A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Department of Business and 3 Professional Regulation; amending s. 20.165, F.S.; 4 assigning certain programs to regulation by the 5 department's Division of Professions; amending ss. 215.37 6 and 455.017, F.S.; specifying that the department is 7 responsible for the regulation of certain professions; 8 amending s. 455.02, F.S.; authorizing the temporary 9 professional licensure of the spouses of active duty members of the United States Armed Forces under certain 10 11 circumstances; providing application requirements; requiring criminal history checks and fees; amending s. 12 455.213, F.S.; requiring a licensee to surrender his or 13 14 her license under certain circumstances; amending s. 15 455.217, F.S.; revising the departmental unit responsible 16 for administration of certain examinations; limiting an applicant's review of failed examination questions; 17 amending s. 455.2175, F.S.; prohibiting an examinee whose 18 19 examination materials are confiscated from taking another examination under certain circumstances; amending s. 20 21 455.227, F.S.; revising grounds for the discipline of 22 professional licensees; providing penalties; amending s. 23 455.228, F.S.; revising terminology for cease and desist notices; creating s. 455.274, F.S.; authorizing the 24 25 publication of certain legal advertisements and notices on 26 the department's Internet website in lieu of publication in a newspaper; amending s. 468.83, F.S.; creating the 27 28 home inspection services licensing program within the

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grandfather provisions; providing penalties for the submission of false assessments or invoices; creating s. 468.8424, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 474.203, F.S.; revising an exemption from regulation of intern or resident veterinarians; amending s. 475.02, F.S.; authorizing certain members of the Florida Real Estate Commission to offer, conduct, and teach courses prescribed or approved by the commission or the department; amending s. 475.175, F.S.; revising the application and fingerprint requirements for real estate broker and sales associate licenses; deleting a requirement that license applicants provide fingerprints in an electronic format; amending s. 475.613, F.S.; revising qualifications of members of the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board; authorizing certain board members to offer, conduct, and teach courses prescribed or approved by the board or the department; amending s. 477.019, F.S.; deleting time limits for cosmetology license applicants to take the licensure examination; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 509.211, F.S.; assigning responsibility for the regulation of carbon monoxide hazards in certain public lodging establishments to the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services; creating s. 548.076, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue and enforce notices to cease and desist from violations of provisions regulating pugilistic exhibitions; providing penalties; amending s. 561.17,

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113 F.S.; revising application requirements for alcoholic 114 beverage licenses; reenacting ss. 468.436(2)(a), 115 468.832(1)(a), 468.842(1)(a), 471.033(1)(a), 116 473.323(1)(a), 475.25(1)(a), 475.624(1), 476.204(1)(h), 117 477.029(1)(h), 481.225(1)(a), and 481.325(1)(a), F.S., 118 relating to disciplinary proceedings for community 119 association managers, home inspectors, mold assessors, mold remediators, engineers, certified public accountants, 120 121 real estate brokers and sales associates, real estate 122 appraisers, barbers, cosmetologists, architects, and 123 landscape architects, to incorporate the amendment made to 124 s. 455.227, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 125 468.8314(2), F.S., relating to the licensure of home 126 inspectors, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 127 468.832, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an 128 effective date. 129 130 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 131 132 Subsection (4) of section 20.165, Florida Section 1. 133 Statutes, is amended to read: 134 20.165 Department of Business and Professional 135 Regulation.-There is created a Department of Business and 136 Professional Regulation. The following boards and programs are established 137 within the Division of Professions: 138 139 Board of Architecture and Interior Design, created 140 under part I of chapter 481.

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2. Florida Board of Auctioneers, created under part VI of chapter 468.

3. Barbers' Board, created under chapter 476.

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- 4. Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors
 Board, created under part XII of chapter 468.
- 5. Construction Industry Licensing Board, created under part I of chapter 489.
- 6. Board of Cosmetology, created under chapter 477.
- 7. Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, created under part II of chapter 489.
- 8. Board of Employee Leasing Companies, created under part XI of chapter 468.
- 9. Board of Landscape Architecture, created under part II of chapter 481.
- 155 10. Board of Pilot Commissioners, created under chapter 156 310.
- 157 11. Board of Professional Engineers, created under chapter 158 471.
- 159 12. Board of Professional Geologists, created under 160 chapter 492.
- 161 13. Board of Veterinary Medicine, created under chapter 162 474.
- 163 14. Home inspection services licensing program, created under part XV of chapter 468.
- 165 <u>15. Mold-related services licensing program, created under</u> 166 part XVI of chapter 468.
- 167 (b) The following board and commission are established
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1. Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board, created under part 170 II of chapter 475.

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- 2. Florida Real Estate Commission, created under part I of chapter 475.
- (c) The following board is established within the Division of Certified Public Accounting:
 - 1. Board of Accountancy, created under chapter 473.
- Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 215.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 215.37 Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the boards to be financed from fees collected; deposit of funds; service charge; appropriation.—
 - (2) The regulation by the department of professions, as defined in $\underline{s.\ 455.01}$ chapter $\underline{455}$, by the department shall be financed solely from revenue collected by it from fees and other charges and deposited in the Professional Regulation Trust Fund, and all such revenue is hereby appropriated to the department. However, it is legislative intent that each profession shall operate within its anticipated fees.
- Section 3. Section 455.017, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 455.017 Applicability of this chapter.—The provisions of This chapter applies apply only to the regulation by the department of professions by the department.
- 193 Section 4. Section 455.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 195 455.02 <u>Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good</u>
 196 standing with administrative boards and their spouses.—

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(1) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any administrative board of the state and was entitled to practice or engage in his or her profession or vocation in the state shall be kept in good standing by such administrative board, without registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and for a period of 6 months after discharge from active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, if provided he or she is not engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the private sector for profit.

