1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to family trust companies; amending s. 3 662.102, F.S.; revising the purposes of the Family 4 Trust Company Act; providing legislative findings; 5 amending s. 662.111, F.S.; redefining the term 6 "officer"; creating s. 662.113, F.S.; specifying the 7 applicability of other chapters of the financial 8 institutions codes to family trust companies; 9 providing that the section does not limit the 10 authority of the Office of Financial Regulation to 11 investigate a family trust company to ensure 12 compliance with the chapter and applicable financial institutions codes; amending s. 662.120, F.S.; 13 revising the ancestry requirements for designated 14 15 relatives of a licensed family trust company; amending s. 662.1215, F.S.; revising the requirements for 16 investigations of license applicants by the Office of 17 Financial Regulation; amending s. 662.122, F.S.; 18 19 revising the requirements for registration of a family 20 trust company and a foreign licensed family trust 21 company; amending s. 662.1225, F.S.; requiring a 2.2 foreign licensed family trust company to be in compliance with the family trust laws and regulations 23 in its jurisdiction; amending s. 662.123, F.S.; 24 25 revising the types of amendments to organizational 26 documents which must have prior approval by the

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27 office; amending s. 662.128, F.S.; extending the 28 deadline for the filing of, and revising the 29 requirements for, specified license and registration 30 renewal applications; amending s. 662.132, F.S.; 31 revising the prohibition against the purchase of certain bonds or securities by specified family trust 32 33 companies; amending s. 662.141, F.S.; deleting the 34 requirement that the office examine a family trust 35 company that is not licensed and a foreign licensed family trust company; providing that the office may 36 rely upon specified documentation that identifies the 37 38 qualifications of beneficiaries as permissible 39 recipients of family trust company services; deleting 40 a provision that authorizes the office to accept an audit by a certified public accountant in lieu of an 41 42 examination by the office; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules establishing 43 specified requirements for family trust companies; 44 45 amending s. 662.142, F.S.; deleting a provision that 46 authorizes the office to immediately revoke the 47 license of a licensed family trust company under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances 48 under which the office may enter an order revoking the 49 50 license of a licensed family trust company; amending 51 s. 662.143, F.S.; revising the acts that may result in 52 the entry of a cease and desist order against

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53	specified family trust companies and affiliated
54	parties; amending s. 662.145, F.S.; revising the
55	office's authority to suspend a family trust company-
56	affiliated party who is charged with a specified
57	felony or to restrict or prohibit the participation of
58	such party in certain financial institutions; amending
59	ss. 662.150 and 662.151, F.S.; making technical
60	changes; providing an effective date.
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62	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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64	Section 1. Section 662.102, Florida Statutes, is amended
65	to read:
66	662.102 Purposes; findings Purpose .—The <u>purposes</u> purpose
67	of the Family Trust Company Act <u>are</u> is to establish requirements
68	for licensing family trust companies, to <u>regulate</u> provide
69	regulation of those persons who provide fiduciary services to
70	family members of no more than two families and their related
71	interests as a family trust company, and to establish the degree
72	of regulatory oversight required of the Office of Financial
73	Regulation over such companies. <u>The</u> Unlike trust companies
74	formed under chapter 658, there is no public interest to be
75	served <u>by this chapter is to ensure</u> outside of ensuring that
76	fiduciary activities performed by a family trust company are
77	restricted to family members and their related interests and as
78	otherwise provided for in this chapter. Therefore, <u>the</u>
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Legislature finds that: (1) A family trust company is companies are not a financial institution institutions within the meaning of the financial institutions codes., and Licensure of such a company these companies pursuant to chapters 658 and 660 is should not be required as it would not promote the purposes of the codes specified as set forth in s. 655.001. (2) A family trust company may elect to be a licensed family trust company under this chapter if the company desires to be subject to the regulatory oversight of the office, as provided in this chapter, notwithstanding that the company restricts its services to family members. (3) With respect to: Consequently, the office (a) A licensed of Financial Regulation is not responsible for regulating family trust company, the office is responsible for regulating, supervising, and examining the company as provided under this chapter. (b) A family trust company that does not elect to be licensed and a foreign licensed family trust company, companies to ensure their safety and soundness, and the responsibility of the office's role office is limited to ensuring that fiduciary services provided by the company such companies are restricted to family members and authorized related interests and not to the general public. The office is not responsible for examining a family trust company or a foreign licensed family trust

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company regarding the safety or soundness of its operations.

