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A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and 3 Consumer Services; transferring, redesignating, and 4 amending s. 525.09(1), F.S.; transferring collection 5 of a motor fuel inspection fee from the Department of 6 Agriculture and Consumer Services to the Department of 7 Revenue; amending s. 493.6101, F.S.; revising the 8 definition of the term "repossession"; amending s. 9 493.6113, F.S.; revising firearms recertification training requirements for specified licenses of the 10 private security, private investigative, and 11 12 repossession industries; amending s. 493.6116, F.S.; 13 deleting a provision prohibiting specified licensees from sponsoring certain interns; requiring interns to 14 15 perform regulated duties within the state; amending s. 16 493.6118, F.S.; providing additional grounds for 17 disciplinary action against firearm licensees; 18 amending s. 493.6120, F.S.; providing criminal 19 penalties for a person who knowingly obtains a 20 fraudulent document declaring a licensure applicant to have completed specified training; amending s. 21 22 496.405, F.S.; revising procedures and requirements 23 with respect to the submission and processing of 24 registration statements and renewal statements by 25 charitable organizations and sponsors; amending s. 496.406, F.S.; exempting specified organizations and 26 27 sponsors from filing a registration statement; 28 requiring exempt organizations and sponsors to file

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29 specified documents; providing for applicability; 30 amending s. 496.407, F.S.; revising financial 31 reporting requirements; amending s. 496.409, F.S.; 32 revising registration procedures and requirements for 33 professional fundraising consultants; amending s. 34 496.410, F.S.; revising registration procedures and 35 requirements for professional solicitors; amending s. 36 496.411, F.S.; revising the information required to be 37 displayed on specified solicitation materials; amending s. 496.415, F.S.; revising a provision 38 prohibiting specified persons from submitting false, 39 40 misleading, or inaccurate information related to a solicitation or a charitable or sponsor sales 41 42 promotion; amending s. 496.419, F.S.; revising the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture and 43 44 Consumer Services to report specified criminal 45 violations; authorizing the department to issue a cease and desist order for specified violations; 46 amending s. 501.016, F.S.; revising the amount of a 47 surety bond, letter of credit, or guaranty agreement 48 furnished to the department by a health studio; 49 50 amending s. 501.059, F.S.; prohibiting a telephone 51 solicitor from calling certain consumers; amending s. 52 501.603, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; revising 53 definitions; amending s. 501.604, F.S.; revising 54 exemptions from specified provisions of the Florida 55 Telemarketing Act; amending s. 501.607, F.S.; revising 56 salesperson application requirements; amending s.

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57 501.608, F.S.; requiring commercial telephone sellers 58 seeking an affidavit of exemption to provide the 59 department with certain information at the 60 department's request; requiring licensees and exempt 61 persons to display certain documentation; authorizing 62 the department to issue a cease and desist order and 63 to order a salesperson to leave an office if the 64 salesperson is unable to properly display or produce a license or a receipt of filing of an affidavit of 65 exemption; amending s. 501.611, F.S.; providing that a 66 surety bond filed with the department by a commercial 67 68 telephone seller remains in force for a specified 69 period; amending s. 501.615, F.S.; revising the 70 contract requirements and restrictions on telephonic 71 sales by commercial telephone sellers; amending s. 72 501.617, F.S.; authorizing an enforcing authority to 73 conduct regulatory inspections; amending s. 507.03, F.S.; requiring moving brokers to provide certain 74 75 information at the request of the department; amending 76 s. 507.04, F.S.; deleting the requirement for a moving 77 broker to maintain certain liability coverage; 78 amending s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting movers and 79 moving brokers from entering into certain service 80 contracts with certain unregistered persons; amending 81 s. 525.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term 82 "alternative fuel"; repealing s. 525.09(2)-(4), F.S., relating to the payment and applicability of an 83 inspection fee for testing and analyzing petroleum 84

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85 fuels; amending s. 525.10, F.S.; deleting a provision 86 requiring certain moneys to be paid into the State 87 Treasury before being deposited into a specified trust fund; amending s. 527.01, F.S.; defining the term 88 89 "license year" applicable to certain liquefied 90 petroleum gas licenses; amending s. 527.0201, F.S.; revising examination requirements for applicants 91 92 seeking certain licenses; revising continuing 93 education requirements for specified qualifiers; amending s. 527.03, F.S.; revising the requirements 94 and procedure for renewal of liquefied petroleum gas 95 96 licenses; amending s. 531.415, F.S.; revising a 97 provision exempting certain petroleum equipment from 98 specified fees; amending s. 531.61, F.S.; revising a 99 provision exempting certain devices from permitting requirements; creating s. 531.67, F.S., and repealing 100 s. 40, ch. 2009-66, Laws of Florida, relating to 101 102 permits for weights and measures instruments or devices, to provide for codification in the Florida 103 104 Statutes of the expiration of specified provisions and 105 extending the expiration date; amending s. 539.001, 106 F.S.; revising fingerprinting requirements for a 107 pawnbroker license application; amending s. 559.802, 108 F.S.; requiring a specified notice to be filed on a 109 form adopted by the department; amending s. 559.803, 110 F.S.; revising the requirements of the mandatory 111 written disclosure statement provided to purchasers of business opportunities; repealing s. 559.805, F.S., 112

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140	to read:
139	subsection (1) of section 206.41, Florida Statutes, and amended
138	Statutes, is transferred, redesignated as paragraph (h) of
137	Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 525.09, Florida
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135	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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133	effective date.
132	salespersons under ch. 501, F.S.; providing an
131	licensed as commercial telephone sellers or
130	specified persons who sell timeshare plans to be
129	requirements; amending s. 721.20, F.S.; requiring
128	F.S.; revising amusement ride insurance coverage
127	Vehicle Repair Advisory Council; amending s. 616.242,
126	559.9221, F.S.; revising the membership of the Motor
125	provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
124	authority; amending s. 559.815, F.S.; conforming
123	provision naming the department as an enforcing
122	authorizing the department to adopt rules; deleting a
121	selling business opportunities; deleting a provision
120	specified penalties for certain violations relating to
119	provision authorizing the department to impose
118	opportunities; amending s. 559.813, F.S.; deleting a
117	securities requirements relating to selling business
116	deleting a provision providing for the use of certain
115	business opportunities; amending s. 559.807, F.S.;
114	advertisement identification numbers by sellers of
113	relating to mandatory filings and disclosure of

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206.41 State taxes imposed on motor fuel.-

142 (1) The following taxes are imposed on motor fuel under143 the circumstances described in subsection (6):

144 (h) (1) An additional 0.125 cents per net gallon is levied 145 on all motor fuel for sale or use in this state for the purpose 146 of defraying the expenses incident to inspecting, testing, and analyzing motor fuel petroleum fuels in this state, there shall 147 148 be paid to the department a charge of one-eighth cent per gallon 149 on all gasoline, kerosene (except when used as aviation turbine 150 fuel), and #1 fuel oil for sale or use in this state. All moneys 151 collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the 152 State Treasury. Such moneys shall be distributed monthly into 153 the General Inspection Trust Fund. This inspection fee shall be 154 imposed in the same manner as the motor fuel tax pursuant to 155 206.41. Payment shall be made on or before the 25th day of each 156 month.

Section 2. Subsection (22) of section 493.6101, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

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493.6101 Definitions.-

160 (22)"Repossession" means the recovery of a motor vehicle 161 as defined under s. 320.01(1), a mobile home as defined in s. 162 320.01(2), a motorboat as defined under s. 327.02, an aircraft as defined in s. 330.27(1), a personal watercraft as defined in 163 164 s. 327.02, an all-terrain vehicle as defined in s. 316.2074, farm equipment as defined under s. 686.402, or industrial 165 166 equipment, by an individual who is authorized by the legal 167 owner, lienholder, or lessor to recover, or to collect money 168 payment in lieu of recovery of, that which has been sold or

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169 leased under a security agreement that contains a repossession 170 clause. As used in this subsection, the term "industrial 171 equipment" includes, but is not limited to, tractors, road 172 rollers, cranes, forklifts, backhoes, and bulldozers. The term 173 "industrial equipment" also includes other vehicles that are 174 propelled by power other than muscular power and that are used 175 in the manufacture of goods or used in the provision of 176 services. A repossession is complete when a licensed recovery 177 agent is in control, custody, and possession of such repossessed 178 property. Property that is being repossessed shall be considered 179 to be in the control, custody, and possession of a recovery 180 agent if the property being repossessed is secured in 181 preparation for transport from the site of the recovery by means 182 of being attached to or placed on the towing or other transport 183 vehicle or if the property being repossessed is being operated 184 or about to be operated by an employee of the recovery agency. 185 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section

186 493.6113, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.-

(3) Each licensee is responsible for renewing his or her
license on or before its expiration by filing with the
department an application for renewal accompanied by payment of
the prescribed license fee.

(b) Each Class "G" licensee shall additionally submit proof that he or she has received during each year of the license period a minimum of 4 hours of firearms recertification training taught by a Class "K" licensee and has complied with such other health and training requirements which the department

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197 shall may adopt by rule. Proof of completion of firearms 198 recertification training shall be submitted to the department 199 upon completion of the training. If documentation of completion 200 of the required training is not submitted by the end of the 201 first year of the 2-year term of the license, the individual's 202 license shall be automatically suspended until proof of the 203 required training is submitted to the department. If 204 documentation of completion of the required training is not 205 submitted by the end of the second year of the 2-year term of 206 the license, the license shall not be renewed unless If proof of 207 a minimum of 4 hours of annual firearms recertification training 208 cannot be provided, the renewal applicant completes shall 209 complete the minimum number of hours of range and classroom 210 training required at the time of initial licensure. The 211 department may waive the foregoing firearms training requirement 212 if:

1. The applicant provides proof that he or she is currently certified as a law enforcement officer or correctional officer under the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and has completed law enforcement firearms requalification training annually during the previous 2 years of the licensure period<u>:</u>-

219 2. The applicant provides proof that he or she is 220 currently certified as a federal law enforcement officer and has 221 received law enforcement firearms training administered by a 222 federal law enforcement agency annually during the previous 2 223 years of the licensure period; or.