- (2) The boards listed in s. 20.165 shall <u>adopt promulgate</u> rules <u>that exempt exempting</u> the <u>spouse spouses</u> of <u>a member</u> members of the Armed Forces of the United States from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of <u>his or her</u> absence from the state because of <u>his or her spouse's their spouses'</u> duties with the Armed Forces.
- (3) (a) The department may issue a temporary professional license to the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States if the spouse applies to the department in the format prescribed by the department. An application must include:
- 1. Proof that the applicant is married to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty.
- 2. Proof that the applicant holds a valid license for the profession issued by another state, the District of Columbia,

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225 <u>any possession or territory of the United States, or any foreign</u> 226 jurisdiction.

- 3. Proof that the applicant's spouse is assigned to a duty station in this state and that the applicant is also assigned to a duty station in this state pursuant to the member's official active duty military orders.
- 4. Proof that a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints are submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for a statewide criminal history check. The Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The department shall, and the board may, review the results of the criminal history checks according to the level 2 screening standards in s. 435.04 and determine whether the applicant meets the licensure requirements. The costs of fingerprint processing shall be borne by the applicant. If the applicant's fingerprints are submitted through an authorized agency or vendor, the agency or vendor shall collect the required processing fees and remit the fees to the Department of Law Enforcement.
- (b) An application must be accompanied by an application fee prescribed by the department that is sufficient to cover the cost of issuance of the temporary license.
- (c) A temporary license expires 6 months after the date of issuance and is not renewable.
- Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 455.213, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 455.213 General licensing provisions.-
- (2) Before the issuance of any license, the department may

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charge an initial license fee as determined by rule of the applicable board or, if no such board exists, by rule of the department. Upon receipt of the appropriate license fee, except as provided in subsection (3), the department shall issue a license to any person certified by the appropriate board, or its designee, or the department when there is no board, as having met the applicable requirements imposed by law or rule. However, an applicant who is not otherwise qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely based on a passing score on a required examination. Upon a determination by the department that it erroneously issued a license, or upon the revocation of a license by the applicable board, or by the department when there is no board, the licensee must surrender his or her license to the department.

- Section 6. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 455.217, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 455.217 Examinations.—This section shall be read in conjunction with the appropriate practice act associated with each regulated profession under this chapter.
- (1) The Division of <u>Professions</u> Service Operations of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall provide, contract, or approve services for the development, preparation, administration, scoring, score reporting, and evaluation of all examinations. The division shall seek the advice of the appropriate board in providing such services.
- (a) The department, acting in conjunction with the Division of Service Operations, the Division of Professions, and the Division of Real Estate, as appropriate, shall ensure that

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examinations adequately and reliably measure an applicant's ability to practice the profession regulated by the department. After an examination developed or approved by the department has been administered, the board or department may reject any question which does not reliably measure the general areas of competency specified in the rules of the board or department, when there is no board. The department shall use qualified outside testing vendors for the development, preparation, and evaluation of examinations, when such services are economically and viably available and approved by the department.

- (b) For each examination developed by the department or contracted vendor, to the extent not otherwise specified by statute, the board or the department when there is no board, shall by rule specify the general areas of competency to be covered by the examination, the relative weight to be assigned in grading each area tested, the score necessary to achieve a passing grade, and the fees, where applicable, to cover the actual cost for any purchase, development, and administration of the required examination. However, statutory fee caps in each practice act shall apply. This subsection does not apply to national examinations approved and administered pursuant to paragraph (d).
- (c) If a practical examination is deemed to be necessary, rules shall specify the criteria by which examiners are to be selected, the grading criteria to be used by the examiner, the relative weight to be assigned in grading each criterion, and the score necessary to achieve a passing grade. When a mandatory standardization exercise for a practical examination is required

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by law, the board may conduct such exercise. Therefore, board members may serve as examiners at a practical examination with the consent of the board.

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- A board, or the department when there is no board, may approve by rule the use of any national examination which the department has certified as meeting requirements of national examinations and generally accepted testing standards pursuant to department rules. Providers of examinations, which may be either profit or nonprofit entities, seeking certification by the department shall pay the actual costs incurred by the department in making a determination regarding the certification. The department shall use any national examination which is available, certified by the department, and approved by the board. The name and number of a candidate may be provided to a national contractor for the limited purpose of preparing the grade tape and information to be returned to the board or department or, to the extent otherwise specified by rule, the candidate may apply directly to the vendor of the national examination. The department may delegate to the board the duty to provide and administer the examination. Any national examination approved by a board, or the department when there is no board, prior to October 1, 1997, is deemed certified under this paragraph. Any licensing or certification examination that is not developed or administered by the department in-house or provided as a national examination shall be competitively bid.
- (e) The department shall adopt rules regarding the security and monitoring of examinations. In order to maintain the security of examinations, the department may employ the

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procedures set forth in s. 455.228 to seek fines and injunctive relief against an examinee who violates the provisions of s. 455.2175 or the rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph. The department, or any agent thereof, may, for the purposes of investigation, confiscate any written, photographic, or recording material or device in the possession of the examinee at the examination site which the department deems necessary to enforce such provisions or rules.