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105 Section 2. Subsection (19) of section 662.111, Florida
106 Statutes, is amended to read:

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662.111 Definitions.-As used in this chapter, the term:

(19) "Officer" of a family trust company means an 108 109 individual, regardless of whether the individual has an official 110 title or receives a salary or other compensation, who may 111 participate in the major policymaking functions of a family trust company, other than as a director. The term does not 112 include an individual who may have an official title and 113 114 exercise discretion in the performance of duties and functions, 115 but who does not participate in determining the major policies 116 of the family trust company and whose decisions are limited by policy standards established by other officers, regardless of 117 whether the policy standards have been adopted by the board of 118 directors. The chair of the board of directors, the president, 119 120 the chief officer, the chief financial officer, the senior trust 121 officer, and all executive vice presidents of a family trust 122 company, and all managers if organized as a limited liability 123 company, are presumed to be executive officers unless such officer is excluded $_{\mathcal{T}}$ by resolution of the board of directors or 124 125 members or by the bylaws or operating agreement of the family 126 trust company, other than in the capacity of a director, from 127 participating in major policymaking functions of the family 128 trust company, and such excluded officer does not actually 129 participate therein.

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Section 3. Section 662.113, Florida Statutes, is created

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131	to read:
132	662.113 Applicability of other chapters of the financial
133	institutions codes.—If a family trust company, licensed family
134	trust company, or foreign licensed family trust company limits
135	its activities to the activities authorized under this chapter,
136	the provisions of other chapters of the financial institutions
137	codes do not apply to the trust company unless otherwise
138	expressly provided in this chapter. This section does not limit
139	the office's authority to investigate any such trust company to
140	ensure that it is in compliance with this chapter and applicable
141	financial institutions codes.
142	Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 662.120, Florida
143	Statutes, is amended to read:
144	662.120 Maximum number of designated relatives
145	(2) A licensed family trust company may not have <u>up to</u>
146	more than two designated relatives., and The designated
147	relatives may not have a common ancestor within <u>three</u> five
148	generations.
149	Section 5. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of
150	section 662.1215, Florida Statutes, to read:
151	662.1215 Investigation of license applicants
152	(2) Upon filing an application for a license to operate as
153	a licensed family trust company, the office shall conduct an
154	investigation to confirm:
155	(e) That the management structure of the proposed company
156	complies with s. 662.125.

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157 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraphs 158 (a) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 662.122, Florida 159 Statutes, are amended to read:

160 662.122 Registration of a family trust company or a161 foreign licensed family trust company.-

(1) A family trust company that is not applying under s.
662.121 to become a licensed family trust company must register
with the office before beginning operations in this state. The
registration application must:

(b) State that the family trust company is a family trust
company as defined under this chapter and that its operations
will comply with ss. 662.1225, <u>662.123(1)</u>, <u>662.124</u>, 662.125,
662.127, 662.131, and 662.134.

(2) A foreign licensed family trust company must registerwith the office before beginning operations in this state.

(a) The registration application must state that its
operations will comply with ss. 662.1225, 662.125, <u>662.127,</u>
662.131, and 662.134 and that it is currently in compliance with
the family trust company laws and regulations of its principal
jurisdiction.

(c) The registration must include a certified copy of a certificate of good standing, or an equivalent document, authenticated by the official having custody of records in the jurisdiction where the foreign licensed family trust company is organized, along with satisfactory proof, as determined by the office, that the company is organized in a manner similar to a

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183	family trust company as defined under this chapter and is in
184	compliance with the family trust company laws and regulations of
185	its principal jurisdiction.
186	Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 662.1225, Florida
187	Statutes, is amended to read:
188	662.1225 Requirements for a family trust company, licensed
189	family trust company, and foreign licensed family trust
190	company
191	(2) In order to operate in this state, a foreign licensed
192	family trust company must be in good standing in its principal
193	jurisdiction, must be in compliance with the family trust
194	company laws and regulations of its principal jurisdiction, and
195	must maintain:
196	(a) An office physically located in this state where
197	original or true copies of all records and accounts of the
198	foreign licensed family trust company pertaining to its
199	operations in this state may be accessed and made readily
200	available for examination by the office in accordance with this
201	chapter.
202	(b) A registered agent who has an office in this state at
203	the street address of the registered agent.
204	(c) All applicable state and local business licenses,
205	charters, and permits.
206	(d) A deposit account with a state-chartered or national
207	financial institution that has a principal or branch office in
208	this state.
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209 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 662.123, Florida 210 Statutes, is amended to read:

211 662.123 Organizational documents; use of term "family 212 trust" in name.-

213 (2) A proposed amendment to the articles of incorporation, 214 articles of organization, certificate of formation, or 215 certificate of organization, bylaws, or articles of organization 216 of a limited liability company, family trust company, or 217 licensed family trust company must be submitted to the office 218 for review at least 30 days before it is filed or effective. An amendment is not considered filed or effective if the office 219 220 issues a notice of disapproval with respect to the proposed 221 amendment.