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3. The applicant submits a valid firearm certificate among

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those specified in s. 493.6105(6)(a) and provides proof of having completed requalification training during the previous 2 years of the licensure period.

228 Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 493.6116, Florida 229 Statutes, is amended to read:

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493.6116 Sponsorship of interns.-

231 (3)Internship is intended to serve as a learning process. 232 Sponsors shall assume a training status by providing direction 233 and control of interns. Sponsors shall only sponsor interns 234 whose place of business is within a 50-mile distance of the 235 sponsor's place of business and shall not allow interns to 236 operate independently of such direction and control<sub>au</sub> or require 237 interns to perform activities that which do not enhance the 238 intern's qualification for licensure. Interns must perform 239 regulated duties within the boundaries of this state during the 240 period of internship.

Section 5. Paragraphs (u) and (v) of subsection (1) of section 493.6118, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (w) and (x), respectively, and new paragraphs (u) and (v) are added to that subsection to read:

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493.6118 Grounds for disciplinary action.-

(1) The following constitute grounds for which
disciplinary action specified in subsection (2) may be taken by
the department against any licensee, agency, or applicant
regulated by this chapter, or any unlicensed person engaged in
activities regulated under this chapter.

251 <u>(u) For a Class "G" licensee, failing to timely complete</u> 252 <u>recertification training as required in s. 493.6113(3)(b).</u>

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253	(v) For a Class "K" licensee, failing to maintain active
254	certification specified under s. 493.6105(6).
255	Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 493.6120, Florida
256	Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
257	section, to read:
258	493.6120 Violations; penalty
259	(1) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter
260	except subsection (5) and s. 493.6405 commits a misdemeanor of
261	the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
262	775.083.
263	(5) A person may not knowingly possess, issue, cause to be
264	issued, sell, submit, or offer a fraudulent training
265	certificate, proficiency form, or other official document that
266	declares an applicant to have successfully completed any course
267	of training required for licensure under this chapter when that
268	person either knew or reasonably should have known that the
269	certificate, form, or document was fraudulent. A person who
270	violates this subsection commits a felony of the third degree,
271	punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
272	Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections
273	(2) and (7) of section 496.405, Florida Statutes, are amended to
274	read:
275	496.405 Registration statements by charitable
276	organizations and sponsors
277	(1)
278	(b) Any changes in the information submitted on the
279	initial registration statement or the last renewal statement
280	must be updated annually on a renewal statement provided by the
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department on or before the date that marks one year after the date the department approved the initial registration statement as provided in this section. The department shall annually provide a renewal statement to each registrant by mail <u>or by</u> <u>electronic mail</u> at least <u>30</u> <del>60</del> days before the renewal date.

(2) The initial registration statement must be submitted
on a form prescribed by the department, signed under oath by an
authorized official the treasurer or chief fiscal officer of the
charitable organization or sponsor who shall certify that the
registration statement is true and correct, and include the
following information or material:

(a) A copy of the financial report or Internal Revenue
Service Form 990 and <u>all attached schedules</u> Schedule A or
Internal Revenue Service Form 990-EZ <u>and Schedule O</u> required
under s. 496.407 for the immediately preceding fiscal year. A
newly organized charitable organization or sponsor with no
financial history must file a budget for the current fiscal
year.

(b) The name of the charitable organization or sponsor, the purpose for which it is organized, the name under which it intends to solicit contributions, and the purpose or purposes for which the contributions to be solicited will be used.

303 (c) The name of the individuals or officers who are in 304 charge of any solicitation activities.

305 (d) A statement of whether:

306 1. The charitable organization or sponsor is authorized by 307 any other state to solicit contributions;

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The charitable organization or sponsor or any of its

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309 officers, directors, trustees, or principal salaried executive 310 personnel have been enjoined in any jurisdiction from soliciting 311 contributions or have been found to have engaged in unlawful 312 practices in the solicitation of contributions or administration 313 of charitable assets;

314 3. The charitable organization or sponsor has had its 315 registration or authority denied, suspended, or revoked by any 316 governmental agency, together with the reasons for such denial, 317 suspension, or revocation; and

318 4. The charitable organization or sponsor has voluntarily
319 entered into an assurance of voluntary compliance <u>in any</u>
320 <u>jurisdiction</u> or agreement similar to that set forth in s.
321 496.420, together with a copy of that agreement.

322 5. The charitable organization or sponsor or any of its 323 officers, directors, trustees, or employees, regardless of 324 adjudication, has been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled 325 quilty or nolo contendere to, or has been incarcerated within 326 the last 10 years as a result of having previously been 327 convicted of, or found quilty of, or pled quilty or nolo 328 contendere to, any felony or any crime involving fraud, theft, 329 larceny, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation 330 of property, or any crime arising from the conduct of a 331 solicitation for a charitable organization or sponsor within the 332 last 10 years and, if so, the name of such person, the nature of the offense, the date of the offense, the court having 333 334 jurisdiction in the case, the date of conviction or other 335 disposition, and the disposition of the offense. 336 The charitable organization or sponsor or any of its 6.

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337 officers, directors, trustees, or employees, regardless of 338 adjudication, has been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been incarcerated within 339 340 the last 10 years as a result of having previously been 341 convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo 342 contendere to, any crime involving fraud, theft, larceny, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of 343 344 property, or any crime enumerated in this chapter or resulting 345 from acts committed while involved in the solicitation of 346 contributions within the last 10 years and, if so, the name of 347 such person, the nature of the offense, the date of the offense, 348 the court having jurisdiction in the case, the date of 349 conviction or other disposition, and the disposition of the 350 offense.

351 <u>7.6.</u> The charitable organization or sponsor or any of its 352 officers, directors, trustees, or employees has been enjoined 353 from violating any law relating to a charitable solicitation, 354 and, if so, the name of such person, the date of the injunction, 355 and the court issuing the injunction.

356 The names, street addresses, and telephone numbers of (e) 357 any professional solicitor, professional fundraising consultant, 358 and commercial co-venturer who is acting or has agreed to act on 359 behalf of the charitable organization or sponsor, together with 360 a statement setting forth the specific terms of the arrangements 361 for salaries, bonuses, commissions, expenses, or other 362 remunerations to be paid the fundraising consultant and 363 professional solicitor.

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(f) With initial registration only, a statement showing

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365 when and where the organization was established and the tax-366 exempt status of the organization together with a copy of any 367 federal tax exemption determination letter. If the charitable 368 organization or sponsor has not received a federal tax exemption 369 determination letter at the time of initial registration, a copy 370 of such determination must be filed with the department within 371 30 days after receipt of the determination by the charitable 372 organization or sponsor. If the organization is subsequently 373 notified by the Internal Revenue Service of any challenge to its 374 continued entitlement to federal tax exemption, the charitable 375 organization or sponsor shall notify the department of this fact 376 within 30 days after receipt.

(g) The following information must be filed with the initial registration statement and must be updated when any change occurs in the information that was previously filed with the initial registration statement:

381 The principal street address and telephone number of 1. 382 the organization and the street address and telephone numbers of any offices in this state or, if the charitable organization or 383 384 sponsor does not maintain an office in this state, the name, 385 street address, and telephone number of the person that has 386 custody of its financial records. The parent organization that 387 files a consolidated registration statement on behalf of its 388 chapters, branches, or affiliates must additionally provide the 389 street addresses and telephone numbers of all such locations in 390 this state.

391 2. The names and street addresses of the officers,392 directors, trustees, and the principal salaried executive

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393 personnel.

394 3. The date when the charitable organization's or395 sponsor's fiscal year ends.

4. A list or description of the major program activities.
5. The names, street addresses, and telephone numbers of
the individuals or officers who have final responsibility for
the custody of the contributions and who will be responsible for
the final distribution of the contributions.

401 The department must examine each initial registration (7) 402 statement or annual renewal statement and the supporting 403 documents filed by a charitable organization or sponsor and 404 shall determine whether the registration requirements are 405 satisfied. Within 15 10 working days after its receipt of a 406 statement, the department must examine the statement, notify the 407 applicant of any apparent errors or omissions, and request any 408 additional information the department is allowed by law to 409 require. Failure to correct an error or omission or to supply 410 additional information is not grounds for denial of the initial 411 registration or annual renewal statement unless the department 412 has notified the applicant within the 15-working-day 10-working-413 day period. The department must approve or deny each statement, 414 or must notify the applicant that the activity for which she or 415 he seeks registration is exempt from the registration 416 requirement, within 15 10 working days after receipt of the 417 initial registration or annual renewal statement or the 418 requested additional information or correction of errors or 419 omissions. Any statement that is not approved or denied within 420 15 10 working days after receipt of the requested additional

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421 information or correction of errors or omissions is approved. 422 Within 7 working days after receipt of a notification that the 423 registration requirements are not satisfied, the charitable 424 organization or sponsor may request a hearing. The hearing must 425 be held within 7 working days after receipt of the request, and 426 any recommended order, if one is issued, must be rendered within 427 3 working days of the hearing. The final order must then be issued within 2 working days after the recommended order. If a 428 429 recommended order is not issued, the final order must be issued 430 within 5 working days after the hearing. The proceedings must be 431 conducted in accordance with chapter 120, except that the time 432 limits and provisions set forth in this subsection prevail to 433 the extent of any conflict.