If the professional board with jurisdiction over an examination concurs, the department may, for a fee, share with any other state's licensing authority an examination developed by or for the department unless prohibited by a contract entered into by the department for development or purchase of the examination. The department, with the concurrence of the appropriate board, shall establish guidelines that ensure security of a shared exam and shall require that any other state's licensing authority comply with those guidelines. Those guidelines shall be approved by the appropriate professional board. All fees paid by the user shall be applied to the department's examination and development program for professions regulated by this chapter. All fees paid by the user for professions not regulated by this chapter shall be applied to offset the fees for the development and administration of that profession's examination. If both a written and a practical examination are given, an applicant shall be required to retake only the portion of the examination for which he or she failed to achieve a passing grade, if he or she successfully passes that portion within a reasonable time of his or her passing the

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administered pursuant to paragraph (1)(d), the department shall provide procedures for applicants who have taken and failed an examination developed by the department or a contracted vendor to review their most recently administered examination questions, answers, papers, grades, and grading key for the questions the candidate answered incorrectly or, if not feasible, the parts of the examination failed. Applicants shall bear the actual cost for the department to provide examination review pursuant to this subsection. An applicant may waive in writing the confidentiality of his or her examination grades.

Section 7. Section 455.2175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

455.2175 Penalty for theft or reproduction of an examination.—In addition to, or in lieu of, any other discipline imposed pursuant to s. 455.227, the theft of an examination in whole or in part or the act of reproducing or copying any examination administered by the department, whether such examination is reproduced or copied in part or in whole and by any means, constitutes a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. An examinee whose examination materials are confiscated is not permitted to take another examination until the criminal investigation reveals that the examinee did not violate this section.

Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 455.227, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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455.227 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.-

(1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be taken:

- (c) Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice, a licensee's profession.
- Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 455.228, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 455.228 Unlicensed practice of a profession; cease and desist notice; civil penalty; enforcement; citations; allocation of moneys collected.—
- (1) When the department has probable cause to believe that any person not licensed by the department, or the appropriate regulatory board within the department, has violated any provision of this chapter or any statute that relates to the practice of a profession regulated by the department, or any rule adopted pursuant thereto, the department may issue and deliver to such person a notice to cease and desist from such violation. In addition, the department may issue and deliver a notice to cease and desist to any person who aids and abets the unlicensed practice of a profession by employing such unlicensed person. The issuance of a notice to cease and desist shall not constitute agency action for which a hearing under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 may be sought. For the purpose of enforcing a cease and desist notice order, the department may file a proceeding in the name of the state seeking issuance of an injunction or a

writ of mandamus against any person who violates any provisions of such <u>notice</u> order. In addition to the foregoing remedies, the department may impose an administrative penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per incident pursuant to the provisions of chapter 120 or may issue a citation pursuant to the provisions of subsection (3). If the department is required to seek enforcement of the <u>notice</u> order for a penalty pursuant to s. 120.569, it shall be entitled to collect its attorney's fees and costs, together with any cost of collection.

Section 10. Section 455.274, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

455.274 Publication of legal advertisements and notices.-

- (1) Notwithstanding s. 49.10, when the department is required to publish a notice of action for any proceeding involving a licensee, in lieu of publishing the notice of action in a newspaper, the department may publish the notice of action for 4 consecutive weeks on the department's Internet website in a designated section of the website that pertains to the licensee's profession.
- (2) Notwithstanding s. 50.011, when the department is required or authorized to publish a legal advertisement or notice for any purpose described in s. 50.011 involving a licensee, in lieu of publishing the legal advertisement or notice in a newspaper, the department may publish the legal advertisement or notice on the department's Internet website in a designated section of the website that pertains to the licensee's profession.
 - (3) Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), when the department is

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required to publish notice to a licensee of the revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of his or her license, if personal service cannot be made to the licensee and the certified mail notice is returned undelivered, in lieu of publishing the notice in a newspaper, the department may publish the notice for 4 consecutive weeks on the department's Internet website in a designated section of the website that pertains to the licensee's profession.

Section 11. Section 468.83, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 468.83 <u>Home inspection services licensing program;</u> purpose.—
- (1) There is created within the department the home inspection services licensing program.
- (2) The Legislature recognizes that there is a need to require the licensing of home inspectors and to ensure that consumers of home inspection services can rely on the competence of home inspectors, as determined by educational and experience requirements and testing. Therefore, the Legislature deems it necessary in the interest of the public welfare to regulate home inspectors in this state.
- Section 12. Subsection (4) of section 468.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 468.8311 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
- (4) "Home inspection services" means a limited visual examination of one or more of the following readily accessible installed systems and components of a home: the structure, electrical system, HVAC system, roof covering, plumbing system,

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interior components, exterior components, and site conditions that affect the structure, for the purposes of providing a written professional opinion of the condition of the home.

Section 13. Subsections (5) through (8) of section 468.8312, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through (7), respectively, and present subsection (4) of that section is amended to read:

468.8312 Fees.-

(4) The fee for a certificate of authorization shall not exceed \$125.

Section 14. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 468.8313, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (5) of that section, to read:

468.8313 Examinations.—

- (1) A person desiring to be licensed as a home inspector must shall apply to the department after satisfying the examination requirements of this part to take a licensure examination.
- (2) An applicant <u>may</u> shall be entitled to take the licensure examination for the purpose of determining whether he or she is qualified to practice in this state as a home inspector if <u>he or she passes the required examination</u>, the applicant is of good moral character, and <u>completes has completed</u> a course of study of <u>at least no less than</u> 120 hours that covers all of the following components of a home: structure, electrical system, HVAC system, roof covering, plumbing system, interior components, exterior components, and site conditions that affect the structure.