Section 9. Subsections (1) through (4) of section 662.128,
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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662.128 Annual renewal.-

(1) Within <u>45</u> 30 days after the end of each calendar year,
<u>a</u> family trust <u>company</u> companies, licensed family trust <u>company</u>
companies, <u>or</u> and foreign licensed family trust <u>company</u>
companies shall file <u>its</u> their annual renewal application with
the office.

(2) The license renewal application filed by a licensed
family trust company must include a verified statement <u>by an</u>
authorized representative of the trust company that:

(a) The licensed family trust company operated in full
compliance with this chapter, chapter 896, or similar state or

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federal law, or any related rule or regulation. The application must include proof acceptable to the office that the company is a family trust company as defined under this chapter.

(b) Describes any material changes to its operations,
principal place of business, directors, officers, managers,
members acting in a managerial capacity, and designated
relatives since the end of the preceding calendar year.

(3) The registration renewal application filed by a family
trust company must include:

244 (a) A verified statement by an <u>authorized representative</u> 245 officer of the <u>trust</u> company that it is a family trust company 246 as defined under this chapter and that its operations are in 247 compliance with ss. 662.1225, <u>662.123(1)</u>, <u>662.124</u>, 662.125, 248 <u>662.127</u>, 662.131, and 662.134<u>,</u>; chapter $896_{,}$; or similar state 249 or federal law₇ or any related rule or regulation.

(b) , and include The name of the company's its designated
 relative or relatives, if applicable, and the street address for
 its principal place of business.

(4) The registration renewal application filed by a
foreign licensed family trust company must include a verified
statement <u>by an authorized representative of the trust company</u>
that its operations are in compliance with ss. 662.1225,
662.125, 662.131, and 662.134 and in compliance with the family
trust company laws and regulations of its principal
jurisdiction. It must also provide:

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261 physical location of its principal place of business in its 262 principal jurisdiction.

(b) The current telephone number and street address of the physical location in this state of its principal place of operations where its books and records pertaining to its operations in this state are maintained.

(c) The current telephone number and address of thephysical location of any other offices located in this state.

(d) The name and current street address in this state ofits registered agent.

(e) Documentation satisfactory to the office that the foreign licensed family trust company is in compliance with the family trust company laws and regulations of its principal jurisdiction.

275 Section 10. Subsection (7) of section 662.132, Florida 276 Statutes, is amended to read:

662.132 Investments.-

(7) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(6), a family trust
company or licensed family trust company may not, while acting
as a fiduciary, purchase a bond or security issued by the
company or <u>its parent</u>, or a subsidiary company an affiliate
thereof <u>or its parent</u>, unless:

(a) The family trust company or licensed family trustcompany is expressly authorized to do so by:

285 1. The terms of the instrument creating the trust;

286 2. A court order;

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287 The written consent of the settlor of the trust for 3. which the family trust company or licensed family trust company 288 289 is serving as trustee; or The written consent of every adult qualified 290 4. 291 beneficiary of the trust who, at the time of such purchase, is 292 entitled to receive income under the trust or who would be 293 entitled to receive a distribution of principal if the trust 294 were terminated; and 295 (b) The purchase of the security is at a fair price and 296 complies with: 297 The prudent investor rule in s. 518.11_{T} or other 1. 298 prudent investor or similar rule under other applicable law, 299 unless such compliance is waived in accordance with s. 518.11 or 300 other applicable law. 301 The terms of the instrument, judgment, decree, or order 2. 302 establishing the fiduciary relationship. 303 Section 11. Section 662.141, Florida Statutes, is amended 304 to read: 305 662.141 Examination, investigations, and fees.-The office 306 may conduct an examination or investigation of a family trust 307 company, licensed family trust company, or foreign licensed 308 family trust company at any time it deems necessary to determine 309 whether the a family trust company, licensed family trust 310 company, or foreign licensed family trust company, or family 311 trust company-affiliated party thereof person has violated or is 312 about to violate any provision of this chapter, or rules adopted Page 12 of 20

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313 by the commission pursuant to this chapter, or any applicable 314 provision of the financial institution codes, or <u>any rule</u> rules 315 adopted by the commission pursuant to <u>this chapter or the</u> such 316 codes.