434 Section 8. Section 496.406, Florida Statutes, is amended 435 to read:

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496.406 Exemption from registration.-

437 (1) The following charitable organizations and sponsors 438 are exempt from the requirements of s. 496.405:

439 <u>(a) (1)</u> A person who is soliciting for a named individual, 440 provided that all the contributions collected without any 441 deductions whatsoever are turned over to the beneficiary for her 442 or his use and provided that the person has complied with the 443 requirements of s. 496.413.

444 <u>(b)(2)</u> A charitable organization or sponsor <u>that</u> which 445 limits solicitation of contributions to the membership of the 446 charitable organization or sponsor. For the purposes of this 447 paragraph, the term "membership" does not include those persons 448 who are granted a membership upon making a contribution as a

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449 result of a solicitation.

450 (c) (3) Any division, department, post, or chapter of a
 451 veterans' service organization granted a federal charter under
 452 Title 36, United States Code.

453 (d) A charitable organization or sponsor that has less 454 than \$25,000 in total revenue during a fiscal year if the 455 fundraising activities of such organization or sponsor are 456 carried on by volunteers, members, or officers who are not 457 compensated and no part of the assets or income of such 458 organization or sponsor inures to the benefit of or is paid to 459 any officer or member of such organization or sponsor or to any 460 professional fundraising consultant, professional solicitor, or 461 commercial co-venturer. If a charitable organization or sponsor 462 that has less than \$25,000 in total revenue during a fiscal year 463 actually acquires total revenue equal to or in excess of 464 \$25,000, the charitable organization or sponsor must register 465 with the department as required by s. 496.405 within 30 days 466 after the date the revenue reaches \$25,000. 467 (2) Before soliciting contributions, a charitable 468 organization or sponsor claiming to be exempt from the 469 registration requirements of s. 496.405 under paragraph (1)(d) 470 must submit annually to the department, on forms prescribed by 471 the department: 472 The name, address, and telephone number of the (a) 473 charitable organization or sponsor, the name under which it 474 intends to solicit contributions, the purpose for which it is 475 organized, and the purpose or purposes for which the 476 contributions to be solicited will be used.

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477	(b) The tax exempt status of the organization.
478	(c) The date on which the organization's fiscal year ends.
479	(d) The names, street addresses, and telephone numbers of
480	the individuals or officers who have final responsibility for
481	the custody of the contributions and who will be responsible for
482	the final distribution of the contributions.
483	(e) A financial statement of support, revenue, and
484	expenses and a statement of functional expenses that must
485	include, but not be limited to, expenses in the following
486	categories: program, management and general, and fundraising.
487	In lieu of the financial statement, a charitable organization or
488	sponsor may submit a copy of its Internal Revenue Service Form
489	990 and all attached schedules or Internal Revenue Service Form
490	990-EZ and Schedule O.
491	(3) A charitable organization or sponsor claiming to be
492	exempt from the registration requirements of this chapter shall
493	submit any information that the department may request to
494	substantiate an exemption under this section. A charitable
495	organization or sponsor that fails to submit information
496	satisfactory to the department is not exempt from the
497	requirements of this chapter. In any proceeding, the burden of
498	proving an exemption is upon the charitable organization or
499	sponsor claiming it.
500	(4) Exemption from the registration requirements of s.
501	496.405 does not limit the applicability of other provisions of
502	this section to a charitable organization or sponsor.
503	Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 496.407, Florida
504	Statutes, is amended to read:
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532	employees of the applicant; to any officer, director, trustee,
531	or sibling to any other directors, officers, owners, or
530	employees of the applicant are related as parent, child, spouse,
529	(d) Whether any of the owners, directors, officers, or
528	the applicant, including all officers, directors, and owners.
527	(c) The names and residence addresses of all principals of
526	(b) The form of the applicant's business.
525	outside this state.
524	street addresses if the principal place of business is located
523	principal place of business of the applicant and any Florida
522	(a) The street address and telephone number of the
521	information:
520	and correct under oath, and must include the following
519	fundraising consultant who shall certify that the report is true
518	department, signed by an authorized official of the professional
517	registration must be submitted on a form prescribed by the
516	(2) Applications for registration or renewal of
515	fundraising consultant
514	496.409 Registration and duties of professional
513	496.409, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
512	Section 10. Subsections (2), (3), and (6) of section
511	filed for the preceding fiscal year.
510	copy of its Internal Revenue Service Form 990-EZ and Schedule O
509	<u>schedules</u> Schedule A filed for the preceding fiscal year, or a
508	a copy of its Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and <u>all attached</u>
507	subsection (1), a charitable organization or sponsor may submit
506	(2) In lieu of the financial report described in
505	496.407 Financial report

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533 or employee of any charitable organization or sponsor under 534 contract to the applicant; or to any supplier or vendor 535 providing goods or services to any charitable organization or 536 sponsor under contract to the applicant.

537 Whether the applicant or any of its officers, (e) 538 directors, trustees, or employees have, within the last 10 539 years, regardless of adjudication, been convicted, or found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or have been 540 541 incarcerated within the last 10 years as a result of having 542 previously been convicted of, or found quilty of, or pled quilty 543 or nolo contendere to, any felony and, if so, the name of such 544 person, the nature of the offense, the date of the offense, the 545 court having jurisdiction in the case, the date of conviction or 546 other disposition, and the disposition of the offense.

547 (f) Whether the applicant or any of its officers, 548 directors, trustees, or employees have, regardless of 549 adjudication, been convicted of, or found quilty of, or pled 550 guilty or nolo contendere to, or have been incarcerated within 551 the last 10 years as a result of having previously been 552 convicted of, or found quilty of, or pled quilty or nolo 553 contendere to, a crime within the last 10 years involving fraud, 554 theft, larceny, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, or 555 misappropriation of property, or any crime arising from the 556 conduct of a solicitation for a charitable organization or 557 sponsor and, if so, the name of such person, the nature of the 558 offense, the date of the offense, the court having jurisdiction 559 in the case, the date of conviction or other disposition, and 560 the disposition of the offense.

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(g) Whether the applicant or any of its officers, directors, trustees, or employees have been enjoined from violating any law relating to a charitable solicitation and, if so, the name of such person, the date of the injunction, and the court issuing the injunction.

566 (3)The application for registration must be accompanied 567 by a fee of \$300. A professional fundraising consultant which is 568 a partnership or corporation may register for and pay a single 569 fee on behalf of all of its partners, members, officers, 570 directors, agents, and employees. In that case, the names and 571 street addresses of all the officers, employees, and agents of 572 the fundraising consultant and all other persons with whom the 573 fundraising consultant has contracted to work under its 574 direction must be listed in the application. Each registration is valid for 1 year or a part of 1 year and expires on March 31 575 576 of each year. The registration may be renewed on or before March 577 31 of each year for additional 1-year periods upon application to the department and payment of the registration fee. 578

579 The department shall examine each registration (6) 580 statement and supporting documents filed by a professional 581 fundraising consultant and determine whether the registration 582 requirements are satisfied. If the department determines that 583 the registration requirements are not satisfied, the department 584 must notify the professional fundraising consultant within 15 10 585 working days after its receipt of the registration statement; 586 otherwise the registration statement is approved. Within 7 587 working days after receipt of a notification that the 588 registration requirements are not satisfied, the applicant may

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589 request a hearing. The hearing must be held within 7 working 590 days after receipt of the request, and any recommended order, if 591 one is issued, must be rendered within 3 working days after the 592 hearing. The final order must then be issued within 2 working 593 days after the recommended order. If there is no recommended 594 order, the final order must be issued within 5 working days 595 after the hearing. The proceedings must be conducted in 596 accordance with chapter 120, except that the time limits and 597 provisions set forth in this subsection prevail to the extent of 598 any conflict.

599 Section 11. Subsections (2), (3), (5), and (8) of section 600 496.410, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

601 496.410 Registration and duties of professional 602 solicitors.-

603 (2) Applications for registration or renewal of 604 registration must be submitted on a form prescribed by rule of 605 the department, signed <u>by an authorized official of the</u> 606 <u>professional solicitor who shall certify that the report is true</u> 607 <u>and correct under oath</u>, and must include the following 608 information:

(a) The street address and telephone number of the
principal place of business of the applicant and any Florida
street addresses if the principal place of business is located
outside this state.

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(b) The form of the applicant's business.

614 (c) The place and date when the applicant, if other than615 an individual, was legally established.

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The names and residence addresses of all principals of

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617 the applicant, including all officers, directors, and owners.

618 (e) A statement as to whether any of the owners, 619 directors, officers, or employees of the applicant are related 620 as parent, spouse, child, or sibling to any other directors, 621 officers, owners, or employees of the applicant; to any officer, 622 director, trustee, or employee of any charitable organization or 623 sponsor under contract to the applicant; or to any supplier or 624 vendor providing goods or services to any charitable 625 organization or sponsor under contract to the applicant.

A statement as to whether the applicant or any of its 626 (f) 627 directors, officers, trustees, persons with a controlling 628 interest in the applicant, or employees or agents involved in 629 solicitation have, within the last 10 years, regardless of adjudication, been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled 630 631 guilty or nolo contendere to, or have been incarcerated within 632 the last 10 years as a result of having previously been 633 convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo 634 contendere to, any felony and, if so, the name of such person, the nature of the offense, the date of the offense, the court 635 636 having jurisdiction in the case, the date of conviction or other 637 disposition, and the disposition of the offense.

(g) A statement as to whether the applicant or any of its directors, officers, trustees, persons with a controlling interest in the applicant, or employees or agents involved in solicitation have, regardless of adjudication, been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or have been incarcerated within the last 10 years as a result of having previously been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled

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645 guilty or nolo contendere to, a crime within the last 10 years 646 involving fraud, theft, larceny, embezzlement, fraudulent 647 conversion, or misappropriation of property, or any crime 648 arising from the conduct of a solicitation for a charitable 649 organization or sponsor and, if so, the name of such person, the 650 nature of the offense, the date of the offense, the court having 651 jurisdiction in the case, the date of conviction or other 652 disposition, and the disposition of the offense.