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(d) An initial applicant must submit a complete set of his or her fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for a statewide criminal history check. The Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The department shall review the results of the criminal history checks according to the level 2 screening standards in s. 435.04 and determine whether the applicant meets the licensure requirements. The costs of fingerprint processing shall be borne by the applicant. If the applicant's fingerprints are submitted through an authorized agency or vendor, the agency or vendor shall collect the required processing fees and remit the fees to the Department of Law Enforcement.

Section 15. Section 468.8318, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8318 Certification of corporations and partnerships.-

- (1) The department shall issue a certificate of authorization to a corporation or partnership offering home inspection services to the public if the corporation or partnership satisfies all of the requirements of this part.
- (2) The practice of or the offer to practice home inspection services by licensees through a corporation or partnership offering home inspection services to the public, or by a corporation or partnership offering such services to the public through licensees under this part as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is permitted subject to the provisions of this part, provided that all personnel of the corporation or

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partnership who act in its behalf as home inspectors in this state are licensed as provided by this part; and further provided that the corporation or partnership has been issued a certificate of authorization by the department as provided in this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a corporation to hold a license to practice home inspection services. No corporation 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, nor shall any individual practicing home inspection services be relieved of responsibility for professional services performed by reason of his or her employment or relationship with a corporation or partnership.

- (3) For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, partnership, association, or person practicing under a fictitious name and offering home inspection services to the public; however, when an individual is practicing home inspection services in his or her own given name, he or she shall not be required to register under this section.
- (4) Each certificate of authorization shall be renewed every 2 years. Each partnership and corporation certified under this section shall notify the department within 1 month of any change in the information contained in the application upon which the certification is based.
- (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 licensed home

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inspector.

Section 16. Section 468.8319, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8319 Prohibitions; penalties.-

- (1) A home inspector, a company that employs a home inspector, or a company that is controlled by a company that also has a financial interest in a company employing a home inspector may not:
- (a) Effective July 1, 2011, practice or offer to practice home inspection services unless the person has complied with the provisions of this part;
- (b) Effective July 1, 2011, use the name or title "certified home inspector," "registered home inspector," "licensed home inspector," "home inspector," "professional home inspector," or any combination thereof unless the person has complied with the provisions of this part;
 - (c) Present as his or her own the license of another;
- (d) Knowingly give false or forged evidence to the department or an employee thereof;
- (e) Use or attempt to use a license that has been suspended or revoked;
- (f) Perform or offer to perform, prior to closing, for any additional fee, any repairs to a home on which the inspector or the inspector's company has prepared a home inspection report. This paragraph does not apply to a home warranty company that is affiliated with or retains a home inspector to perform repairs pursuant to a claim made under a home warranty contract;
 - (g) Inspect for a fee any property in which the inspector

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or the inspector's company has any financial or transfer interest;

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- (h) Offer or deliver any compensation, inducement, or reward to any broker or agent therefor for the referral of the owner of the inspected property to the inspector or the inspection company; or
- (i) Accept an engagement to make an omission or prepare a report in which the inspection itself, or the fee payable for the inspection, is contingent upon either the conclusions in the report, preestablished findings, or the close of escrow.
- (2) Any person who is found to be in violation of any provision of this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (3) This section does not apply to unlicensed activity as described in paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), or s. 455.228 that occurs before July 1, 2011.
- Section 17. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (1) of section 468.832, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 468.832 Disciplinary proceedings.-
- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (2) may be taken:
- (j) Failing to meet any standard of practice adopted by rule of the department.
- Section 18. Section 468.8324, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 468.8324 Grandfather clause.-
- (1) A person who performs home inspection services as defined in this part may qualify for licensure to be licensed by

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the department as a home inspector if the person <u>submits his or</u> <u>her application to the department by March 1, 2011, whether</u> <u>postmarked or delivered by that date, and if the person: meets the licensure requirements of this part by July 1, 2010.</u>

- (a) Is certified as a home inspector by a state or national association that requires, for such certification, successful completion of a proctored examination on home inspection services and completes at least 14 hours of verifiable education on such services; or
- (b) At the time of application, has at least 3 years of experience as a home inspector and completes at least 14 hours of verifiable education on home inspection services. To establish the 3 years of experience, an applicant must submit at least 120 home inspection reports prepared by the applicant.
- (2) The department may investigate the validity of a home inspection report submitted under paragraph (1) (b) and, if the applicant submits a false report, may take disciplinary action against the applicant under s. 468.832(1)(e) or (g).
- (3) An applicant may not qualify for licensure under this section if he or she has had a home inspector license or a license in any related field revoked at any time or suspended within the previous 5 years or has been assessed a fine that exceeds \$500 within the previous 5 years. For purposes of this subsection, a license in a related field includes, but is not limited to, licensure in real estate, construction, mold-related services, or building code administration or inspection.
- (4) An applicant for licensure under this section must comply with the criminal history, good moral character, and

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643	insurance requirements of this part.
646	Section 19. Section 468.8325, Florida Statutes, is created
647	to read:
648	468.8325 Rulemaking authority.—The department shall adopt
649	rules to administer this part.
650	Section 20. Section 468.84, Florida Statutes, is amended
651	to read:
652	468.84 Mold-related services licensing program;
653	legislative purpose
654	(1) There is created within the department the mold-
655	related services licensing program.
656	(2) The Legislature finds it necessary in the interest of
657	the public safety and welfare, to prevent damage to real and
658	personal property, to avert economic injury to the residents of
659	this state, and to regulate persons and companies that hold
660	themselves out to the public as qualified to perform mold-
661	related services.
662	Section 21. Subsections (7) through (10) of section
663	468.8412, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6)
664	through (9), respectively, and present subsection (6) of that
665	section is amended to read:
666	468.8412 Fees.—
667	(6) The fee for a biennial certificate of authorization
668	renewal shall not exceed \$400.
669	Section 22. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 468.8413,
670	Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) is added to
671	subsection (4) of that section, to read:
672	468.8413 Examinations.—

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(1) A person desiring to be licensed as a mold assessor or mold remediator <u>must shall</u> apply to the department <u>after</u> satisfying the examination requirements of this part to take a licensure examination.

