House

Florida Senate - 2016 Bill No. CS for SB 772

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 01/21/2016

Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government (Simpson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 472.007, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

472.007 Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers.—There is created in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers.

(1) The board shall consist of nine members, <u>seven</u>  $\frac{1}{2}$  of

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11 whom shall be registered surveyors and mappers primarily engaged 12 in the practice of surveying and mapping, one of whom shall be a 13 registered surveyor and mapper with the designation of

14 photogrammetrist, and two of whom shall be laypersons who are 15 not and have never been surveyors and mappers or members of any 16 closely related profession or occupation.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

472.015 Licensure.-

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(3) (a) Before the issuance of any license, the department may charge an initial license fee as determined by rule of the board. Upon receipt of the appropriate license fee, except as provided in subsection (6), the department shall issue a license to any person certified by the board, or its designee, as having met the applicable requirements imposed by law or rule. However, an applicant who is not otherwise qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely based on a passing score on a required examination.

29 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for 30 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed 31 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that 32 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by 33 34 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's 35 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To 36 qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department 37 a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 38 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 39 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'

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40 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United 41 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 42 43 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 44 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 45 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 46 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 47 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds 48 a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 49 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 50 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the 51 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 52 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 53 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 54 of discharge. 55 Section 3. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of 56 section 493.6105, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (j) of 57 subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read: 58 493.6105 Initial application for license.-59 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a 60 corporation, shall file with the department a complete 61 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60, 62 except that the applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G" license 63 is not required to submit an application fee. The application 64 fee is not refundable. 65 (c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined 66 in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," 67

Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI"

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69 license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of 70 the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 71 72 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 73 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 74 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver. 75 (3) The application must contain the following information 76 concerning the individual signing the application: 77 (j) A full set of fingerprints, a fingerprint processing 78 fee, and a fingerprint retention fee. The fingerprint processing 79 and retention fees shall to be established by rule of the 80 department based upon costs determined by state and federal 81 agency charges and department processing costs, which must 82 include the cost of retaining the fingerprints in the statewide 83 automated biometric identification system established in s. 84 943.05(2)(b) and the cost of enrolling the fingerprints in the 85 national retained print arrest notification program as required 86 under s. 493.6108. An applicant who has, within the immediately 87 preceding 6 months, submitted such fingerprints and fees for 88 licensing purposes under this chapter and who still holds a 89 valid license is not required to submit another set of 90 fingerprints or another fingerprint processing fee. An applicant 91 who holds multiple licenses issued under this chapter is required to pay only a single fingerprint retention fee. 92 93 Section 4. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 94 493.6106, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 95 493.6106 License requirements; posting.-96 (1) Each individual licensed by the department must: 97 (f) Be a citizen or permanent legal resident alien of the

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98 United States or have appropriate authorization issued by the
99 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the United
100 States Department of Homeland Security.

1. An applicant for a Class "C," Class "CC," Class "D," 101 102 Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "M," Class "MA," Class 103 "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license who is not a United 104 States citizen must submit proof of current employment 105 authorization issued by the United States Citizenship and 106 Immigration Services or proof that she or he is deemed a 107 permanent legal resident alien by the United States Citizenship 108 and Immigration Services.

2. An applicant for a Class "G" or Class "K" license who is not a United States citizen must submit proof that she or he is deemed a permanent legal resident alien by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, together with additional documentation establishing that she or he has resided in the state of residence shown on the application for at least 90 consecutive days before the date that the application is submitted.

117 3. An applicant for an agency or school license who is not 118 a United States citizen or permanent legal resident alien must 119 submit documentation issued by the United States Citizenship and 120 Immigration Services stating that she or he is lawfully in the 121 United States and is authorized to own and operate the type of 122 agency or school for which she or he is applying. An employment 123 authorization card issued by the United States Citizenship and 124 Immigration Services is not sufficient documentation.

Section 5. Subsection (6) is added to section 493.6107, Florida Statutes, to read:

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| 130 | Class "K" license within 24 months after being discharged from   |
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| 133 | by the United States Department of Defense, or another           |
| 134 | acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department |
| 135 | of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to     |
| 136 | <u>obtain a waiver.</u>  |
| 137 | Section 6. Subsections (4) and (5) are added to section          |
| 138 | 493.6108, Florida Statutes, to read:                             |
| 139 | 493.6108 Investigation of applicants by Department of            |
| 140 | Agriculture and Consumer Services                                |
| 141 | (4) Beginning January 1, 2017, the Department of Law             |
| 142 | Enforcement shall:   |
| 143 | (a) Retain and enter into the statewide automated biometric      |
| 144 | identification system established in s. 943.05(2)(b) all         |
| 145 | fingerprints submitted to the Department of Agriculture and      |
| 146 | Consumer Services pursuant to this chapter.                      |
| 147 | (b) When the Department of Law Enforcement begins                |
| 148 | participation in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national  |
| 149 | retained print arrest notification program, enroll such          |
| 150 | fingerprints in the program. The fingerprints must thereafter be |
| 151 | available for arrest notifications and all purposes and uses     |
| 152 | authorized for arrest fingerprint submissions entered into the   |
| 153 | statewide automated biometric identification system established  |
| 154 | <u>in s. 943.05(2)(b).</u>                                       |
| 155 | (c) Search all arrest fingerprints against fingerprints          |

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| <ul> <li>(d) Report to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer</li> <li>Services any arrest record that it identifies or that is</li> <li>identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.</li> <li>(5) If the department receives information about an arrest</li> <li>within the state of a person who holds a valid license issued</li> <li>under this chapter for a crime that could potentially disqualif</li> <li>the person from holding such a license, the department must</li> <li>provide the arrest information to the agency that employs the</li> <li>licensee.</li> <li>Section 7. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 493.6113,</li> <li>Florida Statutes, are amended to read:</li> <li>493.6113 Renewal application for licensure</li> <li>(1) A license granted under the provisions of this chapter</li> <li>shall be renewed biennially by the department, except for Class</li> <li>"A," Class "B," Class "AB," <u>Class "K,"</u> Class "R," and branch</li> <li>agency licenses, which shall be renewed every 3 years.</li> <li>(3) Each licensee is responsible for renewing his or her</li> <li>license on or before its expiration by filing with the</li> </ul> |
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| 176 the renewal fee and the fingerprint retention fee to cover the   |
| 177 cost of ongoing retention in the statewide automated biometric   |
| 178 identification system established in s. 943.05(2)(b) prescribed  |
| 179 license fee. Upon the first renewal of a license issued under  |
| 180 this chapter before January 1, 2017, the licensee shall submit   |
| 181 full set of fingerprints and fingerprint processing fees to  |
| 182 cover the cost of entering the fingerprints into the statewide   |
| 183 automated biometric identification system pursuant to s.   |
| 184 493.6108(4)(a) and, if applicable, enrollment in the Federal   |

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| 185 | Bureau of Investigation's national retained print arrest         |
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| 186 | notification program. Subsequent renewals may be completed       |
| 187 | without submission of a new set of fingerprints.                 |
| 188 | (a) Each Class "B" licensee shall additionally submit on a       |
| 189 | form prescribed by the department a certification of insurance   |
| 190 | that evidences that the licensee maintains coverage as required  |
| 191 | under s. 493.6110.   |
| 192 | (b) Each Class "G" licensee shall additionally submit proof      |
| 193 | that he or she has received during each year of the license      |
| 194 | period a minimum of 4 hours of firearms recertification training |
| 195 | taught by a Class "K" licensee and has complied with such other  |
| 196 | health and training requirements that the department shall adopt |
| 197 | by rule. Proof of completion of firearms recertification         |
| 198 | training shall be submitted to the department upon completion of |
| 199 | the training. If the licensee fails to complete the required 4   |
| 200 | hours of annual training during the first year of the 2-year     |
| 201 | term of the license, the license shall be automatically          |
| 202 | suspended. The licensee must complete the minimum number of      |
| 203 | hours of range and classroom training required at the time of    |
| 204 | initial licensure and submit proof of completion of such         |
| 205 | training to the department before the license may be reinstated. |
| 206 | If the licensee fails to complete the required 4 hours of annual |
| 207 | training during the second year of the 2-year term of the        |
| 208 | license, the licensee must complete the minimum number of hours  |
| 209 | of range and classroom training required at the time of initial  |
| 210 | licensure and submit proof of completion of such training to the |
| 211 | department before the license may be renewed. The department may |
| 212 | waive the firearms training requirement if:                      |
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1. The applicant provides proof that he or she is currently



214 certified as a law enforcement officer or correctional officer 215 under the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and 216 has completed law enforcement firearms requalification training 217 annually during the previous 2 years of the licensure period;

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

3. The applicant submits a valid firearm certificate among 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.

(c) Each Class "DS" or Class "RS" licensee shall additionally submit the current curriculum, examination, and list of instructors.

(d) Each Class "K" licensee shall additionally submit one of the certificates specified under s. 493.6105(6) as proof that he or she remains certified to provide firearms instruction.

Section 8. Subsection (4) is added to section 493.6202, Florida Statutes, to read:

493.6202 Fees.-

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(4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC," or Class "MA" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department

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| 243 | of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to     |
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| 244 | obtain a waiver.   |
| 245 | Section 9. Subsection (4) is added to section 493.6302,          |
| 246 | Florida Statutes, to read:                                       |
| 247 | 493.6302 Fees  |
| 248 | (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s.      |
| 249 | 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "D,"      |
| 250 | Class "DI," or Class "MB" license within 24 months after being   |
| 251 | discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An |
| 252 | eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214,  |
| 253 | as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another |
| 254 | acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department |
| 255 | of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to     |
| 256 | obtain a waiver.   |
| 257 | Section 10. Subsection (4) is added to section 493.6402,         |
| 258 | Florida Statutes, to read:                                       |
| 259 | 493.6402 Fees  |
| 260 | (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s.      |
| 261 | 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "E,"      |
| 262 | Class "EE," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24 months   |
| 263 | after being discharged from any branch of the United States      |
| 264 | Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or  |
| 265 | her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of    |
| 266 | Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as         |
| 267 | specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her |
| 268 | application in order to obtain a waiver.                         |
| 269 | Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 501.0125, Florida          |
| 270 | Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that        |
| 271 | section, to read:  |

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272 501.0125 Health studios; definitions.-For purposes of ss. 273 501.012-501.019, the following terms shall have the following meanings: 274 275 (1) "Health studio" means any person who is engaged in the 276 sale of services for instruction, training, or assistance in a 277 program of physical exercise or in the sale of services for the 278 right or privilege to use equipment or facilities in furtherance 279 of a program of physical exercise. The term does not include an individual acting as a personal trainer. 280 281 (6) "Personal trainer" means an individual: 282 (a) Who does not have an established place of business for 283 the primary purpose of the conducting of physical exercise; 284 (b) Whose provision of exercise equipment is incidental to 285 the instruction provided; and 286 (c) Who does not accept payment for services that are to be 287 rendered more than 30 days after the date of payment. 288 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida 289 Statutes, is amended to read: 290 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and 291 fees.-Each health studio shall: (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the 292 293 department at the time of registration for each of the health 294 studio's business locations. The department shall waive the 295 initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of 296 the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or 297 a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a 298 veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in 299 a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after 300 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the

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301 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a veteran 302 must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another 303 304 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department 305 of Veterans' Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to 306 the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by 307 the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable 308 form of identification as specified by the Department of 309 Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or 310 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the 311 veteran at the time of discharge; or a business entity must 312 provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of 313 a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of 314 the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 315 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 316 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 317 Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license 318 or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was 319 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 13. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 501.605, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers.-

324 (2) An applicant for a license as a commercial telephone 325 seller must submit to the department, in such form as it 326 prescribes, a written application for the license. The 327 application must set forth the following information:

(i) The complete street address of each location, 329 designating the principal location, from which the applicant

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330 will be doing business. The street address may not be If any 331 location is a mail drop, this shall be disclosed as such.

