LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Dean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 51 - 348

and insert:

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the purpose of identifying subjects who are under investigation for unlicensed activity pursuant to s. 455.228; to the Department of State pursuant to an interagency agreement to facilitate determinations of eligibility of voter registration applicants and registered voters in accordance with ss. 98.045 and 98.075; to the Department of Revenue pursuant to an interagency agreement for use in establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, or enforcing support obligations in

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Title IV-D cases; to the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to an interagency agreement to conduct protective investigations under part III of chapter 39 and chapter 415; to the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to an interagency agreement specifying the number of employees in each of that department's regions to be granted access to the records for use as verification of identity to expedite the determination of eligibility for public assistance and for use in public assistance fraud investigations; or to the Department of Financial Services pursuant to an interagency agreement to facilitate the location of owners of unclaimed property, the validation of unclaimed property claims, and the identification of fraudulent or false claims.

Section 2. Subsection (12) is added to section 455.213, Florida Statutes, to read:

455.213 General licensing provisions.-

(12) The department may grant a fee waiver for a license renewal to a licensee on a case-by-case basis due to financial hardship or an error caused by the department.

Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 455.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

455.271 Inactive and delinquent status.

(10) The board, or the department if there is no board, shall require Before reactivation, an inactive or delinquent licensee, except a licensee under chapter 473 or chapter 475, to complete one renewal cycle of shall meet the same continuing education in order to reactivate a license requirements, if any, imposed on an active status licensee for all biennial licensure periods in which the licensee was inactive or delinquent. This

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subsection does not apply to persons regulated under chapter 473.

Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 475.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.42 Violations and penalties.-

- (1) VIOLATIONS.-
- (a) A person may not operate as a broker or sales associate without being the holder of a valid and current active license therefor. Any person who violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, or, if a corporation, as provided in s. 775.083.
- (b) A person licensed as a sales associate may not operate as a broker or operate as a sales associate for any person not registered as her or his employer.
- (c) A broker may not employ, or continue in employment, any person as a sales associate who is not the holder of a valid and current license as sales associate; but a license as sales associate may be issued to a person licensed as an active broker, upon request and surrender of the license as broker, without a fee in addition to that paid for the issuance of the broker's active license.
- (d) A sales associate may not collect any money in connection with any real estate brokerage transaction, whether as a commission, deposit, payment, rental, or otherwise, except in the name of the employer and with the express consent of the employer; and no real estate sales associate, whether the holder of a valid and current license or not, shall commence or maintain any action for a commission or compensation in connection with a real estate brokerage transaction against any

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- (e) A person may not violate any lawful order or rule of the commission which is binding upon her or him.
- (e) (f) A person may not commit any conduct or practice set forth in s. 475.25(1)(b), (c), (d), or (g) $\frac{(h)}{(b)}$.
- (f) (g) A person may not make any false affidavit or affirmation intended for use as evidence by or before the commission or a member thereof, or by any of its authorized representatives, nor may any person give false testimony under oath or affirmation to or before the commission or any member thereof in any proceeding authorized by this chapter.
- (g) (h) A person may not fail or refuse to appear at the time and place designated in a subpoena issued with respect to a violation of this chapter, unless because of facts that are sufficient to excuse appearance in response to a subpoena from the circuit court; nor may a person who is present before the commission or a member thereof or one of its authorized representatives acting under authority of this chapter refuse to be sworn or to affirm or fail or refuse to answer fully any question propounded by the commission, the member, or such representative, or by any person by the authority of such officer or appointee; nor may any person, so being present, conduct herself or himself in a disorderly, disrespectful, or contumacious manner.
- (h) (i) A person may not obstruct or hinder in any manner the enforcement of this chapter or the performance of any lawful duty by any person acting under the authority of this chapter or

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interfere with, intimidate, or offer any bribe to any member of the commission or any of its employees or any person who is, or is expected to be, a witness in any investigation or proceeding relating to a violation of this chapter.

(i)(j) A broker or sales associate may not place, or cause to be placed, upon the public records of any county, any contract, assignment, deed, will, mortgage, affidavit, or other writing which purports to affect the title of, or encumber, any real property if the same is known to her or him to be false, void, or not authorized to be placed of record, or not executed in the form entitling it to be recorded, or the execution or recording whereof has not been authorized by the owner of the property, maliciously or for the purpose of collecting a commission, or to coerce the payment of money to the broker or sales associate or other person, or for any unlawful purpose. However, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a broker or a sales associate from recording a judgment rendered by a court of this state or to prohibit a broker from placing a lien on a property where expressly permitted by contractual agreement or otherwise allowed by law.