- (2) An applicant <u>may</u> shall be entitled to take the licensure examination to practice in this state as a mold assessor or mold remediator if <u>he or she passes the required examination</u>, the applicant is of good moral character, and <u>completes has satisfied</u> one of the following requirements:
- (a)1. For a mold remediator, at least a 2-year <u>associate</u> of arts degree, or the equivalent, with at least 30 semester hours in microbiology, engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene, occupational safety, or a related field of science from an accredited institution and a minimum of 1 year of documented field experience in a field related to mold remediation; or
- 2. A high school diploma or the equivalent with a minimum of 4 years of documented field experience in a field related to mold remediation.
- (b) 1. For a mold assessor, at least a 2-year associate of arts degree, or the equivalent, with at least 30 semester hours in microbiology, engineering, architecture, industrial hygiene, occupational safety, or a related field of science from an accredited institution and a minimum of 1 year of documented field experience in conducting microbial sampling or investigations; or
- 2. A high school diploma or the equivalent with a minimum of 4 years of documented field experience in conducting microbial sampling or investigations.

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(d) An initial applicant must submit a complete set of his or her fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for a statewide criminal history check. The Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The department shall review the results of the criminal history checks according to the level 2 screening standards in s. 435.04 and determine whether the applicant meets the licensure requirements. The costs of fingerprint processing shall be borne by the applicant. If the applicant's fingerprints are submitted through an authorized agency or vendor, the agency or vendor shall collect the required processing fees and remit the fees to the Department of Law Enforcement.

Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 468.8414, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8414 Licensure.-

- (3) The department shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement an applicant who is of good moral character, who has the insurance coverage required under s. 468.8421, and who:
- (a) Is qualified to take the examination as set forth in s. 468.8413 and has passed a certification examination offered by a nationally recognized organization that certifies persons in the specialty of mold assessment or mold remediation that has been approved by the department as substantially equivalent to the requirements of this part and s. 455.217; or
 - (b) Holds a valid license to practice mold assessment or

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mold remediation issued by another state or territory of the United States if the criteria for issuance of the license were substantially the same as the licensure criteria that is established by this part as determined by the department.

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Section 24. Section 468.8418, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8418 Certification of partnerships and corporations.-

(1) The department shall issue a certificate of authorization to a corporation or partnership offering mold assessment or mold remediation services to the public if the corporation or partnership satisfies all of the requirements of this part.

(2) The practice of or the offer to practice mold assessment or mold remediation by licensees through a corporation or partnership offering mold assessment or mold remediation to the public, or by a corporation or partnership offering such services to the public through licensees under this part as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is permitted subject to the provisions of this part, provided that the corporation or partnership has been issued a certificate of authorization by the department as provided in this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a corporation to hold a license to practice mold assessment or mold remediation. No corporation 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, nor shall any individual practicing mold assessment or mold remediation be relieved of responsibility for

professional services performed by reason of his or her employment or relationship with a corporation or partnership.

- (3) For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, partnership, association, or person practicing under a fictitious name, offering mold assessment or mold remediation; however, when an individual is practicing mold assessment or mold remediation under his or her own given name, he or she shall not be required to register under this section.
- (4) Each certificate of authorization shall be renewed every 2 years. Each partnership and corporation certified under this section shall notify the department within 1 month of any change in the information contained in the application upon which the certification is based.
- (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 licensed mold assessor or mold remediator.
- Section 25. Section 468.8419, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 468.8419 Prohibitions; penalties.-
- (1) A mold assessor, a company that employs a mold assessor, or a company that is controlled by a company that also has a financial interest in a company employing a mold assessor may not:
- (a) Effective July 1, 2011, perform or offer to perform any mold assessment unless the mold assessor has documented training in water, mold, and respiratory protection under s.

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785 468.8414(2).

(b) Effective July 1, 2011, perform or offer to perform any mold assessment unless the person has complied with the provisions of this part.

- (c) Use the name or title "certified mold assessor," "registered mold assessor," "licensed mold assessor," "mold assessor," "professional mold assessor," or any combination thereof unless the person has complied with the provisions of this part.
- (d) Perform or offer to perform any mold remediation to a structure on which the mold assessor or the mold assessor's company provided a mold assessment within the last 12 months.
- (e) Inspect for a fee any property in which the assessor or the assessor's company has any financial or transfer interest.
- (f) Accept any compensation, inducement, or reward from a mold remediator or mold remediator's company for the referral of any business to the mold remediator or the mold remediator's company.
- (g) Offer any compensation, inducement, or reward to a mold remediator or mold remediator's company for the referral of any business from the mold remediator or the mold remediator's company.
- (h) Accept an engagement to make an omission of the assessment or conduct an assessment in which the assessment itself, or the fee payable for the assessment, is contingent upon the conclusions of the assessment.
 - (2) A mold remediator, a company that employs a mold