(1) <u>The office may rely upon a certificate of trust, trust</u>
summary, or written statement from the trust company which
identifies the qualified beneficiaries of any trust or estate
for which a family trust company, licensed family trust company,
or foreign licensed family trust company serves as a fiduciary
and the qualifications of such beneficiaries as permissible
recipients of company services.

324 (2) The office shall conduct an examination of a licensed
 325 family trust company, family trust company, and foreign licensed
 326 family trust company at least once every <u>36</u> 18 months.

327 (2) In lieu of an examination by the office, the office 328 may accept an audit of a family trust company, licensed family 329 trust company, or foreign licensed family trust company by a 330 certified public accountant licensed to practice in this state 331 who is independent of the company, or other person or entity 332 acceptable to the office. If the office accepts an audit 333 pursuant to this subsection, the office shall conduct the next 334 required examination.

335 (3) The office shall examine the books and records of a 336 family trust company or licensed family trust company as 337 necessary to determine whether it is a family trust company or 338 licensed family trust company as defined in this chapter, and is

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339 operating in compliance with this chapter ss. 662.1225, 340 662.126, 662.131, and 662.134, as applicable. The office may 341 rely upon a certificate of trust, trust summary, or written 342 statement from the trust company identifying the qualified 343 beneficiaries of any trust or estate for which the family trust 344 company serves as a fiduciary and the qualification of the 345 qualified beneficiaries as permissible recipients of company 346 services. The commission may establish by rule the records to be 347 maintained or requirements necessary to demonstrate conformity 348 with this chapter as a family trust company or licensed family 349 trust company.

350 (3) (4) The office shall examine the books and records of a 351 foreign licensed family trust company as necessary to determine 352 if it is a foreign licensed trust company as defined in this 353 chapter and is in compliance with ss. 662.1225, 662.125, 662.130(2), 662.131, and 662.134. In connection with an 354 355 examination of the books and records of the company, the office 356 may rely upon the most recent examination report or review or 357 certification letters or similar documentation issued by the 358 regulatory agency to which the foreign licensed family trust company is subject to supervision. The commission may establish 359 360 by rule the records to be maintained or requirements necessary to demonstrate conformity with this chapter as a foreign 361 362 licensed family trust company. The office's examination of the 363 books and records of a foreign licensed family trust company is, 364 to the extent practicable, limited to books and records of the

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365 operations in this state.

(4) (5) For each examination of the books and records of a 366 367 family trust company, licensed family trust company, or foreign 368 licensed family trust company as authorized under this chapter, 369 the trust company shall pay a fee for the costs of the 370 examination by the office. As used in this section, the term 371 "costs" means the salary and travel expenses of field staff 372 which are directly attributable to the examination of the trust company and the travel expenses of any supervisory and or 373 374 support staff required as a result of examination findings. The 375 mailing of payment for costs incurred must be postmarked within 376 30 days after the receipt of a notice stating that the such 377 costs are due. The office may levy a late payment of up to \$100 per day or part thereof that a payment is overdue τ unless waived 378 379 for good cause. However, if the late payment of costs is 380 intentional, the office may levy an administrative fine of up to 381 \$1,000 per day for each day the payment is overdue.

382 <u>(5)(6)</u> All fees collected under this section must be 383 deposited into the Financial Institutions' Regulatory Trust Fund 384 pursuant to s. 655.049 for the purpose of administering this 385 chapter.

386 (6) The commission may establish by rule the records to be
 387 maintained or requirements necessary to demonstrate conformity
 388 with this chapter as a family trust company, licensed family
 389 trust company, or foreign licensed family trust company.
 390 Section 12. Section 662.142, Florida Statutes, is amended