(j) (k) A person may not operate as a broker under a trade name without causing the trade name to be noted in the records of the commission and placed on the person's license, or so operate as a member of a partnership or as a corporation or as an officer or manager thereof, unless such partnership or corporation is the holder of a valid current registration.

- (k) (1) A person may not knowingly conceal any information relating to violations of this chapter.
 - (1) (m) A person may not undertake to list or sell one or

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more timeshare periods per year in one or more timeshare plans on behalf of any number of persons without first being the holder of a valid and current license as a broker or sales associate pursuant to this chapter, except as provided in s. 475.011 and chapter 721.

(m) (n) A broker or sales associate may not enter into any listing or other agreement regarding her or his services in connection with the resale of a timeshare period unless the broker or sales associate fully and fairly discloses all material aspects of the agreement to the owner of the timeshare period. Further, a broker or sales associate may not use any form of contract or purchase and sale agreement in connection with the resale of a timeshare period unless the contract or purchase and sale agreement fully and fairly discloses all material aspects of the timeshare plan and the rights and obligations of both buyer and seller. The commission is authorized to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 as necessary to implement, enforce, and interpret this paragraph.

(n) (o) A person may not disseminate or cause to be disseminated by any means any false or misleading information for the purpose of offering for sale, or for the purpose of causing or inducing any other person to purchase, lease, or rent, real estate located in the state or for the purpose of causing or inducing any other person to acquire an interest in the title to real estate located in the state.

Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 477.0212, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 477.0212 Inactive status.-
- (2) The board shall promulgate rules relating to licenses

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which have become inactive and for the renewal of inactive licenses. The board shall prescribe by rule a fee not to exceed \$50 for the reactivation of an inactive license and a fee not to exceed \$50 for the renewal of an inactive license. The board shall also require a licensee to complete one renewal cycle of continuing education requirements.

Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 477.0265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.0265 Prohibited acts.

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to:
- (a) Engage in the practice of cosmetology or a specialty without an active license as a cosmetologist or registration as a specialist issued by the department pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
- (b) Own, operate, maintain, open, establish, conduct, or have charge of, either alone or with another person or persons, a cosmetology salon or specialty salon:
- 1. Which is not licensed under the provisions of this chapter; or
- 2. In which a person not licensed or registered as a cosmetologist or a specialist is permitted to perform cosmetology services or any specialty.
- (c) Engage in willful or repeated violations of this chapter or of any rule adopted by the board.
- (c) (d) Permit an employed person to engage in the practice of cosmetology or of a specialty unless such person holds a valid, active license as a cosmetologist or registration as a specialist.
 - (d) (e) Obtain or attempt to obtain a license or

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registration for money, other than the required fee, or any other thing of value or by fraudulent misrepresentations.

- (e) (f) Use or attempt to use a license to practice cosmetology or a registration to practice a specialty, which license or registration is suspended or revoked.
- (f) (g) 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.
- (q) (h) In the practice of cosmetology, use or possess a cosmetic product containing a liquid nail monomer containing any trace of methyl methacrylate (MMA).
- Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 481.217, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 481.217 Inactive status.-
- (1) The board may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements as a condition of reactivating a license. The licensee must complete one renewal cycle of continuing education requirements in order to reactivate The continuing education requirements for reactivating a license for a registered architect may not exceed 12 contact hours for each year the license was inactive. The minimum continuing education requirement for reactivating a license for a registered interior designer shall be those of the most recent biennium plus onehalf of the requirements in s. 481.215 for each year or part thereof during which the license was inactive. The board shall only approve continuing education that builds only upon the basic knowledge of interior design.
 - Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 481.315, Florida



Statutes, is amended to read:

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481.315 Inactive status.-

(1) A license that has become inactive or delinquent may be reactivated under this section upon application to the department and payment of any applicable biennial renewal or delinquency fee, or both, and a reactivation fee. The board shall also require a licensee to complete one renewal cycle of continuing education requirements. The board may prescribe by rule continuing education requirements as a condition of reactivating the license. The continuing education requirements for reactivating a license may not exceed 12 classroom hours for each year the license was inactive.

Section 9. Subsections (3) and (6) of section 489.116, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

489.116 Inactive and delinquent status; renewal and cancellation notices.-

- (3) An inactive status certificateholder or registrant may change to active status at any time, provided the certificateholder or registrant meets all requirements for active status, pays any additional licensure fees necessary to equal those imposed on an active status certificateholder or registrant, and pays any applicable late fees, and completes one renewal cycle of continuing education requirements.
- (6) An inactive certificateholder or registrant shall complete one renewal cycle of comply with the same continuing education requirements in order to reactive his or her certification or registration, if any, that are imposed on an active status certificateholder or registrant.

Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 489.519, Florida



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489.519 Inactive status.-

(1) A certificate or registration that has become inactive may be reactivated under s. 489.517 upon application to the department. The licensee must complete one renewal cycle of continuing education requirements. The board may prescribe, by rule, continuing education requirements as a condition of reactivating a certificate or registration. The continuing education requirements for reactivating a certificate or registration may not exceed 12 classroom hours for each year the certificate or registration was inactive.

Section 11. Effective July 1, 2014, paragraph (v) of subsection (1) of section 475.611, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, is repealed.

Section 12. Notwithstanding the amendment made by this act to section 10 of chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, effective upon this act becoming a law, paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 475.626, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

Section 13. Subsection (14) of section 475.624, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

475.624 Discipline of appraisers.—The board may deny an application for registration or certification of an appraiser; 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,

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license, or certification of any such appraiser, or place any such appraiser on probation, if the board finds that the registered trainee, licensee, or certificateholder:

(14) Has violated any standard of professional practice, including standards for the development or communication of a real estate appraisal, as established by board rule or other provision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

Section 14. Section 475.628, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

475.628 Professional standards for appraisers registered, licensed, or certified under this part.—Each appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this part shall comply with the standards of professional practice as established by board rules. The board shall adopt rules stating the standards of practice that meet or exceed nationally recognized standards of appraisal practice, including the professional standards of the Appraisal Foundation Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. Statements on appraisal standards which may be issued for the purpose of clarification, interpretation, explanation, or elaboration through the Appraisal Foundation shall also be binding on any appraiser registered, licensed, or certified under this part, upon adoption by board rule.

Section 15. Subsection (7) of section 509.032, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

509.032 Duties.-

(7) PREEMPTION AUTHORITY.—The regulation of public lodging establishments and public food service establishments, including, but not limited to, the inspection of public lodging

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establishments and public food service establishments for compliance with the sanitation standards, inspections, adopted under this section, and the regulation of food safety protection standards for required training and testing of food service establishment personnel, and matters related to the nutritional content and marketing of foods offered in such establishments are preempted to the state. This subsection does not preempt the authority of a local government or local enforcement district to conduct inspections of public lodging and public food service establishments for compliance with the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code, pursuant to ss. 553.80 and 633.022.

Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 509.261, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

509.261 Revocation or suspension of licenses; fines; procedure.-

- (1) Any public lodging establishment or public food service establishment that has operated or is operating in violation of this chapter or the rules of the division, operating without a license, or operating with a suspended or revoked license may be subject by the division to:
 - (a) Fines not to exceed \$1,000 per offense;
- (b) Mandatory completion attendance, at personal expense, of a remedial at an educational program administered sponsored by a food safety training program provider whose program been approved by the division, as provided in s. 509.049 the Hospitality Education Program; and
- (c) The suspension, revocation, or refusal of a license issued pursuant to this chapter.



Section 17. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section 10 of chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida, is amended to read: Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014 2011.

Section 18. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 32

and insert:

An act relating to regulated professions and occupations; amending s. 322.142, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to release certain digital images to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to identify certain persons; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to grant waivers of renewal fees under certain circumstances; amending s. 455.271, F.S.; revising continuing education requirements for certain license reactivations; amending s. 475.42, F.S.; revising violations and penalties for real estate professionals; amending s. 477.0212, F.S.; revising continuing education requirements for cosmetology license reactivations; amending s. 477.0265, F.S.; revising prohibited acts for cosmetologists; amending s. 481.217, F.S.; revising

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continuing education requirements for license reactivation of architect or interior design licenses; amending s. 481.315, F.S.; revising continuing education requirements for landscape architect license reactivations; amending s. 489.116, F.S.; revising continuing education requirements for contractor license reactivations; amending s. 489.519, F.S.; revising continuing education requirements for electrical and alarm system contractor license reactivations; repealing s. 475.611(1)(v), F.S., relating to Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; repealing s. 475.626(1)(b) and (c), F.S., relating to violations and penalties against registered appraisers; amending s. 475.624, F.S.; establishing professional standards for appraisers by board rule; amending s. 475.628, F.S.; authorizing the board to adopt rules establishing standards of professional appraisal practice; amending s. 509.032, F.S.; clarifying provisions relating to the preemption to the state of the regulation of public lodging and public food service establishments; amending s. 509.261, F.S.; providing for remedial training in response to certain violations by public lodging and food service establishments; amending s. 10, chapter 2010-84, Laws of Florida; delaying the effective date of provisions relating to the discipline of appraisal management companies; providing effective dates.