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remediator, or a company that is controlled by a company that also has a financial interest in a company employing a mold remediator may not:

- (a) Perform or offer to perform any mold remediation unless the remediator has documented training in water, mold, and respiratory protection under s. 468.8414(2).
- (b) Perform or offer to perform any mold remediation unless the person has complied with the provisions of this part.
- (c) Use the name or title "certified mold remediator," "registered mold remediator," "licensed mold remediator," "mold remediator," "professional mold remediator," or any combination thereof unless the person has complied with the provisions of this part.
- (d) Perform or offer to perform any mold assessment to a structure on which the mold remediator or the mold remediator's company provided a mold remediation within the last 12 months.
- (e) Remediate for a fee any property in which the mold remediator or the mold remediator's company has any financial or transfer interest.
- (f) Accept any compensation, inducement, or reward from a mold assessor or mold assessor's company for the referral of any business from the mold assessor or the mold assessor's company.
- (g) Offer any compensation, inducement, or reward to a mold assessor or mold assessor's company for the referral of any business from the mold assessor or the mold assessor's company.
- (3) Any person who violates any provision of this section commits:
 - (a) A misdemeanor of the second degree for a first

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violation, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

- (b) A misdemeanor of the first degree for a second violation, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (c) A felony of the third degree for a third or subsequent violation, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (4) This section does not apply to unlicensed activity as described in paragraph (1)(b), paragraph (1)(c), or s. 455.228 that occurs before July 1, 2011.
 - Section 26. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (1) of section 468.842, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 468.842 Disciplinary proceedings.-
 - (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (2) may be taken:
 - (j) Failing to meet any standard of practice adopted by rule of the department.
 - Section 27. Subsection (1) of section 468.8421, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 468.8421 Insurance.-

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- (1) A mold assessor shall maintain general liability and errors and omissions for both preliminary and postremediation mold assessment insurance coverage in an amount of at least \$1 million not less than \$1,000,000.
- Section 28. Section 468.8423, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 468.8423 Grandfather clause.-
- (1) A person who performs mold assessment or mold remediation as defined in this part may qualify for licensure to

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be licensed by the department as a mold assessor or mold remediator if the person submits his or her application to the department by March 1, 2011, whether postmarked or delivered by that date, and if the person: meets the licensure requirements of this part by July 1, 2010.

- (a) Is certified as a mold assessor or mold remediator by a state or national association that requires, for such certification, successful completion of a proctored examination on mold assessment or mold remediation, as applicable, and completes at least 60 hours of education on mold assessment or at least 30 hours of education on mold remediation, as applicable; or
- (b) At the time of application, has at least 3 years of experience as a mold assessor or mold remediator. To establish the 3 years of experience, an applicant must submit at least 40 mold assessments or remediation invoices prepared by the applicant.
- (2) The department may investigate the validity of a mold assessment or remediation invoice submitted under paragraph (1)(b) and, if the applicant submits a false assessment or invoice, may take disciplinary action against the applicant under s. 468.842(1)(e) or (g).
- (3) An applicant may not qualify for licensure under this section if he or she has had a mold assessor or mold remediator license or a license in any related field revoked at any time or suspended within the previous 5 years or has been assessed a fine that exceeds \$500 within the previous 5 years. For purposes of this subsection, a license in a related field includes, but

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is not limited to, licensure in real estate, construction, home inspection, building code administration or inspection, or indoor air quality.

- (4) An applicant for licensure under this section must comply with the good moral character and insurance requirements of this part.
- Section 29. Section 468.8424, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 468.8424 Rulemaking authority.—The department shall adopt rules to administer this part.
- Section 30. Subsection (2) of section 474.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter shall not apply to:
- veterinarian who does not hold a valid license issued under this chapter and who is a graduate in training at a school or college of veterinary medicine located in this state and accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education or a school or college recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates. Such intern or resident must be a graduate of a school or college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education or a school or college of veterinary medicine recognized by the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates of the American Veterinary Medical Association. This exemption expires when such intern or resident completes or is terminated from such training. Each school or college at which such intern or

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resident is in training shall, on July 1 of each year, provide the board with a written list of all such interns or residents designated for this exemption, and the school or college shall also notify the board of any additions or deletions to the list.

For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (4) are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized by the laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal supplies.

Section 31. Section 475.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.02 Florida Real Estate Commission.

- (1) There is created within the department the Florida
 Real Estate Commission. The commission shall consist of seven
 members who shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to
 confirmation by the Senate. Four members must be licensed
 brokers, each of whom has held an active license for the 5 years
 preceding appointment; one member must be a licensed broker or a
 licensed sales associate who has held an active license for the
 2 years preceding appointment; and two members must be persons
 who are not, and have never been, brokers or sales associates.
 At least one member of the commission must be 60 years of age or
 older. The current members may complete their present terms
 unless removed for cause.
 - (2) Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms.
- (3) Notwithstanding s. 112.313, any member of the commission who is a licensed real estate broker or sales associate and who holds an active real estate school permit,

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chief administrator permit, school instructor permit, or any combination of such permits issued by the department, to the extent authorized pursuant to such permit, may offer, conduct, or teach any course prescribed or approved by the commission or the department.