The application shall be accompanied by a copy of any: Script, outline, or presentation the applicant will require or suggest a salesperson to use when soliciting, or, if no such document is used, a statement to that effect; sales information or literature to be provided by the applicant to a salesperson; and sales information or literature to be provided by the applicant to a purchaser in connection with any solicitation.

340 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be 341 verified and accompanied by:

342 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee 343 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The 344 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably 345 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse 346 of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority 347 ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department 348 receives an application, in a format prescribed by the 349 department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's 350 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To 351 qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department 352 a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 353 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 354 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 355 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department 356 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United 357 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 358 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'

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359 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 360 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 361 362 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds 363 a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 364 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 365 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the 366 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 367 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 368 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 369 of discharge. 370 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 371 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 372 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.-373 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be 374 verified and be accompanied by: 375 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per 376 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General 377 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after 378 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after 379 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall 380 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged 381 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a 382 veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held 383 by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an 384 application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 385 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch 386 of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a 387 veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD

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388 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 389 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the 390 Department of Veterans' Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must 391 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, 392 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another 393 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department 394 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or 395 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the 396 veteran at the time of discharge; or a business entity must 397 provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of 398 a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of 399 the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 400 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 401 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 402 Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license 403 or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was 404 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge. 405

Section 15. Subsection (3) of section 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

507.03 Registration.-

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408 (3) (a) Registration fees shall be calculated at the rate of 409 \$300 per year per mover or moving broker. All amounts collected shall be deposited by the Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the General Inspection Trust Fund of the department for the sole purpose of administration of this chapter.

413 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee 414 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed 415 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the 416

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417 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by 418 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To 419 420 qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department 421 a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 422 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 423 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 424 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United 425 426 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 427 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 428 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 429 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 430 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 431 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds 432 a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 433 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 434 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the 435 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 436 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 437 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 438 of discharge. Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 527.02, Florida 439 Statutes, is amended to read: 440 441 527.02 License; penalty; fees.-442 (3) (a) An Any applicant for an original license who submits 443 an whose application is submitted during the last 6 months of 444 the license year may have the original license fee reduced by one-half for the 6-month period. This provision applies shall 445



446 apply only to those companies applying for an original license 447 and may shall not be applied to licensees who held a license 448 during the previous license year and failed to renew the 449 license. The department may refuse to issue an initial license 450 to an any applicant who is under investigation in any 451 jurisdiction for an action that would constitute a violation of 452 this chapter until such time as the investigation is complete. 453 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for 454 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed 455 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that 456 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the 457 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by 458 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's 459 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To 460 qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 461 462 Department of Defense or another acceptable form of 463 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 464 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department 465 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United 466 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 467 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 468 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 469 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 470 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 471 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds 472 a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 473 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 474 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the

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| 475 | Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a |
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| 476 | valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse  |
| 477 | of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time   |
| 478 | of discharge.  |
| 479 | Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 527.021, Florida           |
| 480 | Statutes, is amended to read:                                    |
| 481 | 527.021 Registration of transport vehicles                       |
| 482 | (4) An inspection fee of \$50 shall be assessed for each         |
| 483 | registered vehicle inspected by the department pursuant to s.    |
| 484 | 527.061. All inspection fees collected in connection with this   |
| 485 | section shall be deposited in the General Inspection Trust Fund  |
| 486 | for the purpose of administering the provisions of this chapter. |
| 487 | Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 531.37, Florida            |
| 488 | Statutes, is amended to read:                                    |
| 489 | 531.37 DefinitionsAs used in this chapter:                       |
| 490 | (1) "Weights and measures" means all weights and measures        |
| 491 | of every kind, instruments, and devices for weighing and         |
| 492 | measuring, and any appliance and accessories associated with any |
| 493 | or all such instruments and devices, excluding those weights and |
| 494 | measures used for the purpose of inspecting the accuracy of      |
| 495 | devices used in conjunction with aviation fuel.                  |
| 496 | Section 19. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 531.415,          |
| 497 | Florida Statutes, are amended to read:                           |
| 498 | 531.415 Fees   |
| 499 | (1) The department shall charge and collect fees of not          |
| 500 | more than the following fees for actual metrology laboratory     |
| 501 | calibration and testing services rendered:                       |
| 502 | (a) For each mass standard that is tested or certified to        |
| 503 | meet tolerances less stringent than American National Standards  |
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| 504 | Institute/American Society for Testing and Materia             | ls (ANSI/ASTM)            |
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| 505 | Standard E617 Class 4, the department shall charge             | a fee of not              |
| 506 | more than:   |                           |
| 507 | Weight   | Fee/Unit                  |
| 508 | 0 - 2 lb.  | \$6                       |
| 509 | 3 - 10 lb.   | \$8                       |
| 510 | 11 - 50 lb.  | \$12                      |
| 511 | 51 - 500 lb.   | \$20                      |
| 512 | 501 - 1000 lb.   | \$30                      |
| 513 | 1001 - 2500 lb.  | \$40                      |
| 514 | 2501 - 5000 lb.  | \$50                      |
| 515 | (b) For each mass standard that is tested or                   | certified to              |
| 516 | meet ANSI/ASTM Standard Class 4 or National Instit             | ute of                    |
| 517 | Standards and Technology Class P tolerances <del>, the d</del> | epartment                 |
| 518 | shall charge a fee of not more than:                           |                           |
| 519 | Weight   | Fee/Unit                  |
| 520 | 0 - 10 lb.   | \$20                      |
| 521 | 11 - 50 lb.  | \$30                      |
| 522 | 51 - 500 lb.   | \$40                      |
| 523 | 501 - 1000 lb.   | \$50                      |
| 524 | 1001 - 2500 lb.  | \$60                      |
| 525 | 2501 - 5000 lb.  | \$75                      |
| 526 | (c) For each mass standard that is calibrated                  | to determine              |
| 527 | actual mass or apparent mass values <del>, the departmen</del> | <del>t shall charge</del> |
| 528 | a fee of not more than:  |                           |
| 529 | Weight   | Fee/Unit                  |
| 530 | 0 - 20 lb.   | \$40                      |
| 531 | 21 - 50 lb.  | \$50                      |
| 532 | 51 - 1000 lb.  | \$70                      |
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| 533 | 1001 - 2500 lb. \$150   |
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| 534 | 2501 - 5000 lb. \$250   |
| 535 | (d) For each volumetric <del>flask, graduate, or</del> test <del>measure,</del>       |
| 536 | the department shall charge a fee of not more than:                                   |
| 537 | Vessel Fee/Test Point   |
| 538 | 0 - 5 gal. \$35   |
| 539 | Over 5 gal. Plus \$0.75 for each additional gallon                                    |
| 540 | (e) For each linear measure that is tested or certified,                              |
| 541 | the department shall charge a fee of not more than \$75.                              |
| 542 | <u>(e) (f)</u> For each linear measure <u>test</u> <del>that is calibrated to</del>   |
| 543 | determine actual values, the department shall charge a fee of                         |
| 544 | \$75 not more than \$100.   |
| 545 | (g) For each liquid-in-glass or electronic thermometer that                           |
| 546 | is tested or certified, the department shall charge a fee of not                      |
| 547 | more than \$50.   |
| 548 | (f) (h) For each temperature measuring device, liquid-in-                             |
| 549 | glass or electronic thermometer that is calibrated to determine                       |
| 550 | actual values, the department shall charge a fee of $\frac{50}{100}$ not more         |
| 551 | than \$100.   |
| 552 | <u>(g)<del>(i)</del></u> For each special test or special preparation, <del>the</del> |
| 553 | department shall charge a fee of not more than \$50 per hour.                         |
| 554 | (2) Each fee is payable to the department at the time the                             |
| 555 | testing is done, regardless of whether the item tested is                             |
| 556 | certified. The department may refuse to accept for testing any                        |
| 557 | item deemed by the department to be unsuitable for its intended                       |
| 558 | use or not to be in a condition ready for testing. The                                |
| 559 | department shall deposit all fees collected under this section                        |
| 560 | into the General Inspection Trust Fund.   |
| 561 | Section 20. Section 531.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to                           |
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562 read: 531.60 Permit for commercially operated or tested weights 563 564 or measures instrument or devices.-

565 (1) A weights and measures instrument or device may not 566 operate or be used for commercial purposes, as defined by 567 department rule, within this state without first being permitted 568 through a valid commercial use permit issued by the department 569 to the person who owns the weights and measures device, unless 570 exempted as provided in s. 531.61. Such permit applies only to 571 the specific location and instrument types or device types 572 listed on for which the permit was issued. However, the 573 department may allow such permit to be applicable to a 574 replacement for the original instrument or device.

(2) If ownership of a business an instrument or device for which a permit has been issued changes and the instruments or devices affected by the permit instrument or device:

(a) Remain Remains in the same location, the permit transfers to the new owner and remains in effect until its original expiration date. Within 30 days after the change in ownership, the new owner shall notify the department of the change and provide the pertinent information regarding the change in ownership and an updated replacement permit shall be issued if needed.