(h) A statement as to whether the applicant or any of its directors, officers, trustees, persons with a controlling interest in the applicant, or employees or agents involved in solicitation have been enjoined from violating any law relating to a charitable solicitation and, if so, the name of such person, the date of the injunction, and the court issuing the injunction.

(i) The names of all persons in charge of any solicitationactivity.

662 The application for registration must be accompanied (3)by a fee of \$300. A professional solicitor that is a partnership 663 664 or corporation may register for and pay a single fee on behalf 665 of all of its partners, members, officers, directors, agents, 666 and employees. In that case, the names and street addresses of 667 all the officers, employees, and agents of the professional 668 solicitor and all other persons with whom the professional 669 solicitor has contracted to work under its direction, including 670 solicitors, must be listed in the application or furnished to the department within 5 days after the date of employment or 671 672 contractual arrangement. Each registration is valid for 1 year

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673 or a part of 1 year and expires on March 31 of each year. The 674 registration may be renewed on or before March 31 of each year 675 for an additional 1-year period upon application to the 676 department and payment of the registration fee.

677 (5) The department must examine each registration 678 statement and supporting documents filed by a professional 679 solicitor. If the department determines that the registration 680 requirements are not satisfied, the department must notify the professional solicitor within 15  $\frac{10}{10}$  working days after its 681 682 receipt of the registration statement; otherwise the 683 registration statement is approved. Within 7 working days after 684 receipt of a notification that the registration requirements are 685 not satisfied, the applicant may request a hearing. The hearing must be held within 7 working days after receipt of the request, 686 and any recommended order, if one is issued, must be rendered 687 688 within 3 working days after the hearing. The final order must 689 then be issued within 2 working days after the recommended 690 order. If there is no recommended order, the final order must be 691 issued within 5 working days after the hearing. The proceedings 692 must be conducted in accordance with chapter 120, except that 693 the time limits and provisions set forth in this subsection 694 prevail to the extent of any conflict.

(8) Within <u>45</u> <del>90</del> days after a solicitation campaign has been completed and <u>within 45 days after</u> <del>on</del> the anniversary of the commencement of a solicitation campaign lasting more than 1 year, the professional solicitor must provide to the charitable organization or sponsor and file with the department a financial report of the campaign, including the gross revenue received and

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701 an itemization of all expenses incurred. The report must be 702 completed on a form prescribed by the department and signed by 703 an authorized official of the professional solicitor who shall 704 certify under oath that the report is true and correct.

Section 12. Subsection (6) of section 496.411, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

707 496.411 Disclosure requirements and duties of charitable708 organizations and sponsors.-

(6) Each charitable organization or sponsor that is required to register under s. 496.405 shall conspicuously display the <u>organization's or sponsor's registration number</u> <u>issued by the department under this chapter</u> following <u>information</u> on every printed solicitation, written confirmation, receipt, or reminder of a contribution<del>:</del>

715 (a) The organization's or sponsor's registration number
 716 issued by the department under this chapter.

717 (b) The percentage, if any, of each contribution that is
718 retained by any professional solicitor that has contracted with
719 the organization or sponsor.

720 (c) The percentage of each contribution that is received
721 by the organization or sponsor.

723 If the solicitation consists of more than a single item, the 724 statement shall be displayed prominently in the solicitation 725 materials.

Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 496.415, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

728 496.415 Prohibited acts.-It is unlawful for any person in

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729 connection with the planning, conduct, or execution of any 730 solicitation or charitable or sponsor sales promotion to:

(2) Knowingly <u>submit</u> file false, or misleading, or
inaccurate information in <u>a</u> any document <u>that is</u> required to be
filed with the department, provided to the public, or <u>offered</u> in
response to <u>a</u> any request or investigation by the department,
the Department of Legal Affairs, or the state attorney.

736 Section 14. Subsection (8) of section 496.419, Florida 737 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (10) is added to that 738 section, to read:

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496.419 Powers of the department.-

(8) The department shall report any <u>substantiated</u> criminal
violation of ss. 496.401-496.424 or s. 496.426 to the proper
prosecuting authority for prompt prosecution.

(10) A finding of a violation of s. 496.415(3), (5), (6), (10), (12), (13), or (14) constitutes an immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare and is sufficient grounds for the department to issue an immediate order to cease and desist all solicitation activities. The order shall act as an immediate final order under s. 120.569(2)(n) and shall remain in effect until the violation has been remedied pursuant to this chapter.

750Section 15.Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section751501.016, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

752 501.016 Health studios; security requirements.—Each health 753 studio that sells contracts for health studio services shall 754 meet the following requirements:

(1) Each health studio shall maintain for each separatebusiness location a bond issued by a surety company admitted to

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757 do business in this state. The principal sum of the bond shall 758 be  $$25,000 \frac{50,000}{0}$ , and the bond, when required, shall be 759 obtained before a business tax receipt may be issued under 760 chapter 205. Upon issuance of a business tax receipt, the 761 licensing authority shall immediately notify the department of 762 such issuance in a manner established by the department by rule. 763 The bond shall be in favor of the state for the benefit of any 764 person injured as a result of a violation of ss. 501.012-765 501.019. The aggregate liability of the surety to all persons 766 for all breaches of the conditions of the bonds provided herein 767 shall in no event exceed the amount of the bond. The original 768 surety bond required by this section shall be filed with the 769 department.

(2) In lieu of maintaining the bond required in subsection(1), the health studio may furnish to the department:

(a) An irrevocable letter of credit from any foreign or domestic bank in the amount of  $\frac{25,000}{50,000}$ ; or

(b) A guaranty agreement <u>that</u> which is secured by a
certificate of deposit in the amount of <u>\$25,000</u> <del>\$50,000</del>.

777 The original letter of credit or certificate of deposit 778 submitted in lieu of the bond shall be filed with the 779 department. The department shall decide whether the security 780 furnished in lieu of bond by the health studio is in compliance 781 with the requirements of this section.

(4) If the health studio furnishes the department with
evidence satisfactory to the department that the aggregate
dollar amount of all current outstanding contracts of the health

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785 studio is less than \$5,000, the department may, at its 786 discretion, reduce the principal amount of the surety bond or 787 other sufficient financial responsibility required in 788 subsections (1) and (2) to a sum of not less than \$10,000. 789 However, at any time the aggregate dollar amount of such 790 contracts exceeds \$5,000, the health studio shall so notify the 791 department and shall thereupon provide the bond or other 792 documentation as required in subsections (1) and (2). Health 793 studios whose bonds have been reduced must provide the 794 department with an annually updated list of members. Failure to 795 file an annual report will result in the department raising the 796 security requirement to \$25,000 <del>\$50,000</del>.

797 Section 16. Subsections (5) through (10) of section 798 501.059, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) 799 through (11), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to 800 that section to read:

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501.059 Telephone solicitation.-

802 (5) A telephone solicitor may not initiate an outbound 803 telephone call to a consumer who has previously communicated to 804 the telephone solicitor that he or she does not wish to receive 805 an outbound telephone call:

806 (a) Made by or on behalf of the seller whose goods or 807 services are being offered; or

808(b) Made on behalf of a charitable organization for which809a charitable contribution is being solicited.

Section 17. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 501.603,
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
501.603 Definitions.—As used in this part, unless the

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813 context otherwise requires, the term:

814 "Commercial telephone solicitation" means: (1)815 An unsolicited telephone call to a person initiated by (a) 816 a commercial telephone seller or salesperson, or an automated 817 dialing machine used in accordance with the provisions of s. 818  $501.059(8) = \frac{501.059(7)}{100}$  for the purpose of inducing the person to 819 purchase or invest in consumer goods or services; 820 (b) Other communication with a person where: 821 A gift, award, or prize is offered; or 1. 822 A telephone call response is invited; and 2. 823 The salesperson intends to complete a sale or enter 3. 824 into an agreement to purchase or invest in consumer goods or 825 services during the course of the telephone call; or 826 Other communication with a person which represents a (C) 827 price, quality, or availability of consumer goods or services 828 and which invites a response by telephone or which is followed by a call to the person by a salesperson. 829 830 For purposes of this section, "other communication" means a 831 832 written or oral notification or advertisement transmitted 833 through any means. Also, for purposes of this section, "invites 834 a response by telephone" does not mean the mere listing or 835 including of a telephone number in a notification or 836 advertisement. 837 (2) "Commercial telephone seller" means a any person who 838 engages in commercial telephone solicitation on his or her own 839 behalf or through salespersons, except that a commercial 840 telephone seller does not include a person or entity operating

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841 under a valid affidavit of exemption filed with the department 842 according to s. 501.608(1)(b) or any of the persons or entities 843 exempted from this part by s. 501.604. A commercial telephone 844 seller does not include a salesperson as defined in subsection 845 (10). A commercial telephone seller includes, but is not limited 846 to, owners, operators, officers, directors, partners, or other 847 individuals engaged in the management activities of a business 848 entity pursuant to this part.

