certain circumstances; providing requirements; amending s. 456.072, F.S.; specifying that the failure to repay certain student loans is not considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal obligation for which certain disciplinary action can be taken; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 456.0721, F.S., relating to health care practitioners who are in default on student loan or scholarship obligations; amending s. 456.074, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to the suspension of a license issued by the Department of Health for defaulting on certain student loans; amending s. 468.385, F.S.; revising requirements relating to

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businesses auctioning or offering to auction property in this state; amending s. 468.603, F.S.; revising which inspectors are included in the definition of the term "categories of building code inspectors"; amending s. 468.613, F.S.; providing for waiver of specified requirements for certification under certain circumstances; amending s. 468.8314, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a license by endorsement to maintain a specified insurance policy; requiring the department to certify an applicant who holds a specified license issued by another state or territory of the United States under certain circumstances; amending s. 471.015, F.S.; revising licensure requirements for engineers who hold specified licenses in another state; amending s. 473.308, F.S.; deleting continuing education requirements for license by endorsement for certified public accountants; amending s. 474.202, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "limitedservice veterinary medical practice" to include certain procedures; amending s. 474.207, F.S.; revising education requirements for licensure by examination; amending s. 474.217, F.S.; requiring the department to issue a license by endorsement to certain applicants who successfully complete a specified examination; amending s. 476.114, F.S.; revising training requirements for licensure as a barber; amending s. 476.144, F.S.; requiring the department to certify as qualified for licensure by endorsement an applicant who is licensed to practice

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barbering in another state; amending s. 477.013, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "hair braiding"; repealing s. 477.0132, F.S., relating to registration for hair braiding, hair wrapping, and body wrapping; amending s. 477.0135, F.S.; providing additional exemptions from license or registration requirements for specified occupations or practices; amending s. 477.019, F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting the Board of Cosmetology from asking for proof of certain educational hours under certain circumstances; revising requirements for certification of licensure by endorsement for a certain applicant to engage in the practice of cosmetology; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 477.0201, F.S.; providing requirements for registration as a specialist; amending s. 477.026, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 477.0263, F.S.; providing that certain cosmetology services may be performed in a location other than a licensed salon under certain circumstances; amending ss. 477.0265 and 477.029, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.201, F.S.; deleting legislative findings relating to the practice of interior design; amending s. 481.203, F.S.; revising and deleting definitions; amending s. 481.205, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.207, F.S.; revising certain fees for interior designers; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.

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