(b) Move Moves to a new location, the permit automatically expires and a new permit must be applied for by the new owner of 586 the instruments or devices issued which will expire 1 year 588 following the date of issuance.

(3) A person who holds a permit that has been issued under this section must notify the department within 30 days after a

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591 change in permit status or if a permit will not be renewed due to the termination in use or removal of all weighing and 592 measuring instruments or devices from the permitted location 593 594 Weights and measures instruments or devices that are not used 595 commercially may be tested by the department under this chapter 596 only if they are permitted and appropriate fees paid as 597 prescribed by this section and adopted rules. 598 Section 21. Section 531.61, Florida Statutes, is amended to 599 read: 600 531.61 Exemptions from permit requirement.-Commercial 601 weights or measures instruments or devices are exempt from the 602 permit requirements of ss. 531.60-531.66 if: 603 (1) The device is a taximeter that is licensed, permitted, 604 or registered by a municipality, county, or other local 605 government and is tested for accuracy and compliance with state 606 standards by the local government in cooperation with the state 607 as authorized in s. 531.421. (2) The device is used exclusively for weighing railroad 608 609 cars and is tested for accuracy and compliance with state 610 standards by a private testing agency. 611 (3) The device is used exclusively for measuring aviation 612 fuel or petroleum products inspected under chapter 525. 613 Section 22. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section 531.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 614 615 531.62 Permit application and renewal.-616 (1) An application for a weights and measures commercial 617 use permit shall be submitted to the department on a form 618 prescribed and furnished by the department and must contain such 619 information as the department may require by rule.

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(2) The application must be accompanied by a fee in an
amount determined by <u>the number and types of instruments or</u>
<u>devices covered by the permit as provided by</u> department rule.
However, the fee for each instrument or device <u>listed on the</u>
<u>permit</u> may not exceed the maximum limits set forth in s. 531.63.

625 (4) A permit expires 2 years 1 year following its date of 626 issue and must be renewed biennially annually. If a complete an 627 application package for renewal is not received by the 628 department before the permit expires within 30 days after its 629 due date, a late fee of up to \$100 must be paid in addition to 630 the annual commercial use permit fee. However, a person may 631 elect to renew a commercial use permit on an annual basis rather 632 than a biennial basis. An annual renewal must meet the same 633 requirements and conditions as a biennial renewal.

Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 531.63, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

531.63 Maximum permit fees.—The commercial use permit fees established for weights or measures instruments or devices shall be in an amount necessary to administer this chapter but may not exceed the amounts provided in this section.

(1) For weighing devices, the fees must be based on the manufacturer's rated capacity or the device's design and use and whether measuring by inch or pounds or the metric equivalent:

(a) For weighing devices of up to and including the 100pound capacity which are used during any portion of the period covered by the permit, the maximum annual fees per <u>category of</u> <u>device</u> retail establishment may not exceed the following:

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649 establishment Maximum Fee \$60 650 1 to 5 6 to 10 \$150 651 652 11 to 30 \$200 653 More than 30 \$300 654 (2) For other measuring devices, the annual permit fees per 655 device may not exceed the following: 656 (a) Mass flow meters having a maximum flow rate of up to 657 150 pounds per minute.....\$100. 658 This includes all mass flow meters used to dispense compressed 659 and liquefied natural gas for retail sale. (b) Mass flow meters having a maximum flow rate greater 660 661 than 150 pounds per minute.....\$500. 662 (c) Volumetric flow meters having a maximum flow rate of up 663 to 20 gallons per minute.....\$50. 664 This includes all devices used to dispense diesel exhaust fluid 665 for retail sale. 666 (d) Volumetric flow meters having a maximum flow rate 667 greater than 20 gallons per minute.....\$100. 668 (e) Tanks, under 500 gallons capacity, used as measure 669 containers, with or without gage rods or markers......\$100. 670 (f) Tanks, 500 or more gallons capacity, used as measure 671 containers, with or without gage rods or markers......\$200. (g) Taximeters.....\$50. 672 673 (h) Grain moisture meters.....\$25. 674 (h) (i) Multiple-dimension measuring 675 devices.....\$100. 676 (i) Liquefied petroleum gas bulk delivery vehicles with a 677 meter owned or leased by a liquefied petroleum gas licensee.\$150.



| 678 | Section 24. Section 531.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to         |
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| 679 | read:   |
| 680 | 531.65 Unauthorized use; penalties.—If a weights or                 |
| 681 | measures instrument or device is used commercially without a        |
| 682 | valid commercial use permit, the department may do one or more      |
| 683 | of the following:   |
| 684 | (1) Prohibit the further commercial use of the unpermitted          |
| 685 | instrument or device until the proper permit has been issued. $	au$ |
| 686 | (2) Employ and attach to the instrument or device such              |
| 687 | form, notice, tag, or seal to prevent the continued unauthorized    |
| 688 | use of the instrument or device <u>.</u>                            |
| 689 | (3) In addition to the permit fees prescribed by rule for           |
| 690 | the commercial use of a weights and measures instrument or          |
| 691 | device, assess the late fee authorized under s. 531.62 <u>.; or</u> |
| 692 | (4) Impose penalties as prescribed in s. 531.50 in addition         |
| 693 | to the payment of appropriate permit fees for the commercial use    |
| 694 | of a weights and measures instrument or device.                     |
| 695 | Section 25. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section              |
| 696 | 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:                      |
| 697 | 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act                                 |
| 698 | (3) LICENSE REQUIRED  |
| 699 | (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it          |
| 700 | is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license        |
| 701 | shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially       |
| 702 | and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300   |
| 703 | for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial           |
| 704 | license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United       |
| 705 | States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business    |
| 706 | entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or      |

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707 spouse if the agency receives an application, in a format prescribed by the agency, within 60 months after the date of the 708 709 veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed 710 Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the 711 agency a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United 712 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 713 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 714 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the agency a 715 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United 716 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 717 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 718 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 719 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 720 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 721 agency proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a 722 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 723 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 724 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the 725 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 726 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 727 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 728 of discharge. 729 Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 559.904, Florida 730 Statutes, is amended to read: 731 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration; 732 application; exemption.-733 (3) (a) Each application for registration must be 734 accompanied by a registration fee calculated on a per-year basis 735 as follows:

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1.(a) If the place of business has 1 to 5 employees: \$50. 2.(b) If the place of business has 6 to 10 employees: \$150. 3.(c) If the place of business has 11 or more employees: \$300.

(b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 763 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 764 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time

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765 of discharge. Section 27. Section 559.9191, Florida Statutes, is created 766 767 to read: 768 559.9191 Reimbursement from insurers.-769 (1) A motor vehicle repair shop may not directly seek 770 reimbursement, payment, or benefits from an insurer unless all 771 of the following conditions are satisfied: 772 (a) The insurer consents to the repairs. 773 (b) The customer under whose insurance policy the repairs 774 will be made signs a document containing the following language 775 in at least 16-point, boldfaced type: "I UNDERSTAND THAT A MOTOR 776 VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP MAY SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES 777 FROM ANOTHER PARTY, SUCH AS MY INSURANCE COMPANY. I UNDERSTAND 778 THAT IF THIS DAMAGE IS NOT COVERED BY MY INSURANCE POLICY, THE 779 MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP MAY SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FROM ME, 780 PERSONALLY." 781 (c) The motor vehicle repair shop seeks reimbursement only 782 for services detailed in the repair invoice required in s. 783 559.911. 784 (2) At least 15 business days prior to the initiation of 785 civil litigation or arbitration to enforce the payment of benefits assigned, granted, or otherwise transferred by the 786 787 insured customer to the motor vehicle repair shop, the shop 788 shall obtain written consent from the customer. The consent 789 form, which must be signed by the customer and provided to the 790 insurer at least 7 business days before the initiation of 791 litigation, must contain the following statement in 18-point, 792 boldfaced type: "THIS CONTRACT ALLOWS ... (NAME OF COMPANY) ... TO 793 FILE A LAWSUIT TO SEEK BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR INSURANCE

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794 POLICY. YOUR WRITTEN CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FILING OF SUCH 795 A LAWSUIT TO ENFORCE POST-CLAIM BENEFITS UNDER YOUR INSURANCE 796 POLICY. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU AGREE THAT ... (NAME OF 797 COMPANY)... HAS THE RIGHT TO FILE A LAWSUIT FOR THESE INSURANCE 798 BENEFITS." 799 Section 28. Subsections (1), (7), (8), (10), (11), and (13) of section 559.927, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 800 801 559.927 Definitions.-For the purposes of this part, the 802 term: 803 (1) "Accommodations" means any hotel or motel room, 804 condominium or cooperative unit, cabin, lodge, or apartment; any 805 other commercial structure designed for occupancy by one or more 806 individuals; or any lodging establishment as provided by law. 807 The term does not include long-term home rentals covered under a 808 lease pursuant to chapter 83. 809 (7) "Prearranged travel or, tourist-related services, or tour-guide services" includes, but is not limited to, car 810 811 rentals, lodging, transfers, and sightseeing tours and all other 812 such services that which are reasonably related to air, sea, 813 rail, motor coach, or other medium of transportation, or 814 accommodations for which a purchaser receives a premium or 815 contracts or pays before prior to or after departure. This term 816 These terms also includes include services for which a 817 purchaser, whose legal residence is outside the United States, 818 contracts or pays before prior to departure, and any arrangement 819 by which a purchaser prepays for, receives a reservation or any 820 other commitment to provide services before prior to departure 821 for, or otherwise arranges for travel directly to a terrorist 822 state and which originates in Florida.

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823 (8) "Purchaser" means the purchaser of, or person otherwise 824 entitled to receive, prearranged travel  $\underline{or_{\tau}}$  tourist-related 825 services, or tour-guide services, for a fee or commission, or 826 who has acquired a vacation certificate for personal use.

827 (10) "Satisfactory consumer complaint history" means no 828 unresolved complaints regarding prearranged travel or  $\tau$  tourist-829 related services, or tour-quide services are on file with the 830 department. A complaint is unresolved when a seller of travel 831 does not respond to the department's efforts to mediate the 832 complaint or a complaint where the department has determined 833 that a violation of this part has occurred and the complainant 834 complaint has not been satisfied by the seller of travel.