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 Section 18.
 Subsections (4), (7), (10), (14), and (24) of

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 section 501.604, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

851501.604Exemptions.—The provisions of this part, except852ss. 501.608 and 501.616(6) and (7), do not apply to:

853 (4) A Any licensed securities, commodities, or investment 854 broker, dealer, or investment adviser, when soliciting within 855 the scope of his or her license, or a any licensed associated person of a securities, commodities, or investment broker, 856 857 dealer, or investment adviser, when soliciting within the scope 858 of his or her license. As used in this section, "licensed 859 securities, commodities, or investment broker, dealer, or 860 investment adviser" means a person subject to license or 861 registration as such by the Securities and Exchange Commission, 862 by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority National 863 Association of Securities Dealers or other self-regulatory 864 organization as defined by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 865 15 U.S.C. s. 781, or by an official or agency of this state or 866 of any state of the United States. As used in this section, 867 "licensed associated person of a securities, commodities, or 868 investment broker, dealer, or investment adviser" means an any

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associated person registered or licensed by the <u>Financial</u> <u>Industry Regulatory Authority</u> National Association of Securities <del>Dealers</del> or other self-regulatory organization as defined by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. s. 781, or by an official or agency of this state or of any state of the United States.

875 (7) A Any supervised financial institution or parent, 876 subsidiary, or affiliate thereof operating within the scope of 877 supervised activity. As used in this section, "supervised 878 financial institution" means a any commercial bank, trust 879 company, savings and loan association, mutual savings bank, 880 credit union, industrial loan company, consumer finance lender, 881 commercial finance lender, or insurer, provided that the 882 institution is subject to supervision by an official or agency 883 of this state, of any state, or of the United States. For the 884 purposes of this exemption, "affiliate" means a person who 885 directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, 886 controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, a 887 supervised financial institution.

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(10) A business-to-business sale where:

(a) The commercial telephone seller has been <u>lawfully</u>
operating continuously for at least 3 years under the same
business name and has at least 50 percent of its dollar volume
consisting of repeat sales to existing businesses;

(b) The purchaser business intends to resell or offer for purposes of advertisement or as a promotional item the property or goods purchased; or



(c) The purchaser business intends to use the property or

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897 goods purchased in a recycling, reuse, remanufacturing, or 898 manufacturing process.

899 (14) A telephone company subject to the provisions of 900 chapter 364, or affiliate thereof or its agents, or a 901 telecommunications business that which is regulated by the 902 Florida Public Service Commission, or a Federal Communications 903 Commission licensed cellular telephone company or other bona 904 fide radio telecommunication services provider. For the purposes 905 of this exemption, "affiliate" means a person who directly, or 906 indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is 907 controlled by, or is under common control with, a telephone 908 company subject to the provisions of chapter 364.

909 (24) Any person <u>who</u> which has been <u>lawfully</u> providing 910 telemarketing sales services continuously for at least 5 years 911 under the same ownership and control and <u>who</u> which derives 75 912 percent of its gross telemarketing sales revenues from contracts 913 with persons exempted in this section.

914 Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 501.607, Florida 915 Statutes, is amended to read:

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501.607 Licensure of salespersons.-

917 (1) An applicant for a license as a salesperson must 918 submit to the department, in such form as it prescribes, a 919 written application for a license. The application must set 920 forth the following information:

921 (a) The true name, date of birth, driver license number or
922 other valid form of identification, and home address of the
923 applicant.

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(b) Each business or occupation engaged in by the

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925 applicant during the 3 years immediately preceding the date of 926 the application, and the location thereof.

927 <u>(b)(c)</u> The previous experience of the applicant as a 928 commercial telephone seller or salesperson.

929 <u>(c) (d)</u> Whether the applicant, regardless of adjudication, 930 has previously been arrested for, convicted or found guilty of, 931 has entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, or 932 is under indictment or information for, a felony and, if so, the 933 nature of the felony.

934 <u>(d) (e)</u> Whether the applicant, regardless of adjudication, 935 has previously been convicted or found guilty of, has entered a 936 plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, or is under 937 indictment or information for, racketeering or any offense 938 involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, or 939 misappropriation of property.

940 <u>(e)(f)</u> Whether there has ever been a judicial or 941 administrative finding that the applicant has previously been 942 convicted of acting as a salesperson without a license, or 943 whether such a license has previously been refused, revoked, or 944 suspended in any jurisdiction.

945 (f) (g) Whether the applicant has worked for, or been 946 affiliated with, a company that is involved in pending 947 litigation or has had entered against it an injunction, a 948 temporary restraining order, or a final judgment or order, 949 including a stipulated judgment or order, an assurance of 950 voluntary compliance, or any similar document, in any civil or 951 administrative action involving racketeering, fraud, theft, 952 embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, or misappropriation of

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953 property or the use of any untrue, deceptive, or misleading 954 representation or the use of any unfair, unlawful, or deceptive 955 trade practice.

956 (g) (h) Whether the applicant is involved in pending 957 litigation or has had entered against her or him an injunction, 958 a temporary restraining order, or a final judgment or order, 959 including a stipulated judgment or order, an assurance of 960 voluntary compliance, or any similar document, in any civil or 961 administrative action involving racketeering, fraud, theft, 962 embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, or misappropriation of 963 property or the use of any untrue, deceptive, or misleading 964 representation or the use of any unfair, unlawful, or deceptive 965 trade practice.

966 Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and 967 subsections (2) and (3) of section 501.608, Florida Statutes, 968 are amended to read:

969 501.608 License or affidavit of exemption; occupational 970 license.-

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972 Any commercial telephone seller claiming to be exempt (b) 973 from the act under s. 501.604(2), (3), (5), (6), (9), (10), 974 (11), (12), (17), (21), (22), (24), or (26) must file with the 975 department a notarized affidavit of exemption. The affidavit of 976 exemption must be on forms prescribed by the department and must 977 require the name of the commercial telephone seller, the name of 978 the business, and the business address. At the request of the 979 department, the commercial telephone seller shall provide sales 980 scripts, contracts, and other documentation as needed to verify

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981 <u>the validity of the exemption before the affidavit of exemption</u> 982 <u>is accepted for filing. A Any</u> commercial telephone seller 983 maintaining more than one business may file a single notarized 984 affidavit of exemption that clearly indicates the location of 985 each place of business. If a change of ownership occurs, the 986 commercial telephone seller must notify the department.

Each licensee or person operating under a valid and 987 (2)988 properly filed <del>claiming an</del> exemption shall prominently display 989 his or her license or a copy of his or her receipt of filing of 990 the affidavit of exemption at each location where he or she does 991 business and. Each licensee or person claiming an exemption 992 shall make the license or the receipt of filing copy of the 993 affidavit of exemption available for inspection by any 994 governmental agency upon request.

995 (3) Failure to obtain or display a license or a receipt of 996 filing of an copy of the affidavit of exemption is sufficient 997 grounds for the department to issue an immediate cease and 998 desist order, which shall act as an immediate final order under 999 s. 120.569(2)(n). The order shall may remain in effect until the 1000 commercial telephone seller or a person claiming to be exempt 1001 shows the authorities that he or she is properly licensed or 1002 exempt. The department may order the business to cease 1003 operations and shall order the phones to be shut off. Failure of a salesperson to display a license or a receipt of filing of an 1004 1005 affidavit of exemption may result in the salesperson being 1006 summarily ordered by the department to leave the office until he 1007 or she can produce a license or a receipt of filing of an 1008 affidavit of exemption for the department.

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1009 Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 501.611, Florida 1010 Statutes, is amended to read:

1011 501.611 Security.-

1012 (3) The bond shall be posted with the department <u>and shall</u> 1013 <u>remain in force throughout the period of licensure with the</u> 1014 department.

1015 Section 22. Subsection (12) of section 501.615, Florida
1016 Statutes, is amended to read:

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501.615 Written contract; cancellation; refund.-

1018 Exempt from the requirements of subsections (1) - (5)(12)is any sale in which the consumer is given a right to a full 1019 1020 refund for the return of undamaged and unused goods or a 1021 cancellation of services notice is given to the seller, within 7 1022 days after receipt of the goods or services by the consumer, and 1023 the seller shall process the refund within 30 days after receipt 1024 of the returned merchandise by the consumer. A commercial 1025 telephone seller or salesperson engaged in activity regulated by 1026 chapter 721 must comply with s. 721.205.

1027 Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 501.617, Florida 1028 Statutes, is amended to read:

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501.617 Investigative powers of enforcing authority.-

(1) If, by her or his own inquiries or as a result of complaints, the enforcing authority has reason to believe that a person has engaged in, or is engaging in, an act or practice that violates the provisions of this part, she or he may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses or matter, <u>conduct regulatory inspections</u>, and collect evidence. Within 10 days after the service of a subpoena or at any time before the

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return date specified therein, whichever is longer, the party 1037 1038 served may file in the circuit court in the county in which she 1039 or he resides or in which she or he transacts business and serve 1040 upon the enforcing authority a petition for an order modifying 1041 or setting aside the subpoena. The petitioner may raise any 1042 objection or privilege that which would be available under this part or upon service of such subpoena in a civil action. The 1043 1044 subpoena shall inform the party served of her or his rights 1045 under this subsection.

1046 Section 24. Subsection (9) of section 507.03, Florida 1047 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (10) is added to that 1048 section, to read:

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507.03 Registration.-

1050 (9) Each mover and moving broker shall provide evidence of 1051 the current and valid insurance or alternative coverages 1052 required under s. 507.04.

1053 (10) At the request of the department, each moving broker 1054 shall provide a complete list of the movers that the moving 1055 broker has contracted or is affiliated with, advertises on 1056 behalf of, arranges moves for, or refers shippers to, including 1057 each mover's complete name, address, telephone number, and e-1058 mail address and the name of each mover's owner or other 1059 principal. 1060 Section 25. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1061 507.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1062 507.04 Required insurance coverages; liability

1063 limitations; valuation coverage.-

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(1) LIABILITY INSURANCE.-

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(b) A mover that operates two or fewer vehicles, in lieu of maintaining the liability insurance coverage required under paragraph (a), may, and each moving broker must, maintain one of the following alternative coverages:

1069 1. A performance bond in the amount of \$25,000, for which 1070 the surety of the bond must be a surety company authorized to 1071 conduct business in this state; or

1072 2. A certificate of deposit in a Florida banking1073 institution in the amount of \$25,000.