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391	to read:
392	662.142 Revocation of license
393	(1) <u>Any of</u> the following acts <u>constitute</u> or conduct
394	constitutes grounds for the revocation by the office of the
395	license of a licensed family trust company:
396	(a) The company is not a family trust company as defined
397	in this chapter <u>.</u>
398	(b) A violation of s. 662.1225, s. 662.123(1)(a), s.
399	662.125(2), s. 662.126, s. 662.127, s. 662.128, s. 662.130, s.
400	662.131, s. 662.134, or s. 662.144 <u>.</u> ;
401	(c) A violation of chapter 896, relating to financial
402	transactions offenses, or \underline{a} \overline{any} similar state or federal law or
403	any related rule or regulation.+
404	(d) A violation of any rule of the commission $\underline{\cdot}$
405	(e) A violation of any order of the office. \cdot
406	(f) A breach of any written agreement with the office. \div
407	(g) A prohibited act or practice under s. 662.131. $\dot{\cdot}$
408	(h) A failure to provide information or documents to the
409	office upon written request <u>.; or</u>
410	(i) An act of commission or omission <u>which</u> that is
411	judicially determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be
412	a breach of trust or of fiduciary duty pursuant to a court of
413	competent jurisdiction.
414	(2) <u>If the office finds</u> Upon a finding that a licensed
415	family trust company has committed any of the acts <u>specified</u> set
416	forth in <u>subsection (1)</u> paragraphs (1)(a)-(h) , the office may
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417 enter an order suspending the company's license and provide notice of its intention to revoke the license and of the 418 419 opportunity for a hearing pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. 420 (3) If a hearing is not timely requested pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 or if a hearing is held and it has been 421 422 determined that the licensed family trust company has committed 423 any of the acts specified in subsection (1) there has been a 424 commission or omission under paragraph (1)(i), the office may 425 immediately enter an order revoking the company's license. A The 426 licensed family trust company has shall have 90 days to wind up 427 its affairs after license revocation. If after 90 days the 428 company is still in operation, the office may seek an order from 429 the circuit court for the annulment or dissolution of the 430 company.

431 Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 662.143, Florida432 Statutes, is amended to read:

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662.143 Cease and desist authority.-

(1) The office may issue and serve upon a family trust company, licensed family trust company, or foreign licensed family trust company, or upon a family trust company-affiliated party, a complaint stating charges if the office has reason to believe that such company, family trust company-affiliated party, or individual named therein is engaging in or has engaged in any of the following acts conduct that:

(a) Indicates that The company is not a family trust
 company or foreign licensed family trust company as defined in

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443 this chapter.+ Is A violation of s. 662.1225, s. 662.123(1)(a), s. 444 (b) 445 662.125(2), s. 662.126, s. 662.127, s. 662.128, s. 662.130, or 446 s. 662.134.÷ 447 (C) Is A violation of any rule of the commission.; Is A violation of any order of the office.; 448 (d) 449 (e) Is A breach of any written agreement with the office.; 450 Is A prohibited act or practice pursuant to s. (f) 451 662.131.; 452 Is A willful failure to provide information or (q) 453 documents to the office upon written request. + 454 Is An act of commission or omission that is judicially (h) 455 determined by or a court of competent jurisdiction practice that 456 the office has reason to be believe is a breach of trust or of 457 fiduciary duty.; or 458 Is A violation of chapter 896 or similar state or (i) 459 federal law or any related rule or regulation. 460 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 461 662.145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 462 662.145 Grounds for removal.-The chief executive officer, or the person holding the 463 (6) 464 equivalent office, of a family trust company or licensed family 465 trust company shall promptly notify the office if he or she has 466 actual knowledge that a family trust company-affiliated party is 467 charged with a felony in a state or federal court. 468 If a family trust company-affiliated party is charged (a)

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469 with a felony in a state or federal court, or is charged with an 470 offense in a court the courts of a foreign country with which 471 the United States maintains diplomatic relations which involves a violation of law relating to fraud, currency transaction 472 473 reporting, money laundering, theft, or moral turpitude and the 474 charge is equivalent to a felony charge under state or federal 475 law, the office may enter an emergency order suspending the 476 family trust company-affiliated party or restricting or 477 prohibiting participation by such company-affiliated party in 478 the affairs of that particular family trust company or licensed 479 family trust company or any state financial institution, 480 subsidiary, or service corporation, upon service of the order 481 upon the company and the family trust company-affiliated party 482 so charged.

483 Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 484 662.150, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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662.150 Domestication of a foreign family trust company.-

(1) A foreign family trust company lawfully organized and currently in good standing with the state regulatory agency in the jurisdiction where it is organized may become domesticated in this state by:

(b) Filing an application for a license to begin
operations as a licensed family trust company in accordance with
s. 662.121, which must first be approved by the office, or by
filing the prescribed form with the office to register as a
family trust company to begin operations in accordance with s.

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495 662.122.

496 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 662.151, Florida497 Statutes, is amended to read:

498 662.151 Registration of a foreign licensed family trust 499 company to operate in this state.—A foreign licensed family 500 trust company lawfully organized and currently in good standing 501 with the state regulatory agency in the jurisdiction under the 502 law of which it is organized may qualify to begin operations in 503 this state by:

(3) A company in operation as of <u>October 1, 2015, which</u> the effective date of this act that meets the definition of a family trust company <u>must, on or before December 30, 2015, shall</u> have 90 days from the effective date of this act to apply for licensure as a licensed family trust company, register as a family trust company or foreign licensed family trust company, or cease doing business in this state.

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Section 17. This act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

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