835 (11) "Seller of travel" means any resident or nonresident 836 person, firm, corporation, or business entity that who offers 837 for sale, directly or indirectly, at wholesale or retail, 838 prearranged travel or, tourist-related services, or tour-guide 839 services for individuals or groups, including, but not limited 840 to, vacation or tour packages, or vacation certificates in exchange for a fee, commission, or other valuable consideration. 841 842 The term includes such person, firm, corporation, or business 843 entity who sells a vacation certificate to third-party merchants 844 for a fee, or in exchange for a commission, or who offers such 845 certificates to consumers in exchange for attendance at sales 846 presentations. The term also includes any business entity 847 offering membership in a travel club or travel services for an 848 advance fee or payment, even if no travel contracts or 849 certificates or vacation or tour packages are sold by the 850 business entity. The term does not include third parties who may 851 offer prearranged travel or tourist-related services, but do not

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#### 852 participate in travel fulfillment or vacation certificate 853 redemption.

854 (13) "Vacation certificate" means any arrangement, plan, 855 program, or vacation package, or advance travel purchase that 856 promotes, discusses, or discloses a destination or itinerary or 857 type of travel, whereby a purchaser for consideration paid in 858 advance is entitled to the use of travel, accommodations, or 859 facilities for any number of days, whether certain or uncertain, during the period in which the certificate can be exercised, and 860 861 no specific date or dates for its use are designated. A vacation 862 certificate does not include prearranged travel or  $\tau$  tourist-863 related services, or tour-quide services when a seller of travel 864 remits full payment for the cost of such services to the 865 provider or supplier within 10 business days of the purchaser's 866 initial payment to the seller of travel. The term does not include travel if exact travel dates are selected, guaranteed, 867 868 and paid for at the time of the purchase.

Section 29. Subsections (2) through (9) of section 559.928, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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(2) (a) Registration fees shall be as follows:

1. Three hundred dollars per year per registrant certifying its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(a).

2. One thousand dollars per year per registrant certifying its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(b).

877 3. Twenty-five hundred dollars per year per registrant 878 certifying its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(c).

879 (b) All amounts collected shall be deposited by the Chief 880 Financial Officer to the credit of the General Inspection Trust

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881 Fund of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 882 pursuant to s. 570.20, for the sole purpose of administration of 883 this part.

884 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration fee 885 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed 886 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that 887 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the 888 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by 889 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's 890 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To 891 qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department 892 a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 893 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 894 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 895 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department 896 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United 897 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 898 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 899 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 900 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 901 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 902 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds 903 a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 904 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 905 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the 906 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 907 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 908 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 909 of discharge.

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910 (3) Each independent agent shall annually file an 911 application affidavit with the department before prior to engaging in business in this state. This application affidavit 912 913 must include the independent agent's full name, legal business 914 or trade name, mailing address, business address, telephone 915 number, and the name and address of each seller of travel 916 represented by the independent agent. A letter evidencing proof 917 of filing must be issued by the department and must be 918 prominently displayed in the independent agent's primary place 919 of business. Each independent agent must also submit an annual 920 registration fee of \$50. All moneys collected pursuant to the 921 imposition of the fee shall be deposited by the Chief Financial 922 Officer into the General Inspection Trust Fund of the Department 923 of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the sole purpose of 924 administrating this part. As used in this subsection, the term 925 "independent agent" means a person who represents a seller of 926 travel by soliciting persons on its behalf; who has a written 927 contract with a seller of travel which is operating in 928 compliance with this part and any rules adopted thereunder; who 929 does not receive a fee, commission, or other valuable 930 consideration directly from the purchaser for the seller of 931 travel; who does not at any time have any unissued ticket stock 932 or travel documents in his or her possession; and who does not 933 have the ability to issue tickets, vacation certificates, or any 934 other travel document. The term "independent agent" does not 935 include an affiliate of the seller of travel, as that term is 936 used in s. 559.935(3), or the employees of the seller of travel 937 or of such affiliates.

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939 tax receipt to engage in business as a seller of travel must 940 exhibit a current registration certificate from the department 941 before the local business tax receipt may be issued or reissued.

942 (5) Each contract, advertisement, certificate, or travel 943 document of a seller of travel must include the phrase "... (NAME 944 OF FIRM)... is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller 945 of Travel. Registration No....."

(6) Each advertisement of a seller of travel must include the phrase "Fla. Seller of Travel Reg. No....."

948 (6) (7) A No registration is not shall be valid for any 949 seller of travel transacting business at any place other than 950 that designated in its application, unless the department is 951 first notified in writing in advance of any change of location. 952 A Nor shall the registration is not be valid for an affiliate of 953 the seller of travel who engages in the prearranged travel and 954 tourist business. A registration issued under this part may 955 shall not be assignable, and the seller of travel may shall not 956 be permitted to conduct business under more than one name except 957 as registered. A seller of travel desiring to change its 958 registered name or location or designated agent for service of 959 process at a time other than upon renewal of registration shall 960 notify the department of such change.

(7) (8) Applications under this section are shall be subject to the provisions of s. 120.60.

(8) (9) The department may deny, or refuse to renew, or revoke the registration of any seller of travel based upon a determination that the seller of travel, or any of its directors, officers, owners, or general partners while acting on behalf of the seller of travel:

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968 (a) Has failed to meet the requirements for registration as 969 provided in this part; 970 (b) Has been convicted of a crime involving fraud, theft, 971 embezzlement, dishonest dealing, or any other act of moral 972 turpitude or any other act arising out of conduct as a seller of 973 travel; 974 (c) Has not satisfied a civil fine or penalty arising out 975 of any administrative or enforcement action brought by any 976 governmental agency or private person based upon conduct 977 involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, dishonest dealing, or any 978 violation of this part; or (d) Has pending against her or him any criminal, 979 980 administrative, or enforcement proceedings in any jurisdiction, 981 based upon conduct involving fraud, dishonest dealing, or any 982 other act of moral turpitude; or 983 (d) (e) Has had a judgment entered against her or him in any 984 action brought by the department or the Department of Legal Affairs pursuant to ss. 501.201-501.213 or this act part. 985 986 (9) The department may deny or refuse to renew the 987 registration of any seller of travel based upon a determination 988 by the department that the seller of travel, or any of the 989 seller's directors, officers, owners, or general partners has 990 pending against him or her while acting on behalf of the seller 991 of travel any criminal, administrative, or enforcement 992 proceedings in any jurisdiction, based upon conduct involving 993 fraud, theft, embezzlement, dishonest dealing, or any other act 994 of moral turpitude. 995 Section 30. Subsections (2) through (6) of section 559.929, 996 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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559.929 Security requirements.-

(2) The bond must be filed with the department on a form adopted by department rule and must be in favor of the department for the use and benefit of a consumer traveler who is injured by the fraud, misrepresentation, breach of contract, or financial failure, or any other violation of this part by the seller of travel. Such liability may be enforced by proceeding in an administrative action as specified in subsection (3) or by filing a civil action. However, in such civil action the bond posted with the department shall not be amenable or subject to a judgment or other legal process issuing out of or from such court in connection with such civil action, but such bond shall be amenable to and enforceable only by and through administrative proceedings before the department. It is the intent of the Legislature that such bond be applicable and liable only for the payment of claims duly adjudicated by order of the department. The bond must be open to successive claims, but the aggregate amount awarded may not exceed the amount of the bond. In addition to the foregoing, a bond provided by a registrant or applicant for registration which certifies its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(b) or (c) must be in favor of the department, with payment in the following order of priority:

(a) The expenses for prosecuting the registrant or
applicant in an administrative or civil action under this part,
including attorney fees and fees for other professionals, court
costs or other costs of the proceedings, and all other expenses
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1028 (c) An unpaid administrative fine imposed by final order or1029 an unpaid civil penalty imposed by final judgment under this1030 part.

(d) Damages or compensation for a <u>consumer</u> <del>traveler</del> injured as provided in this subsection.

(3) A <u>consumer</u> traveler may file a claim against the bond. Such claim, which must be submitted in writing on an affidavit form adopted by department rule, must be submitted to the department within 120 days after an alleged injury has occurred or is discovered to have occurred or a judgment has been entered. The proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to chapter 120. For proceedings conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57, the agency shall act only as a nominal party.

(4) <u>A consumer who is injured by the applicant, or the</u> <u>department or another governmental agency acting on behalf of</u> <u>the injured consumer, may bring and maintain an action to</u> <u>recover against the bond.</u>

1045 (5) Any indebtedness determined by final order of the 1046 department shall be paid by the seller of travel to the department within 30 days after the order is entered for 1047 1048 disbursement to the consumer. If the seller of travel fails to 1049 make payment within 30 days, the agency shall make a demand for 1050 payment upon the surety which includes an institution issuing a 1051 letter of credit or depository on a certificate of deposit. Upon 1052 failure of a surety to comply with a demand for payment pursuant to a final order, the department may file an action in circuit 1053 1054 court to recover payment, up to the amount of the bond or other

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1055 form of security, pursuant to s. 120.69. If the department 1056 prevails, the department may recover court costs and reasonable 1057 attorney fees.

(6) (5) If the seller of travel is currently the subject of an administrative, civil, or criminal action by the department, the Department of Legal Affairs, or the state attorney relating to compliance with this part, the right to proceed against the bond as provided in subsection (3) is suspended until any enforcement action becomes final.

1064 (7) (6) The department may waive the bond requirement on an 1065 annual basis if the seller of travel has had 5 or more 1066 consecutive years of experience as a seller of travel in this 1067 state in compliance with this part, has not had a civil, 1068 criminal, or administrative action instituted against the seller 1069 of travel in the vacation and travel business by a governmental 1070 agency or an action involving fraud, theft, misappropriation of 1071 property, violation of a statute pertaining to business or 1072 commerce with a terrorist state, or moral turpitude, or other 1073 violation of this part and has a satisfactory consumer complaint 1074 history with the department, and certifies its business 1075 activities under s. 559.9285. Such waiver may be revoked if the seller of travel violates this part. A seller of travel which 1076 1077 certifies its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(b) or (c) 1078 is not entitled to the waiver provided in this subsection.