1075 The original bond or certificate of deposit must be filed with 1076 the department and must designate the department as the sole 1077 beneficiary. The department must use the bond or certificate of 1078 deposit exclusively for the payment of claims to consumers who 1079 are injured by the fraud, misrepresentation, breach of contract, 1080 misfeasance, malfeasance, or financial failure of the mover or moving broker or by a violation of this chapter by the mover or 1081 1082 broker. Liability for these injuries may be determined in an 1083 administrative proceeding of the department or through a civil 1084 action in a court of competent jurisdiction. However, claims 1085 against the bond or certificate of deposit must only be paid, in 1086 amounts not to exceed the determined liability for these 1087 injuries, by order of the department in an administrative 1088 proceeding. The bond or certificate of deposit is subject to 1089 successive claims, but the aggregate amount of these claims may 1090 not exceed the amount of the bond or certificate of deposit. 1091 Section 26. Section 507.07, Florida Statutes, is amended 1092 to read:

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1093 507.07 Violations.-It is a violation of this chapter to: 1094 To conduct business as a mover or moving broker, or (1)1095 advertise to engage in the business of moving or offering to 1096 move, without being registered with the department. 1097 To knowingly make any false statement, representation, (2)1098 or certification in any application, document, or record required to be submitted or retained under this chapter. 1099 1100 (3) To misrepresent or deceptively represent: 1101 The contract for services, bill of lading, or (a) 1102 inventory of household goods for the move estimated. The timeframe or schedule for delivery or storage of 1103 (b) 1104 household goods estimated. 1105 The price, size, nature, extent, qualities, or (C) 1106 characteristics of accessorial or moving services offered. 1107 (d) The nature or extent of other goods, services, or 1108 amenities offered. 1109 A shipper's rights, privileges, or benefits. (e) To fail to honor and comply with all provisions of the 1110 (4)contract for services or bill of lading regarding the 1111 1112 purchaser's rights, benefits, and privileges thereunder. 1113 To withhold delivery of household goods or in any way (5) 1114 hold goods in storage against the expressed wishes of the 1115 shipper if payment has been made as delineated in the estimate or contract for services. 1116 1117 To include in any contract any provision purporting (6)(a) 1118 to waive or limit any right or benefit provided to shippers 1119 under this chapter. 1120 To seek or solicit a waiver or acceptance of (b)

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1121 limitation from a shipper concerning rights or benefits provided 1122 under this chapter.

(c) <u>To</u> use a local mailing address, registration facility, drop box, or answering service in the promotion, advertising, solicitation, or sale of contracts, unless the mover's, and, if applicable, the moving broker's, fixed business address is clearly disclosed during any telephone solicitation and is prominently and conspicuously disclosed on all solicitation materials and on the contract.

(d) <u>To</u> commit any other act of fraud, misrepresentation, or failure to disclose a material fact.

(e) <u>To</u> refuse or fail, or for any of the mover's or broker's principal officers to refuse or fail, after notice, to produce any document or record or disclose any information required to be produced or disclosed.

(f) <u>To</u> knowingly make a false statement in response to any request or investigation by the department, the Department of Legal Affairs, or the state attorney.

1139 (7) For a moving broker to enter into a contract or 1140 agreement for moving, loading, shipping, transporting, or 1141 unloading services with a mover who is not registered with the 1142 department pursuant to this chapter.

1143 (8) For a mover to enter into a contract or agreement for 1144 moving, loading, shipping, transporting, or unloading services 1145 with a moving broker who is not registered with the department 1146 pursuant to this chapter.

1147 Section 27. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1148 525.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1149 525.01 Gasoline and oil to be inspected.-1150 (1) For the purpose of this chapter: (c) "Alternative fuel" means: 1151 Methanol, denatured ethanol, or other alcohols; 1152 1. 1153 2. Mixtures of gasoline or other fuels with methanol, 1154 denatured ethanol, or other alcohols containing 85 percent or more by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, or other alcohols 1155 1156 with gasoline or other fuels, or such other percentage, but not 1157 less than 70 percent, as determined by the department by rule, to provide for requirements relating to cold start, safety, or 1158 vehicle functions; 1159 1160 3. Hydrogen; 1161 Coal-derived liquid fuels; and 4. 1162 5. Fuels, other than alcohol, derived from biological 1163 materials. 1164 Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section Section 28. 1165 525.09, Florida Statutes, are repealed. Section 29. Section 525.10, Florida Statutes, is amended 1166 1167 to read: 1168 525.10 Moneys to be paid into State Treasury; Payment of 1169 expenses. All moneys payable under this chapter shall be payable 1170 to the department and shall be paid by it into the State 1171 Treasury monthly to be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. All expenses incurred in the enforcement of this 1172 1173 chapter and other inspection laws of this state for which fees 1174 are collected, including acquiring equipment and other property, shall be paid from the General Inspection Trust Fund. No money 1175 shall be paid to any inspector or employee created under this 1176

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1177 chapter except from the funds collected from the administration
1178 of this chapter.

1179 Section 30. Subsection (20) is added to section 527.01, 1180 Florida Statutes, to read:

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527.01 Definitions.-As used in this chapter:

1182 (20) "License year" means the period from September 1 1183 through the following August 31, or April 1 through the 1184 following March 31, depending upon the type of license.

1185 Section 31. Subsections (1) and (3) and paragraphs (a) and 1186 (c) of subsection (5) of section 527.0201, Florida Statutes, are 1187 amended to read:

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527.0201 Qualifiers; master qualifiers; examinations.-

1189 In addition to the requirements of s. 527.02, any (1)1190 person applying for a license to engage in the activities of a 1191 pipeline system operator, category I liquefied petroleum gas 1192 dealer, category II liquefied petroleum gas dispenser, category 1193 IV liquefied petroleum gas dispenser and recreational vehicle servicer, category V liquefied petroleum gases dealer for 1194 1195 industrial uses only, LP gas installer, specialty installer, 1196 requalifier requalification of cylinders, or fabricator, 1197 repairer, and tester of vehicles and cargo tanks must prove 1198 competency by passing a written examination administered by the 1199 department or its agent with a grade of 75 percent or above in 1200 each area tested. Each applicant for examination shall submit a 1201 \$20 nonrefundable fee. The department shall by rule specify the 1202 general areas of competency to be covered by each examination 1203 and the relative weight to be assigned in grading each area 1204 tested.

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1205 Qualifier cards issued to category I liquefied (3)1206 petroleum gas dealers and liquefied petroleum gas installers 1207 shall expire 3 years after the date of issuance. All category I 1208 liquefied petroleum gas dealer qualifiers and liquefied 1209 petroleum gas installer qualifiers holding a valid qualifier 1210 card upon the effective date of this act shall retain their qualifier status until July 1, 2003, and may sit for the master 1211 qualifier examination at any time during that time period. All 1212 1213 such category I liquefied petroleum gas dealer qualifiers and 1214 liquefied petroleum gas installer qualifiers may renew their 1215 qualification on or before July 1, 2003, upon application to the 1216 department, payment of a \$20 renewal fee, and documentation of 1217 the completion of a minimum of 16  $\frac{12}{12}$  hours approved continuing 1218 education courses, as defined by department rule, during the 1219 previous 3-year period. Applications for renewal must be made 30 1220 calendar days before prior to expiration. Persons failing to 1221 renew before prior to the expiration date must reapply and take a qualifier competency examination in order to reestablish 1222 category I liquefied petroleum gas dealer qualifier and 1223 1224 liquefied petroleum gas installer qualifier status. If a 1225 category I liquefied petroleum gas qualifier or liquefied 1226 petroleum gas installer qualifier becomes a master qualifier at 1227 any time during the effective date of the qualifier card, the card shall remain in effect until expiration of the master 1228 1229 qualifier certification.

(5) In addition to all other licensing requirements, each
category I liquefied petroleum gas dealer and liquefied
petroleum gas installer must, at the time of application for

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1233 licensure, identify to the department one master qualifier who 1234 is a full-time employee at the licensed location. This person 1235 shall be a manager, owner, or otherwise primarily responsible 1236 for overseeing the operations of the licensed location and must 1237 provide documentation to the department as provided by rule. The 1238 master qualifier requirement shall be in addition to the 1239 requirements of subsection (1).

1240 (a) In order to apply for certification as a master 1241 qualifier, each applicant must be a category I liquefied petroleum qas dealer qualifier or liquefied petroleum qas 1242 1243 installer qualifier, must be employed by a licensed category I 1244 liquefied petroleum gas dealer, liquefied petroleum gas 1245 installer, or applicant for such license, must provide 1246 documentation of a minimum of 1 year's work experience in the 1247 gas industry, and must pass a master qualifier competency 1248 examination. Master qualifier examinations shall be based on 1249 Florida's laws, rules, and adopted codes governing liquefied 1250 petroleum gas safety, general industry safety standards, and 1251 administrative procedures. The applicant examination must be 1252 successfully pass the examination completed by the applicant 1253 with a grade of 75 percent or above more. Each applicant for 1254 master qualifier status must shall submit to the department a 1255 nonrefundable \$30 examination fee before prior to the 1256 examination.

(c) Master qualifier status shall expire 3 years after the date of issuance of the certificate and may be renewed by submission to the department of documentation of completion of at least <u>16</u> <del>12</del> hours of approved continuing education courses

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1261 during the 3-year period; proof of employment with a licensed 1262 category I liquefied petroleum gas dealer, liquefied petroleum 1263 gas installer, or applicant; and a \$30 certificate renewal fee. 1264 The department shall define, by rule, approved courses of 1265 continuing education.