Section 32. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 475.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.175 Examinations.-

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- (1) A person shall be entitled to take the license examination to practice in this state if the person:
- Submits to the department the appropriate signed or electronically authenticated application, digital fingerprint data, and fee, and a fingerprint card. The digital fingerprints fingerprint card shall be forwarded to the Division of Criminal Justice Information Systems within the Department of Law Enforcement for purposes of processing the fingerprints fingerprint card to determine if the applicant has a criminal history record. The fingerprints fingerprint card shall also be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for purposes of processing the fingerprints fingerprint card to determine if the applicant has a criminal history record. The information obtained by the processing of the fingerprints fingerprint card by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be sent to the department for the purpose of determining if the applicant is statutorily qualified for examination. Effective July 1, 2006, an applicant shall provide fingerprints in electronic format.

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Section 33. Section 475.613, Florida Statutes, is amended

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475.613 Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board.-

- There is created the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board, which shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Four members of the board must be real estate appraisers who have been engaged in the general practice of appraising real property in this state for at least 5 years immediately preceding appointment. In appointing real estate appraisers to the board, while not excluding other appraisers, the Governor shall give preference to real estate appraisers who are not primarily engaged in real estate brokerage or mortgage lending activities. One member of the board must represent organizations that use appraisals for the purpose of eminent domain proceedings, financial transactions, or mortgage insurance. Two members of the board shall be representatives of the general public and shall not be connected in any way with the practice of real estate appraisal, real estate brokerage, or mortgage lending. The appraiser members shall be as representative of the entire industry as possible, and membership in a nationally recognized or staterecognized appraisal organization shall not be a prerequisite to membership on the board. To the extent possible, no more than two members of the board shall be primarily affiliated with any one particular national or state appraisal association. Two of the members must be licensed or certified residential real estate appraisers and two of the members must be certified general real estate appraisers at the time of their appointment.
 - (a) Members of the board shall be appointed for 4-year

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terms. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the board shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term. Upon expiration of her or his term, a member of the board shall continue to hold office until the appointment and qualification of the member's successor. A member may not be appointed for more than two consecutive terms. The Governor may remove any member for cause.

- (b) The headquarters for the board shall be in Orlando.
- (c) The board shall meet at least once each calendar quarter to conduct its business.
- (d) The members of the board shall elect a chairperson at the first meeting each year.
- (e) Each member of the board is entitled to per diem and travel expenses as set by legislative appropriation for each day that the member engages in the business of the board.
- (2) The board shall have, through its rules, full power to regulate the issuance of licenses, certifications, registrations, and permits; to discipline appraisers in any manner permitted under this section; to establish qualifications for licenses, certifications, registrations, and permits consistent with this section; to regulate approved courses; to establish standards for real estate appraisals; and to establish standards for and regulate supervisory appraisers.
- (3) Notwithstanding s. 112.313, any member of the board who is a licensed or certified real estate appraiser and who holds an active appraiser instructor permit issued by the department, to the extent authorized pursuant to such permit, may offer, conduct, or teach any course prescribed or approved

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by the board or the department.

Section 34. Subsections (4) through (8) of section 477.019, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (7), respectively, and paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and present subsection (3) of that section are amended to read:

477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure; supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing education.—

- (2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by examination to practice cosmetology if the applicant:
- (c)1. Is authorized to practice cosmetology in another state or country, has been so authorized for at least 1 year, and does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided for in subsection (5) $\frac{(6)}{(6)}$; or
- 2. Has received a minimum of 1,200 hours of training 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 cosmetology at one of the following:
- a. A school of cosmetology licensed pursuant to chapter 1005.
 - b. A cosmetology program within the public school system.
- c. The Cosmetology Division of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, provided the division meets the standards of this chapter.
- d. A government-operated cosmetology program in this state.

The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school

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or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the required examination after the completion of a minimum of 1,000 actual school hours. If the person then passes the examination, he or she shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the person fails the examination, he or she shall not be qualified to take the examination again until the completion of the full requirements provided by this section.

- (3) An application for the licensure examination for any license under this section may be submitted for examination approval in the last 100 hours of training by a pregraduate of a licensed cosmetology school or a program within the public school system, which school or program is certified by the Department of Education with fees as required in paragraph (2) (b). Upon approval, the applicant may schedule the examination on a date when the training hours are completed. An applicant shall have 6 months from the date of approval to take the examination. After the 6 months have passed, if the applicant failed to take the examination, the applicant must reapply. The board shall establish by rule the procedures for the pregraduate application process.
- Section 35. Subsection (4) of section 509.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 509.211 Safety regulations.-

(4) Every enclosed space or room that contains a boiler regulated under chapter 554 which is fired by the direct application of energy from the combustion of fuels and that is located in any portion of a public lodging establishment that also contains sleeping rooms shall be equipped with one or more

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carbon monoxide sensor devices that bear the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory and have been tested and listed as complying with the most recent Underwriters

Laboratories, Inc., Standard 2034, or its equivalent, unless it is determined that carbon monoxide hazards have otherwise been adequately mitigated as determined by the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services. Such devices shall be integrated with the public lodging establishment's fire detection system. Any such installation or determination shall be made in accordance with rules adopted by the Division of State Fire Marshal.

Section 36. Section 548.076, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

548.076 Cease and desist notices.—When the department has probable cause to believe that any person not licensed by the commission has violated any provision of this chapter, or any rule adopted pursuant thereto, the department may issue and deliver to such person a notice to cease and desist from such violation. The department shall issue and enforce such cease and desist notices in accordance with s. 455.228.

Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 561.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 561.17 License and registration applications; approved person.—
- (1) Any person, before engaging in the business of manufacturing, bottling, distributing, selling, or in any way dealing in alcoholic beverages, shall file, with the district licensing personnel of the district of the division in which the

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place of business for which a license is sought is located, a sworn application in the format prescribed duplicate on forms 1123 provided to the district licensing personnel by the division. The applicant must be a legal or business entity, person, or 1125 persons and must include all persons, officers, shareholders, 1126 and directors of such legal or business entity that have a direct or indirect interest in the business seeking to be licensed under this part. However, the applicant does not include any person that derives revenue from the license solely 1129 1130 through a contractual relationship with the licensee, the substance of which contractual relationship is not related to 1132 the control of the sale of alcoholic beverages. Before Prior to any application is being approved, the division may require the 1133 1134 applicant to file a set of fingerprints on regular United States Department of Justice forms for herself or himself and for any 1136 person or persons interested directly or indirectly with the 1137 applicant in the business for which the license is being sought, 1138 when so required by the division. If the applicant or any person 1139 who is interested with the applicant either directly or indirectly in the business or who has a security interest in the license being sought or has a right to a percentage payment from 1142 the proceeds of the business, either by lease or otherwise, is not qualified, the division shall deny the application shall be 1143 denied by the division. However, any company regularly traded on 1144 1145 a national securities exchange and not over the counter; any insurer, as defined in the Florida Insurance Code; or any bank 1146 1147 or savings and loan association chartered by this state, another state, or the United States which has an interest, directly or

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indirectly, in an alcoholic beverage license <u>is</u> shall not be required to obtain the division's division approval of its officers, directors, or stockholders or any change of such positions or interests. A shopping center with five or more stores, one or more of which has an alcoholic beverage license and is required under a lease common to all shopping center tenants to pay no more than 10 percent of the gross proceeds of the business holding the license to the shopping center, <u>is</u> shall not be considered as having an interest, directly or indirectly, in the license.

Section 38. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 468.436, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

468.436 Disciplinary proceedings.-

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- (2) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (4) may be taken:
 - (a) Violation of any provision of s. 455.227(1).

Section 39. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 468.832, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

468.832 Disciplinary proceedings.-

- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (2) may be taken:
- 1174 (a) Violation of any provision of this part or s. 1175 455.227(1);

1176 Section 40. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment

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made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 468.842, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

468.842 Disciplinary proceedings.-

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- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (2) may be taken:
- (a) Violation of any provision of this part or s. 455.227(1);

Section 41. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 471.033, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

471.033 Disciplinary proceedings.-

- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (3) may be taken:
- (a) Violating any provision of s. 455.227(1), s. 471.025, or s. 471.031, or any other provision of this chapter or rule of the board or department.

Section 42. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 473.323, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

473.323 Disciplinary proceedings.-

- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (3) may be taken:
- 1202 (a) Violation of any provision of s. 455.227(1) or any 1203 other provision of this chapter.

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made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 475.25, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

475.25 Discipline.-

- (1) The commission may deny an application for licensure, registration, or permit, or renewal thereof; may place a licensee, registrant, or permittee on probation; may suspend a license, registration, or permit for a period not exceeding 10 years; may revoke a license, registration, or permit; may impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or separate offense; and may issue a reprimand, and any or all of the foregoing, if it finds that the licensee, registrant, permittee, or applicant:
- (a) Has violated any provision of s. 455.227(1) or s. 475.42. However, licensees under this part are exempt from the provisions of s. 455.227(1) (i).

Section 44. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 475.624, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

475.624 Discipline.—The board may deny an application for registration or certification; may investigate the actions of any appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this part; may reprimand or impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000 for each count or separate offense against any such appraiser; and may revoke or suspend, for a period not to exceed 10 years, the registration, license, or certification of any such appraiser, or place any such appraiser on probation, if

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it finds that the registered trainee, licensee, or certificateholder:

- (1) Has violated any provisions of this part or s.
- 1236 455.227(1); however, certificateholders, registrants, and
- 1237 licensees under this part are exempt from the provisions of s.
- 1238 455.227(1)(i).
- 1239 Section 45. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
- 1240 made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a
- 1241 reference thereto, paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section
- 1242 476.204, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
- 1243 476.204 Penalties.-
- 1244 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:
- 1245 (h) Violate any provision of s. 455.227(1), s. 476.194, or
- 1246 s. 476.214.
- Section 46. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
- 1248 made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a
- 1249 reference thereto, paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section
- 1250 477.029, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
- 1251 477.029 Penalty.-
- 1252 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:
- 1253 (h) Violate any provision of s. 455.227(1), s. 477.0265,
- 1254 or s. 477.028.
- 1255 Section 47. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
- 1256 made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a
- 1257 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
- 1258 481.225, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
- 1259 481.225 Disciplinary proceedings against registered
- 1260 architects.

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(1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (3) may be taken:

- (a) Violating any provision of s. 455.227(1), s. 481.221, or s. 481.223, or any rule of the board or department lawfully adopted pursuant to this part or chapter 455.
- Section 48. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 455.227, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 481.325, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
 - 481.325 Disciplinary proceedings.-
- (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (3) may be taken:
- 1273 (a) Violation of any provision of s. 455.227(1), s. 1274 481.321, or s. 481.323.
 - Section 49. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 468.832, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (2) of section 468.8314, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
 - 468.8314 Licensure.-

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- 1280 (2) The department shall certify for licensure any
 1281 applicant who satisfies the requirements of s. 468.8313 and who
 1282 has passed the licensing examination. The department may refuse
 1283 to certify any applicant who has violated any of the provisions
 1284 of s. 468.832.
- 1285 Section 50. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.