1079 Section 31. Subsections (2) and (17) of section 559.9295,1080 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1081 559.9295 Submission of vacation certificate documents.1082 Sellers of travel who offer vacation certificates must submit
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1084 registration, and any time such document is changed, but prior 1085 to the sale of any vacation certificate, the following 1086 materials:

1087 (2) A copy of each promotional brochure, pamphlet, form 1088 letter, registration form, or any other written material 1089 disseminated in connection with the advertising, promotion, or sale of any vacation certificate. Any such promotional materials 1090 that include terms such "free," "awarded," "prize," "absolutely 1091 without charge, " and "free of charge, " or similar words or 1092 1093 groups of words, which might reasonably lead a person to believe 1094 that he or she may receive, or has been selected to receive, 1095 something of value without making full or partial compensation 1096 in any form from the recipient must:

(a) Clearly and conspicuously display the following disclosure in at least 12-point type: "....(NAME OF FIRM).... is registered with the State of Florida as a seller of travel, Registration No....THIS IS NOT A FREE OFFER. SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS VIA WWW. (OFFER WEBSITE).COM. RESPONSE TO THIS OFFER DOES NOT GUARANTEE TRAVEL." The offer website referred to in the disclosure must include, and clearly indicate, the terms and conditions for such a vacation certificate offer.

(b) Disclose the number of individuals who actually traveled pursuant to the vacation certificate, as opposed to the number of individuals who submitted or otherwise activated the vacation certificate, in the 12 months preceding issuance of the promotional material.

1110 (17) Within 10 working days after receipt of any materials
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1112 application or any annual renewal thereof, the department shall

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| 1113 | determine whether such materials are adequate to meet the                            |
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| 1114 | requirements of this section. The department shall notify the                        |
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| 1116 | compliance, or shall notify the seller of travel of any specific                     |
| 1117 | deficiencies. If the department fails to notify the seller of                        |
| 1118 | travel of its determination within the period specified in this                      |
| 1119 | subsection, the materials shall be deemed in compliance;                             |
| 1120 | however, the failure of the department to send notification in                       |
| 1121 | either case will not relieve the seller of travel from the duty                      |
| 1122 | of complying with this section.  |
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| 1124 | Neither the submission of these materials nor the department's                       |
| 1125 | response implies approval, recommendation, or endorsement by the                     |
| 1126 | department or that the contents of said materials have been                          |
| 1127 | verified by the department.  |
| 1128 | Section 32. Section 559.932, Florida Statutes, is amended                            |
| 1129 | to read:   |
| 1130 | 559.932 Vacation certificate disclosure  |
| 1131 | (1) <u>A</u> <del>It shall be unlawful for any</del> seller of travel <u>must</u> to |
| 1132 | fail to provide each person solicited with a contract that                           |
| 1133 | includes which shall include the following information, which                        |
| 1134 | shall be in 12-point type, unless otherwise specified:                               |
| 1135 | (a) A space for the date, name, address, and signature of                            |
| 1136 | the purchaser.   |
| 1137 | (b) The expiration date of the vacation certificate and the                          |
| 1138 | terms and conditions of its extension or renewal, if available.                      |
| 1139 | (c) The name and business address of any seller of travel                            |
| 1140 | who may solicit vacation certificate purchasers for further                          |
| 1141 | purchases, and a full and complete statement as to the nature                        |
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(d) The total financial obligation of the purchaser which shall include the initial purchase price and any additional charges to which the purchaser may be subject, including, but not limited to, any per diem, seasonal, reservation, or recreational charge.

(e) The name and street address of any person who has the right to alter, amend, or add to the charges to which the purchaser may be subject and the terms and conditions under which such charges may be imposed.

(f) If any accommodation or facility which a purchaser acquires the right to use pursuant to the vacation certificate is not completed at the time the certificate is offered for sale, the date of availability of each component of the accommodation or facility.

(g) By means of a section entitled "terms and conditions":1. All eligibility requirements for use of the vacation certificate, including, but not limited to, age, sex, marital status, group association, residency, or geographic limitations.

2. All eligibility requirements for use of any discount or complimentary coupon or ticket.

3. A statement as to whether transportation and meals are provided pursuant to use of the certificate.

4. Any room deposit requirement, including all conditions for its return or refund.

1167 5. The manner in which reservation requests are to be made 1168 and the method by which they are to be confirmed.

1169 6. Any identification, credential, or other means by which 1170 a purchaser must establish her or his entitlement to the rights,

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1171 benefits, or privileges of the vacation certificate. 1172 7. Any restriction or limitation upon transfer of the 1173 vacation certificate or any right, benefit, or privilege 1174 thereunder. 1175 8. Any other term, limitation, condition, or requirement 1176 material to use of the vacation certificate or any right, 1177 benefit, or privilege thereunder. 1178 (h) In immediate proximity to the space reserved in the 1179 contract for the date and the name, address, and signature of 1180 the purchaser, the following statement in boldfaced type of a 1181 size of 10 points: 1182 1183 "YOU MAY CANCEL THIS CONTRACT WITHOUT ANY PENALTY OR 1184 OBLIGATION WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE OR RECEIPT 1185 OF THE VACATION CERTIFICATE, WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER." "YOU MAY ALSO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT IF ACCOMMODATIONS OR 1186 1187 FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR USE AS 1188 PROVIDED IN THE CONTRACT." 1189 "TO CANCEL THIS AGREEMENT, A SIGNED AND DATED COPY OF A 1190 STATEMENT THAT YOU ARE CANCELING THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MAILED 1191 AND POSTMARKED, OR DELIVERED TO ... (NAME)... AT ... (ADDRESS)... 1192 NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT OF .... (DATE)...." 1193 "IF YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE SELLER IN 1194 WRITING OF YOUR INTENT TO CANCEL BY RETURNING THE CERTIFICATE 1195 AND SENDING NOTICE TO: ... (NAME OF SELLER) ... AT ... (SELLER'S 1196 ADDRESS) .... "

(i) In immediate proximity to the statement required in paragraph (h), the following statement in boldfaced type of a size of 12 <del>10</del> points:

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1200 "NO PURCHASER SHOULD RELY UPON REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN 1201 1202 THOSE INCLUDED IN THIS CONTRACT." 1203 1204 However, inclusion of this statement shall not impair any 1205 purchaser's right to bring legal action based on verbal 1206 statements. 1207 (j) In immediate proximity to the statement required in 1208 paragraph (i), the following statement: 1209 "This contract is for the purchase of a vacation 1210 certificate and puts all assignees on notice of the consumer's 1211 right to cancel under section 559.933, Florida Statutes." 1212 (2) If a sale or agreement to purchase a vacation 1213 certificate is completed over the telephone, the seller shall 1214 inform the purchaser over the telephone that: 1215 (a) The purchaser may cancel the contract without any 1216 penalty or obligation within 30 days from the date of purchase 1217 or receipt of the vacation certificate, whichever occurs later. 1218 (b) The purchaser may also cancel the contract if 1219 accommodations or facilities are not available upon request for 1220 use as provided in the contract. 1221 (3) Upon receipt of a copy of a vacation certificate or 1222 contract required pursuant to s. 559.9295, the department shall 1223 review the certificate or contract for compliance with the 1224 disclosures required under this section. The submission of the 1225 certificate or contract, and the department's response, do not 1226 imply approval, recommendation, or endorsement by the department 1227 or that the contents of the certificate or contract have been 1228 verified by the department.

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1229 Section 33. Section 559.933, Florida Statutes, is amended 1230 to read: 559.933 Vacation certificate cancellation and refund 1231 1232 provisions.-1233 (1) A It shall be unlawful for any seller of travel or 1234 assignee must honor a purchaser's request to cancel a vacation 1235 certificate if such request is made: 1236 (1) To fail or refuse to honor a purchaser's vacation 1237 certificate request to cancel if such request is made: 1238 (a) Within 30 days after from the date of purchase or 1239 receipt of the vacation certificate, whichever occurs later; or 1240 (b) At any time accommodations or facilities are not 1241 available pursuant to a request for use as provided in the 1242 contract, provided that: 1243 1. The contract may shall not require notice greater than 1244 60 days in advance of the date requested for use; 1245 2. If acceptable to the purchaser, comparable alternate 1246 accommodations or facilities in a city, or reservations for a 1247 date different than that requested, may be provided. 1248 (2) A seller of travel or assignee must To fail to refund 1249 any and all payments made by the vacation certificate purchaser 1250 within 30 days after receipt of the certificate and notice of 1251 cancellation made pursuant to this section, if the purchaser has 1252 not received any benefits pursuant to the vacation certificate. 1253 (3) A seller of travel or assignee must, if the purchaser has received any benefits pursuant to the vacation certificate, 1254 1255 to fail to refund within 30 days after receipt of the 1256 certificate and notice of cancellation made pursuant to this 1257 section any and all payments made by the purchaser which exceed

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1258 a pro rata portion of the total price, representing the portion 1259 of any benefits actually received by the vacation certificate 1260 purchaser during the time preceding cancellation.

(4) If Where any purchaser has received confirmation of reservations in advance and is refused accommodations upon arrival, a seller of travel or assignee must to fail to procure comparable alternate accommodations for the purchaser in the same city at no expense to the purchaser, or to fail to fully compensate the purchaser for the room rate incurred in securing comparable alternate accommodations himself or herself.

(5) A seller of travel or assignee may not  $\frac{\pi}{20}$  collect more than the full contract price from the purchaser.

(6) A seller of travel or assignee may not <del>To</del> sell, assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in a seller of travel business, or to sell, assign, or otherwise transfer to a third party any interest in any vacation certificate unless:

(a) The third party agrees in writing to fully honor the rights of vacation certificate purchasers to cancel and to receive an appropriate refund or reimbursement as provided in this section.

(b) The third party agrees in writing to comply with all 1279 other provisions of this part for as long as the third party continues the sale of vacation certificates or for the duration of the period of validity of outstanding vacation certificates, 1282 whichever is longer in time.

1283 (c) The seller of travel agrees to be liable for and fully 1284 indemnify a purchaser from any loss occasioned by the failure of 1285 the third party to honor the purchaser's right to cancel and 1286 failure to make prompt and complete refund to the purchaser of

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1287 all sums paid to the third party, or occasioned by the third 1288 party's failure to comply with the provisions of this part. 1289 (7) A seller of travel or assignee must To fail to fulfill 1290 the terms of a vacation certificate within 18 months after of 1291 the initial payment of any consideration by the purchaser to a 1292 seller of travel or third party. 1293 Section 34. Section 559.9335, Florida Statutes, is amended 1294 to read: 1295 559.9335 Violations.-It is a violation of this part for any 1296 seller of travel, independent agent, assignee, or other person: 1297 (1) To conduct business as a seller of travel without 1298 registering annually with the department unless exempt pursuant 1299 to s. 559.935. 1300 (2) To conduct business as a seller of travel without an 1301 annual purchase of a performance bond in the amount set by the 1302 department unless exempt pursuant to s. 559.935. 1303 (3) Knowingly to make any false statement, representation, 1304 or certification in any application, document, or record 1305 required to be submitted or retained under this part or in any 1306 response to an inquiry or investigation conducted by the 1307 department or any other governmental agency. 1308 (4) Knowingly to sell or market any number of vacation 1309 certificates that exceed the number disclosed to the department 1310 pursuant to this section. 1311 (5) Knowingly to sell or market vacation certificates with 1312 an expiration date of more than 18 months from the date of 1313 issuance. (6) Knowingly to require, request, encourage, or suggest, 1314

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1316 travel contract, certificate, or vacation package must be by 1317 credit card authorization or to otherwise announce a preference 1318 for that method of payment over any other when no correct and 1319 true explanation for such preference is likewise stated.