1266 Section 32. Section 527.03, Florida Statutes, is amended 1267 to read:

527.03 Annual renewal of license.-All licenses required 1268 1269 under this chapter shall be renewed annually subject to the 1270 license fees prescribed in s. 527.02. All licenses, except 1271 Category III Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cylinder Exchange Unit 1272 Operator licenses and Dealer in Appliances and Equipment for Use 1273 of Liquefied Petroleum Gas licenses, shall be renewed for the 1274 period beginning September 1 and shall expire on the following 1275 August 31 unless sooner suspended, revoked, or otherwise 1276 terminated. Category III Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cylinder 1277 Exchange Unit Operator licenses and Dealer in Appliances and 1278 Equipment for Use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas licenses shall be renewed for the period beginning April 1 and shall expire on the 1279 1280 following March 31 unless sooner suspended, revoked, or 1281 otherwise terminated. Any license allowed to expire on August 31 1282 shall become inoperative because of failure to renew. The fee 1283 for restoration of a license is equal to the original license 1284 fee and must be paid before the licensee may resume operations. 1285 Section 33. Subsection (3) of section 531.415, Florida 1286 Statutes, is amended to read: 1287 531.415 Fees.-1288 Any petroleum product taxed under s. 525.09 and any (3)

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1289 petroleum equipment used to measure petroleum fuel, as defined 1290 in s. 525.01, owned by a person licensed pursuant to chapter 206 1291 is exempt from the fees established in this section. 1292 Section 34. Subsection (3) of section 531.61, Florida 1293 Statutes, is amended to read: 1294 531.61 Exemptions from permit requirement.-Commercial 1295 weights or measures instruments or devices are exempt from the 1296 permit requirements of ss. 531.60-531.66 if: 1297 The device is used exclusively for measuring aviation (3) 1298 fuel or petroleum products inspected taxed under chapter 525 s. 1299 525.09. Section 35. Section 531.67, Florida Statutes, is created 1300 1301 to read: 1302 531.67 Expiration of sections.-Sections 531.60, 531.61, 1303 531.62, 531.63, 531.64, 531.65, and 531.66 shall expire July 1, 1304 2020. 1305 Section 40 of chapter 2009-66, Laws of Section 36. 1306 Florida, is repealed. Section 37. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 1307 1308 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1309 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.-1310 (5) APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.-1311 Each initial application for a license must be (C) 1312 accompanied by a complete set of fingerprints taken by an authorized law enforcement officer or a fingerprinting service 1313 1314 provider approved by the Department of Law Enforcement, \$300 for the first year's license fee, and the actual cost to the agency 1315 for fingerprint analysis for each person subject to the 1316

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eligibility requirements. The agency shall submit the fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. These fees and costs are not refundable.

1323Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section1324559.802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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559.802 Franchises; exemption.-

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(1) The sale of a franchise is exempt from this part if:

(b) Before offering for sale or selling a franchise to be
located in this state or to a resident of this state, the
franchisor files a notice with the department, on a form adopted
by the department, stating that the franchisor is in substantial
compliance with the requirements of the Federal Trade Commission
rule, and pays a fee in an amount set by the department, not
exceeding \$100.

1334 Section 39. Section 559.803, Florida Statutes, is amended 1335 to read:

1336 559.803 Disclosure statement.-At least 3 working days 1337 before prior to the time the purchaser signs a business 1338 opportunity contract, or at least 3 working days before prior to 1339 the receipt of any consideration by the seller, whichever occurs 1340 first, the seller must provide the prospective purchaser a 1341 written document, the cover sheet of which is entitled in at 1342 least 12-point boldfaced capital letters "DISCLOSURES REQUIRED 1343 BY FLORIDA LAW." Under this title shall appear the following 1344 statement in at least 10-point type: "The State of Florida has

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1345 not reviewed and does not approve, recommend, endorse, or 1346 sponsor any business opportunity. The information contained in 1347 this disclosure has not been verified by the state. If you have 1348 any questions about this investment, see an attorney before you 1349 sign a contract or agreement." Nothing except the title and 1350 required statement shall appear on the cover sheet. Immediately 1351 following the cover sheet, the seller must provide an index page that briefly lists the contents of the disclosure document as 1352 1353 required in this section and any pages on which the prospective 1354 purchaser can find each required disclosure. At the top of the 1355 index page, the following statement must appear in at least 10-1356 point type: "The State of Florida requires sellers of business 1357 opportunities to disclose certain information to prospective 1358 purchasers. This index is provided to help you locate this 1359 information." If the index contains other information not required by this section, the seller shall place a designation 1360 1361 beside each of the disclosures required by this section and provide an explanation of the designation at the end of the 1362 statement at the top of the index page. The disclosure document 1363 1364 shall contain the following information:

(1) The name of the seller; whether the seller is doing business as an individual, partnership, corporation, or other business entity; the names under which the seller has done business; and the name of any parent or affiliated company that will engage in business transactions with the purchasers or who takes responsibility for statements made by the seller.

1371 (2) The names, addresses, and titles of the seller's1372 officers, directors, trustees, general partners, general

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1373 managers, and principal executives and of any other persons 1374 charged with the responsibility for the seller's business 1375 activities relating to the sale of business opportunities.

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(3) The length of time the seller has:

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(a) Sold business opportunities; or

(b) Sold business opportunities involving the products,
equipment, supplies, or services currently being offered to the
purchaser.

(4) A full and detailed description of the actual services
that the business opportunity seller undertakes to perform for
the purchaser.

(5) A copy of a current (not older than 13 months) financial statement of the seller that is no older than 13 months, updated to reflect material changes in the seller's financial condition.

1388 (6) If training is promised by the seller, a complete
1389 description of the training, the length of the training, and the
1390 cost or incidental expenses of that training, <u>including the</u>
1391 which cost or expense the purchaser will be required to incur.

(7) If the seller promises services to be performed in connection with the placement of the equipment, product, or supplies at a location, the full nature of those services as well as the nature of the agreements to be made with the owners or managers of the location where the purchaser's equipment, product, or supplies will be placed.

1398 (8) If the business opportunity seller is required to
1399 secure a bond, guaranteed letter of credit, or certificate of
1400 deposit pursuant to s. 559.807, either of the following

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1401 statements:

(a) "As required by Florida law, the seller has secured a
bond issued by ..., a surety company authorized to do business
in this state. Before signing a contract to purchase this
business opportunity, you should confirm the bond's status with
the surety company."; or

(b) "As required by Florida law, the seller has established a guaranteed letter of credit or certificate of deposit ... (number of account)... with ... (name and address of bank or savings institution)... Before signing a contract to purchase this business opportunity, you should confirm with the bank or savings institution the current status of the guaranteed letter of credit or certificate of deposit."

1414 (9) The following statement: "If the seller fails to 1415 deliver the product, equipment, or supplies necessary to begin 1416 substantial operation of the business within 45 days of the 1417 delivery date stated in your contract, you may notify the seller 1418 in writing and cancel your contract."

(10) If the seller makes any statement concerning sales or
earnings or a range of sales or earnings that may be made
through this business opportunity, a statement disclosing:

(a) The total number of purchasers of business
opportunities involving the product, equipment, supplies, or
services being offered who have actually achieved sales of or
received earnings in the amount or range specified within 3
years prior to the date of the disclosure statement.

(b) The total number of purchasers of businessopportunities involving the product, equipment, supplies, or

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1429 services being offered within 3 years <u>before</u> <del>prior to</del> the date 1430 of the disclosure statement.

1431 (11) (a) The total number of persons who purchased the 1432 business opportunity being offered by the seller within the past 1433 3 years.

(b) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the 10 persons who previously purchased the business opportunity from the seller and who are geographically closest to the potential purchaser.

1438 (12) A statement disclosing who, if any, of the persons 1439 listed in subsections (1) and (2):

1440 Has, at any time during the previous 10 fiscal years, (a) 1441 regardless of adjudication, been convicted of, or found guilty 1442 of, or pled quilty or nolo contendere to, or has been 1443 incarcerated within the last 10 years as a result of having 1444 previously been convicted of, or found guilty of, or pled guilty 1445 or nolo contendere to, a felony or a crime involving fraud, theft, larceny, violation of any franchise or business 1446 opportunity law or unfair or deceptive practices law, 1447 1448 embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, or restraint of trade. 1449

(b) Has, at any time during the previous 7 fiscal years, been held liable in a civil action resulting in a final judgment or has settled out of court any civil action or is a party to any civil action involving allegations of fraud (including violation of any franchise or business opportunity law or unfair or deceptive practices law), embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, or restraint of trade

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or any civil action which was brought by a present or former franchisee or franchisees and which involves or involved the franchise relationship. However, only material individual civil actions need be so listed pursuant to this paragraph, including any group of civil actions which, irrespective of the materiality of any single such action, in the aggregate is material.

1464 (C) Is subject to any currently effective state or federal 1465 agency or court injunctive or restrictive order, or has been subject to any administrative action in which an order by a 1466 governmental agency was rendered, or is a party to a proceeding 1467 1468 currently pending in which such order is sought, relating to or 1469 affecting business opportunities activities or the business 1470 opportunity seller-purchaser relationship or involving fraud, 1471 -(including violation of any franchise or business opportunity law or unfair or deceptive practices law+, embezzlement, 1472 fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, or 1473 restraint of trade. 1474

1476 Such statement shall set forth the identity and location of the 1477 court or agency; the date of conviction, judgment, or decision; 1478 the penalty imposed; the damages assessed; the terms of 1479 settlement or the terms of the order; and the date, nature, and 1480 issuer of each such order or ruling. A business opportunity 1481 seller may include a summary opinion of counsel as to any 1482 pending litigation, but only if counsel's consent to the use of 1483 such opinion is included in the disclosure statement. 1484 (13) A statement disclosing who, if any, of the persons

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1485 listed in subsections (1) and (2) at any time during the 1486 previous 7 fiscal years has:

- (a) Filed in bankruptcy.
- 1488 (b) Been adjudged bankrupt.
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(c) Been reorganized due to insolvency.

