

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/CS/SB 772 — Regulated Service Providers

by Appropriations Committee; Commerce and Tourism Committee; and Senator Richter

The bill modifies provisions in several areas regulated by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS), including:

- Eliminating the requirement that the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers have at least one member who is a photogrammetrist;
- Implementing license fee waivers for veterans, their spouses, and their businesses;
- De-regulating personal trainers from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' oversight;
- Clarifying requirements for owners of devices used for weights or measurements that are subject to a commercial-use permit under ch. 527, F.S., updating the commercial-use permit's license cycle, and simplifying commercial-use permit fees;
- Modernizing the Florida Sellers of Travel Act and deregulating same-day tour guide or sightseeing services;
- Allowing amusement ride operators to provide their own inspection form, and exempting specific rides from inspection requirements;
- Implementing fingerprint retention in ch. 493, F.S. (Private Security, Private Investigators, and Recovery Specialists), licensing processes;
- Implementing a live-fire requirement for concealed weapon or firearm licensure;
- Streamlining renewal of concealed weapon or firearm licenses by allowing a sworn statement, rather than a notarized affidavit, of a licensee's continued eligibility for licensure;
- Allowing personal service or notice by certified mail, or in the case of non-delivery, by U.S. mail or e-mail, to constitute effective service of notice of suspension or revocation of an individual's concealed weapon or firearm license;
- Allowing qualified tax collectors to print and deliver renewal concealed weapon or firearm licenses;
- Reducing application fees for concealed weapon or firearm licenses;
- In actions relating to the enforcement of a lien on a vehicle by a motor vehicle repair shop, allowing parties other than the consumer who authorized repairs to the motor vehicle to assert their right to the vehicle through either a bond process or a hearing in circuit court; and
- Requiring the DACS to establish standards and processes for approval of student tour operators, and mandating that the Department of Education publish a list of the approved student tour operators.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016, unless otherwise expressly provided in the bill.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0