1320 (6) (7) Knowingly to state, represent, indicate, suggest, or 1321 imply, directly or indirectly, that the travel contract, 1322 certificate, or vacation package being offered by the seller of 1323 travel cannot be purchased at some later time or may not 1324 otherwise be available after the initial contact, or that 1325 callbacks by the prospective purchaser are not accepted, when no 1326 such restrictions or limitations in fact exist.

(7)(8) To misrepresent in any manner the purchaser's right to cancel and to receive an appropriate refund or reimbursement as provided by this part.

(8) (9) To sell any vacation certificate the duration of which exceeds the duration of any agreement between the seller and any business entity obligated thereby to provide accommodations or facilities pursuant to the vacation certificate.

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(9) (10) To misrepresent or deceptively represent:

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(c) The price, size, nature, extent, qualities, or characteristics of accommodations or facilities offered.

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1345 reservation for the use of offered accommodations or facilities. (q) That the recipient of an advertisement or promotional 1346 1347 materials is a winner, or has been selected, or is otherwise 1348 being involved in a select group for receipt, of a gift, award, 1349 or prize, unless this fact is the truth. 1350 (10) (11) To fail to inform a purchaser of a nonrefundable 1351 cancellation policy before prior to the seller of travel 1352 accepting any fee, commission, or other valuable consideration. 1353 (11) (12) To fail to include, when offering to sell a 1354 vacation certificate, in any advertisement or promotional 1355 material, the following statement: "This is an offer to sell 1356 travel." 1357 (12) (13) To fail to honor and comply with all provisions of 1358 the vacation certificate regarding the purchaser's rights, 1359 benefits, and privileges thereunder. 1360 (13) (14) (a) To include in any vacation certificate or 1361 contract any provision purporting to waive or limit any right or 1362 benefit provided to purchasers under this part; or 1363 (b) To seek or solicit such waiver or acceptance of 1364 limitation from a purchaser concerning rights or benefits 1365 provided under this part. 1366 (14) (15) To offer vacation certificates for any 1367 accommodation or facility for which there is no contract with 1368 the owner of the accommodation or facility securing the 1369 purchaser's right to occupancy and use, unless the seller is the 1370 owner. 1371 (15) (16) To use a local mailing address, registration facility, drop box, or answering service in the promotion, 1372

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advertising, solicitation, or sale of vacation certificates,

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1378 <u>(16)(17)</u> To use any registered trademark, trade name, or 1379 trade logo in any promotional, advertising, or solicitation 1380 materials without written authorization from the holder of such 1381 trademark, trade name, or trade logo.

<u>(17)</u> (18) To represent, directly or by implication, any affiliation with, or endorsement by, any governmental, charitable, educational, medical, religious, fraternal, or civic organization or body, or any individual, in the promotion, advertisement, solicitation, or sale of vacation certificates without express written authorization.

(18) (19) To sell a vacation certificate to any purchaser who is ineligible for its use.

(19) (20) To sell any number of vacation certificates in excess of exceeding the number of available accommodations disclosed pursuant to this part.

(20) (21) During the period of a vacation certificate's validity, in the event, for any reason whatsoever, of lapse or breach of an agreement for the provision of accommodations or facilities to purchasers, to fail to procure similar agreement for the provision of comparable alternate accommodations or facilities in the same city or surrounding area.

1399 <u>(21) (22)</u> To offer to sell, at wholesale or retail, 1400 prearranged travel <u>or</u>, tourist-related services, or tour-guide 1401 services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist 1402 state and which originate in Florida, without disclosing such

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1403 business activities in a certification filed under s. 1404 559.9285(1)(b) or (c). 1405 (22) (23) To violate any state or federal law restricting or 1406 prohibiting commerce with terrorist states. 1407 (23) (24) To engage in  $\frac{1}{2}$  other fraudulent action that 1408 act which constitutes fraud, misrepresentation, or failure to 1409 disclose a material fact, or to commit any other violation of, 1410 or fail to comply with, this part. 1411 (24) (25) To refuse or fail, or for any of its principal 1412 officers to refuse or fail, after notice, to produce any 1413 document or record or disclose any information required to be 1414 produced or disclosed. 1415 (25) (26) Knowingly to make a material false statement in 1416 response to any request or investigation by the department, the 1417 Department of Legal Affairs, or the state attorney. 1418 Section 35. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 559.935, 1419 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1420 559.935 Exemptions.-(3) Sections 559.928, 559.929, 559.9295, 559.931, and 1421 1422 559.932 shall also do not apply to a seller of travel that is an affiliate of an entity exempt pursuant to subsection (2) subject 1423 1424 to the following conditions: 1425 (a) If In the event the department finds the affiliate does 1426 not have a satisfactory consumer complaint history or the 1427 affiliate fails to respond to a consumer complaint within 30 1428 days, the related seller of travel exempt pursuant to subsection 1429 (2) is shall be liable for the actions of the affiliate, subject to the remedies provided in ss. 559.9355 and 559.936. 1430 1431 (b) If In the event the department is unable to locate an

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1432 affiliate, the related seller of travel exempt pursuant to 1433 subsection (2) <u>is shall be</u> fully liable for the actions of the 1434 affiliate, subject to the remedies provided in ss. 559.9355 and 1435 559.936.

(c) In order to obtain an exemption under this subsection, the affiliate shall file an affidavit of exemption on a form prescribed by the department and shall certify its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(a). The affidavit of exemption shall be executed by a person who exercises identical control over the seller of travel exempt pursuant to subsection (2) and the affiliate. Failure to file an affidavit of exemption or certification under s. 559.9285(1)(a) prior to engaging in seller of travel activities shall subject the affiliate to the remedies provided in ss. 559.9355 and 559.936.

<u>(c)</u> (d) Revocation by the department of an exemption provided to a seller of travel under subsection (2) shall constitute automatic revocation by law of an exemption obtained by an affiliate under the subsection.

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(d) (e) This subsection does shall not apply to:

1. An affiliate that independently qualifies for another exemption under this section.

2. An affiliate that sells, or offers for sale, vacation certificates.

3. An affiliate that certifies its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(b) or (c).

(e) (f) For purposes of this section, the term an "affiliate" means an entity that meets the following:

1459 1. The entity has the identical ownership as the seller of 1460 travel that is exempt under subsection (2).

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1461 2. The ownership controlling the seller of travel that is 1462 exempt under subsection (2) also exercises identical control 1463 over the entity.

1464 3. The owners of the affiliate hold the identical 1465 percentage of voting shares as they hold in the seller of travel 1466 that is exempt under subsection (2).

1467 (4) The department may revoke the exemption provided in 1468 subsection (2) or subsection (3) if the department finds that 1469 the seller of travel does not have a satisfactory consumer 1470 complaint history, has been convicted of a crime involving 1471 fraud, theft, embezzlement, misappropriation of property, 1472 deceptive or unfair trade practices, or moral turpitude, or has 1473 not complied with the terms of any order or settlement agreement 1474 arising out of an administrative or enforcement action brought 1475 by a governmental agency or private person based on conduct 1476 involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, misappropriation of property, deceptive or unfair trade practices, or moral 1477 1478 turpitude.

Section 36. Subsection (3) of section 559.936, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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559.936 Civil penalties; remedies.-

(3) The department may seek a civil penalty in the Class III category pursuant to s. 570.971 for each act or omission in violation of <u>s. 559.9335(21) or (22)</u> <del>s. 559.9335(22) or (23)</del>.

1485Section 37. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5), paragraph (a)1486of subsection (10), and subsections (15) and (16) of section1487616.242, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:1488616.242 Safety standards for amusement rides.-1489(5) ANNUAL PERMIT.-

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(b) To apply for an annual permit, an owner must submit to
the department a written application on a form prescribed by
rule of the department, which must include the following:
1. The legal name, address, and primary place of business

of the owner.

2. A description, manufacturer's name, serial number, model number and, if previously assigned, the United States Amusement Identification Number of the amusement ride.

3. A valid certificate of insurance <del>or bond</del> for each amusement ride.

4. An affidavit of compliance that the amusement ride was inspected in person by the affiant and that the amusement ride is in general conformance with the requirements of this section and all applicable rules adopted by the department. The affidavit must be executed by a professional engineer or a qualified inspector no earlier than 60 days before, but not later than, the date of the filing of the application with the department. The owner shall request inspection and permitting of the amusement ride within 60 days of the date of filing the application with the department. The department shall inspect and permit the amusement ride within 60 days after filing the application with the department.

5. If required by subsection (6), an affidavit of nondestructive testing dated and executed no earlier than 60 days <u>before</u> prior to, but not later than, the date of the filing of the application with the department. The owner shall request inspection and permitting of the amusement ride within 60 days of the date of filing the application with the department. The department shall inspect and permit the amusement ride within 60

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days after filing the application with the department.

6. A request for inspection.

7. Upon request, the owner shall, at no cost to the department, provide the department a copy of the manufacturer's current recommended operating instructions in the possession of the owner, the owner's operating fact sheet, and any written bulletins in the possession of the owner concerning the safety, operation, or maintenance of the amusement ride.

(10) EXEMPTIONS.-

(a) This section does not apply to:

1. Permanent facilities that employ at least 1,000 fulltime employees and that maintain full-time, in-house safety inspectors. Furthermore, the permanent facilities must file an affidavit of the annual inspection with the department, on a form prescribed by rule of the department. Additionally, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may consult annually with the permanent facilities regarding industry safety programs.

2. Any playground operated by a school, local government, or business licensed under chapter 509, if the playground is an incidental amenity and the operating entity is not primarily engaged in providing amusement, pleasure, thrills, or excitement.

3. Museums or other institutions principally devoted to the exhibition of products of agriculture, industry, education, science, religion, or the arts.