(d) Been a principal, director, executive officer, or
partner of any other person that has so filed or was so adjudged
or reorganized during or within 1 year after the period that
such person held such position in relation to such other person.
If so, the name and location of the person having so filed or
having been so adjudged or reorganized, the date thereof, and
any other material facts relating thereto shall be set forth.

1497 (14) A copy of the business opportunity contract which the
1498 seller uses as a matter of course and which is to be presented
1499 to the purchaser at closing.

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Should any seller of business opportunities prepare a disclosure 1502 statement pursuant to 16 C.F.R. ss. 436.1 et seq., a Trade 1503 Regulation Rule of the Federal Trade Commission regarding 1504 Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising 1505 and Business Opportunity Ventures, the seller may file that 1506 disclosure statement in lieu of the document required pursuant 1507 to this section. Should the seller be required pursuant to 16 1508 C.F.R. to prepare any other documents to be presented to the 1509 prospective purchaser, those documents shall also be filed with 1510 the department. 1511 Section 40. Section 559.805, Florida Statutes, is

1512 repealed.

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1513 Section 41. Section 559.807, Florida Statutes, is amended 1514 to read:

Bond or other security required.-1516 If the business opportunity seller makes any (1)1517 representations set forth in s. 559.801(1)(a)3., the seller must 1518 either have obtained a surety bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in this state or have established a 1519 1520 certificate of deposit or a guaranteed letter of credit with a 1521 licensed and insured bank or savings institution located in the 1522 state. The amount of the bond, certificate of deposit, or 1523 guaranteed letter of credit shall be an amount not less than 1524 \$50,000.

1525 (2) The bond, certificate of deposit, or guaranteed letter 1526 of credit shall be in the favor of the department for the use 1527 and benefit of any person who is injured by the fraud, 1528 misrepresentation, breach of contract, financial failure, or 1529 violation of any provision of this part by the seller. Such 1530 liability may be enforced by filing an action at law in a court 1531 of competent jurisdiction without precluding enforcement in an 1532 administrative action pursuant to chapter 120. However, the 1533 bond, certificate of deposit, or quaranteed letter of credit 1534 shall be amenable and enforceable only by and through 1535 administrative proceedings before the department. A money 1536 judgment resulting from an action at law, less any award for costs and attorney's fees, shall be prima facie evidence 1537 1538 sufficient to establish the value of the claim in an 1539 administrative action. It is the intent of the Legislature that 1540 such bond, certificate of deposit, or guaranteed letter of

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1541 credit shall be applicable and liable only for payment of claims duly adjudicated by order of the department. The bond, certificate of deposit, or guaranteed letter of credit shall be open to successive claims but the aggregate amount may not exceed the amount of the bond, certificate of deposit, or 1546 guaranteed letter of credit.

1547 Section 42. Section 559.813, Florida Statutes, is amended 1548 to read:

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559.813 Remedies; enforcement.-

1550 If a business opportunity seller uses untrue or (1)1551 misleading statements in the sale of a business opportunity, fails to give the proper disclosures in the manner required by 1552 1553 this part, or fails to deliver the equipment, supplies, or 1554 products necessary to begin substantial operation of the 1555 business within 45 days after of the delivery date stated in the 1556 business opportunity contract, or if the contract does not 1557 comply with the requirements of this part, the purchaser may, within 1 year after of the date of execution of the contract and 1558 upon written notice to the seller, rescind the contract and 1559 1560 shall be entitled to receive from the business opportunity 1561 seller all sums paid to the business opportunity seller. Upon 1562 receipt of such sums, the purchaser shall make available to the 1563 seller at the purchaser's address, or at the places at which 1564 they are located at the time notice is given, all products, 1565 equipment, or supplies received by the purchaser. The purchaser 1566 shall not be entitled to unjust enrichment by exercising the 1567 remedies provided in this subsection.

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(2) (a) The department may enter an order imposing one or

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1569	more of the penalties set forth in paragraph (b) if the
1570	department finds that a seller or any of the seller's principal
1571	officers or agents:
1572	1. Violated or is operating in violation of any of the
1573	provisions of this part or of the rules adopted or orders issued
1574	thereunder;
1575	2. Made a material false statement in any application,
1576	document, or record required to be submitted or retained under
1577	this part;
1578	3. Refused or failed, after notice, to produce any
1579	document or record or disclose any information required to be
1580	produced or disclosed under this part or the rules of the
1581	department;
1582	4. Made a material false statement in response to any
1583	request or investigation by the department, the Department of
1584	Legal Affairs, or the state attorney; or
1585	5. Has intentionally defrauded the public through
1586	dishonest or deceptive means.
1587	(b) Upon a finding as set forth in paragraph (a), the
1588	department may enter an order doing one or more of the
1589	following:
1590	1. Issuing a notice of noncompliance pursuant to s.
1591	<del>120.695.</del>
1592	2. Imposing an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000
1593	per violation for each act which constitutes a violation of this
1594	part or a rule or order.
1595	3. Directing that the seller or its principal officers or
1596	agents cease and desist specified activities.
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1597 4. Refusing to issue or revoking or suspending an advertisement identification number.

1599 5. Placing the registrant on probation for a period of 1600 time, subject to such conditions as the department may specify.

1601 (c) The administrative proceedings which could result in 1602 the entry of an order imposing any of the penalties specified in 1603 paragraph (b) shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 120.

(2) (3) Any purchaser injured by a violation of this part, 1604 1605 or by the business opportunity seller's breach of a contract 1606 subject to this part or any obligation arising therefrom, may 1607 bring an action for recovery of damages, including reasonable 1608 attorney attorney's fees.

1609 (3) (4) Upon complaint of any person that a business 1610 opportunity seller has violated the provisions of this part, the 1611 circuit court shall have jurisdiction to enjoin the defendant from further such violations. 1612

1613 (4) (5) The Department of Legal Affairs, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or the state attorney, if a 1614 violation of this part occurs in her or his judicial circuit, is 1615 1616 are the enforcing authority authorities for purposes of this 1617 part<sub> $\tau$ </sub> and they may bring civil actions in circuit court for 1618 temporary or permanent injunctive relief and may seek other 1619 appropriate civil relief, including, but not limited to, a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation, restitution and 1620 1621 damages for injured purchasers of business opportunities, and 1622 court costs and reasonable attorney attorney's fees.

(5) (6) Any remedy provided in this section may be 1623 1624 recovered in an appropriate action, or the enforcing authority

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1625 may terminate any investigation or action upon agreement by the 1626 offender to pay <u>a</u> as stipulated civil penalty, to make 1627 restitution or pay damages to purchasers, or to satisfy any 1628 other relief authorized in this section and requested by the 1629 enforcing authority.

1630 (6) (7) The remedies provided <u>in this section</u> herein shall 1631 be in addition to any other remedies provided by law or in 1632 equity.

1633 (8) The department has the authority to adopt rules
 1634 pursuant to chapter 120 to implement this part.

1635 Section 43. Section 559.815, Florida Statutes, is amended 1636 to read:

1637 559.815 Penalties.—Any person who fails to file with the 1638 department as required by s. 559.805 or who commits an act 1639 described in s. 559.809 is guilty of a felony of the third 1640 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 1641 775.084.

1642 Section 44. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1643 559.9221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1644 559.9221 Motor Vehicle Repair Advisory Council.—The Motor 1645 Vehicle Repair Advisory Council is created to advise and assist 1646 the department in carrying out this part.

1647 (1) The membership of the council may not exceed <u>nine</u> <del>11</del>
1648 members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

(a) <u>Six Eight</u> industry members of the council must be
chosen from individuals already engaged in the motor vehicle
repair business who are eligible to be registered under this
part. The professional members of this council must be licensed

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1653 under this part. The commissioner shall select one industry 1654 member from each of the following categories: 1655 Independent automotive mechanics shops. 1. 1656 2. Franchise or company-owned automotive mechanics shops. 1657 3. Independent Automotive collision shops. 1658 4. Franchise or company-owned automotive collision shops. 1659 4.<del>5. Independent</del> Tire dealer. 1660 6. Franchise or company-owned tire dealer. 1661 5.7. Independent motor vehicle dealer licensed under s. 1662 320.27. 1663 6.8. Franchise motor vehicle dealer licensed under s. 1664 320.27. 1665 Section 45. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of 1666 section 616.242, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1667 616.242 Safety standards for amusement rides.-1668 (9) INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.-1669 An owner may not operate an amusement ride unless the (a) 1670 owner has in effect at all times of operation insurance meeting 1671 the following requirements: 1672 1. an insurance policy in an amount of at least not less 1673 than \$1 million per occurrence, \$1 million in the aggregate, 1674 which insures the owner of the amusement ride against liability 1675 for injury to persons arising out of the use of the amusement 1676 ride<del>; or</del> 1677 2. A bond in a like amount; however, the aggregate 1678 liability of the surety under the bond may not exceed the face 1679 amount thereof. 1680 The policy or bond must be procured from an insurer or (b) Page 60 of 61

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1681 surety that is licensed to transact business in this state or 1682 that is approved as a surplus lines insurer. 1683 Section 46. Subsection (9) is added to section 721.20, 1684 Florida Statutes, to read: 1685 721.20 Licensing requirements; suspension or revocation of 1686 license; exceptions to applicability; collection of advance fees 1687 for listings unlawful.-1688 (9) A person who meets the definition of a commercial 1689 telephone seller or salesperson as defined in s. 501.603 must be 1690 licensed under part IV of chapter 501 before doing business in 1691 this state under this chapter. 1692 Section 47. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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