4. Conventions or trade shows for the sale or exhibit of amusement rides if there are a minimum of 15 amusement rides on display or exhibition, and if any operation of such amusement



1548 rides is limited to the registered attendees of the convention 1549 or trade show.

5. Skating rinks, arcades, <u>laser</u> lazer or paint ball war games, bowling alleys, miniature golf courses, mechanical bulls, inflatable rides, trampolines, ball crawls, exercise equipment, jet skis, paddle boats, airboats, helicopters, airplanes, parasails, hot air or helium balloons whether tethered or untethered, theatres, batting cages, stationary spring-mounted fixtures, rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, games, side shows, live animal rides, or live animal shows.

6. Go-karts operated in competitive sporting events if participation is not open to the public.

7. Nonmotorized playground equipment that is not required to have a manager.

8. Coin-actuated amusement rides designed to be operated by depositing coins, tokens, credit cards, debit cards, bills, or other cash money and which are not required to have a manager, and which have a capacity of six persons or less.

9. Facilities described in s. 549.09(1)(a) when such facilities are operating cars, trucks, or motorcycles only.

10. Battery-powered cars or other vehicles that are designed to be operated by children 7 years of age or under and that cannot exceed a speed of 4 miles per hour.

11. Mechanically driven vehicles that pull train cars, carts, wagons, or other similar vehicles, that are not confined to a metal track or confined to an area but are steered by an operator and do not exceed a speed of 4 miles per hour.

12. A water-related amusement ride operated by a business licensed under chapter 509 if the water-related amusement ride

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1577 is an incidental amenity and the operating business is not 1578 primarily engaged in providing amusement, pleasure, thrills, or 1579 excitement and does not offer day rates. 1580 13. An amusement ride at a private, membership-only 1581 facility if the amusement ride is an incidental amenity and the 1582 facility is not open to the general public; is not primarily 1583 engaged in providing amusement, pleasure, thrills, or 1584 excitement; and does not offer day rates. 1585 14. A nonprofit permanent facility registered under chapter 1586 496 which is not open to the general public. 1587 (15) INSPECTION BY OWNER OR MANAGER.-Before Prior to 1588 opening on each day of operation and before prior to any 1589 inspection by the department, the owner or manager of an 1590 amusement ride must inspect and test the amusement ride to 1591 ensure compliance with all requirements of this section. Each 1592 inspection must be recorded on a form prescribed by rule of the 1593 department and signed by the person who conducted the 1594 inspection. In lieu of the form prescribed by rule of the 1595 department, the owner or manager may request approval of an 1596 alternative form if the alternative form includes, at a minimum, 1597 the information required on the form prescribed by rule of the department. Inspection records of the last 14 daily inspections 1598 1599 must be kept on site by the owner or manager and made 1600 immediately available to the department upon request.

1601 (16) TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES.—The owner or manager of <u>an</u> any
1602 amusement ride shall maintain a record of employee training for
1603 each employee authorized to operate, assemble, disassemble,
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1606 prescribed by rule of the department, the owner or manager may 1607 request approval of an alternative form if the alternative form 1608 includes, at a minimum, the information required on the form 1609 prescribed by rule of the department. The training record must 1610 be kept on site by the owner or manager and made immediately 1611 available to the department upon request. Training may not be 1612 conducted when an amusement ride is open to the public unless 1613 the training is conducted under the supervision of an employee 1614 who is trained in the operation of that ride. The owner or 1615 manager shall certify that each employee is trained, as required 1616 by this section and any rules adopted thereunder, on the 1617 amusement ride for which the employee is responsible.

Section 38. Subsections (1), (2), (5), (7), and (13) of section 713.585, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

713.585 Enforcement of lien by sale of motor vehicle.—A person claiming a lien under s. 713.58 for performing labor or services on a motor vehicle may enforce such lien by sale of the vehicle in accordance with the following procedures:

1624 (1) The lienor must give notice, by certified mail, return 1625 receipt requested, within 7 15 business days, excluding Saturday 1626 and Sunday, from the beginning date of the assessment of storage 1627 charges on said motor vehicle, to the registered owner of the 1628 vehicle, to the customer as indicated on the order for repair, 1629 and to all other persons claiming an interest in or lien 1630 thereon, as disclosed by the records of the Department of 1631 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or as disclosed by the records 1632 of any corresponding agency of any other state in which the 1633 vehicle is identified through a records check of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent 1634

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1635 commercially available system as being the current state where 1636 the vehicle is titled. Such notice must contain:

1637 (a) A description of the vehicle, including, at minimum, its (year, make, vehicle identification number,) and the 1639 vehicle's its location.

(b) The name and address of the owner of the vehicle, the customer as indicated on the order for repair, and any person claiming an interest in or lien thereon.

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(c) The name, address, and telephone number of the lienor.

(d) Notice that the lienor claims a lien on the vehicle for labor and services performed and storage charges, if any, and the cash sum which, if paid to the lienor, would be sufficient to redeem the vehicle from the lien claimed by the lienor.

(e) Notice that the lien claimed by the lienor is subject to enforcement pursuant to this section and that the vehicle may be sold to satisfy the lien.

(f) If known, the date, time, and location of any proposed or scheduled sale of the vehicle. A No vehicle may not be sold earlier than 60 days after completion of the repair work.

(g) Notice that the owner of the vehicle or any person claiming an interest in or lien thereon has a right to a hearing at any time before prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing a demand for hearing with the clerk of the circuit court in the county in which the vehicle is held and mailing copies of the demand for hearing to all other owners and lienors as reflected on the notice.

1661 (h) Notice that the owner of the vehicle has a right to recover possession of the vehicle without instituting judicial 1662 1663 proceedings by posting bond in accordance with the provisions of



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1665 (i) Notice that any proceeds from the sale of the vehicle remaining after payment of the amount claimed to be due and 1667 owing to the lienor will be deposited with the clerk of the circuit court for disposition upon court order pursuant to 1669 subsection (8).

(j) Notice that a lienholder, if any, has the right, as specified in subsection (5), to demand a hearing or to post a bond.

1673 (2) If attempts to locate the owner or lienholder are 1674 unsuccessful after a check of the records of the Department of 1675 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and any state disclosed by the 1676 check of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System or 1677 an equivalent commercially available system, the lienor must 1678 notify the local law enforcement agency in writing by certified mail or acknowledged hand delivery that the lienor has been 1679 1680 unable to locate the owner or lienholder, that a physical search 1681 of the vehicle has disclosed no ownership information, and that 1682 a good faith effort, including records checks of the Department 1683 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles database and the National 1684 Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent 1685 commercially available system, has been made. A description of 1686 the motor vehicle which includes the year, make, and 1687 identification number must be given on the notice. This 1688 notification must take place within 7 15 business days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, from the beginning date of the 1689 1690 assessment of storage charges on said motor vehicle. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "good faith effort" means 1691 that the following checks have been performed by the company to 1692

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1693 establish the prior state of registration and title: 1694 (a) A check of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 1695 Vehicles database for the owner and any lienholder;

(b) A check of the federally mandated electronic National Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent commercially available system to determine the state of registration when there is not a current title or registration record for the vehicle on file with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles;

(c) A check of vehicle for any type of tag, tag record, temporary tag, or regular tag;

(d) A check of vehicle for inspection sticker or other stickers and decals that could indicate the state of possible registration; and

(e) A check of the interior of the vehicle for any papers that could be in the glove box, trunk, or other areas for the state of registration.

1710 (5) At any time before prior to the proposed or scheduled 1711 date of sale of a vehicle, the owner of the vehicle, or any 1712 person claiming an interest in the vehicle or a lien thereon, 1713 may post a bond following the procedures outlined in s. 559.917 or file a demand for hearing with the clerk of the circuit court 1714 1715 in the county in which the vehicle is held to determine whether 1716 the vehicle has been wrongfully taken or withheld from her or 1717 him. Any person who files a demand for hearing shall mail copies 1718 of the demand to all other owners and lienors as reflected on 1719 the notice required in subsection (1).

1720 <u>(a)</u> Upon the filing of a demand for hearing, a hearing 1721 shall be held before <del>prior to</del> the proposed or scheduled date of

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(b) Upon the posting of the bond and payment of the applicable fee set forth in s. 28.24, the clerk of the court shall issue a certificate notifying the lienor of the posting of the bond and directing the lienor to release the vehicle to the lienholder or the owner, based upon whomever posted the bond. (c) If a lienholder obtains the vehicle and the owner of the vehicle is not in default under the installment sales contract or title loan at the time the lienholder has possession of the vehicle, the lienholder must return the vehicle to the owner within 5 days after the owner repays the lienholder for the amount of the bond, or makes arrangements to repay the lienholder for the bond under terms agreeable to the lienholder. A lienholder may retain possession of the vehicle if the owner is in default until such time as the default is cured and the amount of the bond is repaid by the owner, or an arrangement agreeable to the lienholder is made with the owner.

(7) At <u>a</u> the hearing <u>on a complaint relating to the</u> <u>requirements of this section</u> <del>on the complaint</del>, the court shall <del>forthwith</del> issue <u>an</u> <del>its</del> order determining:

(a) Whether the vehicle is subject to a valid lien by the lienor and the amount thereof;

(b) The priority of the lien of the lienor as against any existing security interest in the vehicle;

1746 (c) The distribution of any proceeds of the sale by the 1747 clerk of the circuit court;

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- (d) The awarding of damages, if any;

1749 <u>(e) (d)</u> The award of reasonable <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees and 1750 costs, at the court's discretion, to the prevailing party; and

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(f) (e) The reasonableness of storage charges.

1752 A final order, by the court, must also provide for immediate 1753 1754 payment of any proceeds or awards, and the immediate release of 1755 the bond to the posting party, if applicable. 1756 (13) A failure to make good faith efforts as defined in 1757 subsection (2) precludes the imposition of any storage charges 1758 against the vehicle. If a lienor fails to provide notice to any 1759 person claiming a lien on a vehicle under subsection (1) within 1760 7 15 business days after the assessment of storage charges has begun, then the lienor is precluded from charging for more than 1761 1762 7 15 days of storage, but failure to provide timely notice does 1763 not affect charges made for repairs, adjustments, or 1764 modifications to the vehicle or the priority of liens on the 1765 vehicle. 1766 Section 39. Subsections (2), (4), (5), and (10) of section 1767 790.06, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (f) is 1768 added to subsection (6) of that section, to read: 1769 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.-1770 (2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 1771 shall issue a license if the applicant: 1772 (a) Is a resident of the United States and a citizen of the 1773 United States or a permanent resident alien of the United 1774 States, as determined by the United States Bureau of Citizenship 1775 and Immigration Services, or is a consular security official of 1776 a foreign government that maintains diplomatic relations and 1777 treaties of commerce, friendship, and navigation with the United States and is certified as such by the foreign government and by 1778 1779 the appropriate embassy in this country;

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1780 (b) Is 21 years of age or older; 1781 (c) Does not suffer from a physical infirmity which 1782 prevents the safe handling of a weapon or firearm; 1783 (d) Is not ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to s. 1784 790.23 by virtue of having been convicted of a felony; 1785 (e) Has not been committed for the abuse of a controlled substance or been found quilty of a crime under the provisions 1786 1787 of chapter 893 or similar laws of any other state relating to 1788 controlled substances within a 3-year period immediately 1789 preceding the date on which the application is submitted; 1790 (f) Does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic 1791 beverages or other substances to the extent that his or her 1792 normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an 1793 applicant chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages or 1794 other substances to the extent that his or her normal faculties 1795 are impaired if the applicant has been committed under chapter 1796 397 or under the provisions of former chapter 396 or has been convicted under s. 790.151 or has been deemed a habitual 1797 1798 offender under s. 856.011(3), or has had two or more convictions 1799 under s. 316.193 or similar laws of any other state, within the 1800 3-year period immediately preceding the date on which the 1801 application is submitted;

1802 (g) Desires a legal means to carry a concealed weapon or 1803 firearm for lawful self-defense;

1804 (h) Demonstrates competence with a firearm by any one of 1805 the following:

 Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety course approved by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or a similar agency of another state;

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2. Completion of any National Rifle Association firearms safety or training course;

3. Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered by a law enforcement <u>agency</u>, junior college, college, or private or public institution or organization or firearms training school, <u>using utilizing</u> instructors certified by the National Rifle Association, Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;

4. Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training course or class offered for security guards, investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision of <u>a</u> law enforcement <u>agency</u> or security enforcement;

5. Presents evidence of equivalent experience with a firearm through participation in organized shooting competition or military service;

6. Is licensed or has been licensed to carry a firearm in this state or a county or municipality of this state, unless such license has been revoked for cause; or

7. Completion of any firearms training or safety course or class conducted by a state-certified or National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor;

A photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the courses or classes; <del>or</del> an affidavit from the instructor, school, club, organization, or group that conducted or taught <u>such</u> <del>said</del> course or class attesting to the completion of the course or class by the applicant; or a copy of any document <u>that</u> <del>which</del> shows completion of the course or class or evidences participation in

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| 1838 | firearms competition shall constitute evidence of qualification                    |
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| 1839 | under this paragraph. A <del>; any</del> person who conducts a course              |
| 1840 | pursuant to subparagraph 2., subparagraph 3., or subparagraph                      |
| 1841 | 7., or who, as an instructor, attests to the completion of such                    |
| 1842 | courses, must maintain records certifying that he or she                           |
| 1843 | observed the student safely handle and discharge the firearm <u>in</u>             |
| 1844 | his or her physical presence and that the discharge of the                         |
| 1845 | firearm included live fire using a firearm and ammunition as                       |
| 1846 | <u>defined in s. 790.001;</u>  |
| 1847 | (i) Has not been adjudicated an incapacitated person under                         |
| 1848 | s. 744.331, or similar laws of any other state, unless 5 years                     |
| 1849 | have elapsed since the applicant's restoration to capacity by                      |
| 1850 | court order;   |
| 1851 | (j) Has not been committed to a mental institution under                           |
| 1852 | chapter 394, or similar laws of any other state, unless the                        |
| 1853 | applicant produces a certificate from a licensed psychiatrist                      |
| 1854 | that he or she has not suffered from disability for at least 5                     |
| 1855 | years <u>before</u> <del>prior to</del> the date of submission of the application; |
| 1856 | (k) Has not had adjudication of guilt withheld or                                  |
| 1857 | imposition of sentence suspended on any felony or misdemeanor                      |
| 1858 | crime of domestic violence unless 3 years have elapsed since                       |
| 1859 | probation or any other conditions set by the court have been                       |
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| 1861 | or expunged;   |
| 1862 | (1) Has not had adjudication of guilt withheld or                                  |
| 1863 | imposition of sentence suspended on any misdemeanor crime of                       |
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1867 (m) (1) Has not been issued an injunction that is currently 1868 in force and effect and that restrains the applicant from 1869 committing acts of domestic violence or acts of repeat violence; 1870 and 1871 (n) (m) Is not prohibited from purchasing or possessing a 1872 firearm by any other provision of Florida or federal law. 1873 (4) The application shall be completed, under oath, on a 1874 form adopted promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and shall include: 1875 1876 (a) The name, address, place of birth, and date of birth, 1877 and race, and occupation of the applicant; 1878 (b) A statement that the applicant is in compliance with 1879 criteria contained within subsections (2) and (3); 1880 (c) A statement that the applicant has been furnished a 1881 copy of this chapter and is knowledgeable of its provisions; 1882 (d) A conspicuous warning that the application is executed 1883 under oath and that a false answer to any question, or the 1884 submission of any false document by the applicant, subjects the 1885 applicant to criminal prosecution under s. 837.06; and 1886 (e) A statement that the applicant desires a concealed 1887 weapon or firearms license as a means of lawful self-defense; 1888 and<del>.</del> 1889 (f) Directions for an applicant who is a servicemember, as

defined in s. 250.01, or a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, to request expedited processing of his or her application.

(5) The applicant shall submit to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or an approved tax collector pursuant to s. 790.0625:

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(a) A completed application as described in subsection (4).

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1896 (b) A nonrefundable license fee of up to \$60  $\frac{70}{10}$  if he or 1897 she has not previously been issued a statewide license or of up 1898 to \$50 <del>\$60</del> for renewal of a statewide license. The cost of 1899 processing fingerprints as required in paragraph (c) shall be 1900 borne by the applicant. However, an individual holding an active 1901 certification from the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission as a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, 1902 1903 or correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), 1904 (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), or (9) is exempt from the licensing 1905 requirements of this section. If such individual wishes to 1906 receive a concealed weapon weapons or firearm firearms license, 1907 he or she is exempt from the background investigation and all 1908 background investigation fees<sub> $\tau$ </sub> but must pay the current license 1909 fees regularly required to be paid by nonexempt applicants. 1910 Further, a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, or a 1911 correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), 1912 or (3) is exempt from the required fees and background 1913 investigation for a period of 1 year after his or her 1914 retirement.

(c) A full set of fingerprints of the applicant administered by a law enforcement agency or the Division of Licensing of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or an approved tax collector pursuant to s. 790.0625 <u>together</u> with any personal identifying information required by federal law to process fingerprints.

(d) A photocopy of a certificate, affidavit, or document asdescribed in paragraph (2)(h).

(e) A full frontal view color photograph of the applicanttaken within the preceding 30 days, in which the head, including

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| 1925 | hair, measures 7/8 of an inch wide and 1 1/8 inches high.        |
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| 1926 | (f) For expedited processing of an application:                  |
| 1927 | 1. A servicemember shall submit a copy of the Common Access      |
| 1928 | Card, United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, or   |
| 1929 | current deployment orders.                                       |
| 1930 | 2. A veteran shall submit a copy of the DD Form 214, issued      |
| 1931 | by the United States Department of Defense, or another           |
| 1932 | acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department |
| 1933 | of Veterans' Affairs.  |
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| 1935 | (f) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services          |
| 1936 | shall, upon receipt of a completed application and the           |
| 1937 | identifying information required under paragraph (5)(f),         |
| 1938 | expedite the processing of a servicemember's or a veteran's      |
| 1939 | concealed weapon or firearm license application.                 |
| 1940 | (10) A license issued under this section shall be suspended      |
| 1941 | or revoked pursuant to chapter 120 if the licensee:              |
| 1942 | (a) Is found to be ineligible under the criteria set forth       |
| 1943 | in subsection (2);   |
| 1944 | (b) Develops or sustains a physical infirmity which              |
| 1945 | prevents the safe handling of a weapon or firearm;               |
| 1946 | (c) Is convicted of a felony which would make the licensee       |
| 1947 | ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to s. 790.23;           |
| 1948 | (d) Is found guilty of a crime under the provisions of           |
| 1949 | chapter 893, or similar laws of any other state, relating to     |
| 1950 | controlled substances;   |
| 1951 | (e) Is committed as a substance abuser under chapter 397,        |
| 1952 | or is deemed a habitual offender under s. 856.011(3), or similar |
| 1953 | laws of any other state;   |
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1954 (f) Is convicted of a second violation of s. 316.193, or a 1955 similar law of another state, within 3 years after  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a first 1956 <del>previous</del> conviction of such section<sub>au</sub> or similar law of another 1957 state, even though the first violation may have occurred before 1958 prior to the date on which the application was submitted; 1959 (g) Is adjudicated an incapacitated person under s. 744.331, or similar laws of any other state; or 1960 1961 (h) Is committed to a mental institution under chapter 394, 1962 or similar laws of any other state. 1963 1964 Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), service of a notice of the 1965 suspension or revocation of a concealed weapon or firearm 1966 license must be given by either certified mail, return receipt 1967 requested, to the licensee at his or her last known mailing 1968 address furnished to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 1969 Services, or by personal service. If a notice given by certified 1970 mail is returned as undeliverable, a second attempt must be made 1971 to provide notice to the licensee at that address, by either 1972 first-class mail in an envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to 1973 the licensee at his or her last known mailing address furnished 1974 to the department, or, if the licensee has provided an e-mail 1975 address to the department, by e-mail. Such mailing by the 1976 department constitutes notice, and any failure by the licensee 1977 to receive such notice does not stay the effective date or term 1978 of the suspension or revocation. A request for hearing must be 1979 filed with the department within 21 days after notice is 1980 received by personal delivery, or within 26 days after the date 1981 the department deposits the notice in the United States mail (21 days plus 5 days for mailing). The department shall document its 1982

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| 1983 | attempts to provide notice and such documentation is admissible                        |
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| 1984 | in the courts of this state and constitutes sufficient proof                           |
| 1985 | that notice was given.   |
| 1986 | Section 40. Effective upon this act becoming a law,                                    |
| 1987 | paragraph (a) of subsection (11) of section 790.06, Florida                            |
| 1988 | Statutes, is amended to read:  |
| 1989 | 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm                                    |
| 1990 | (11)(a) <u>At least</u> <del>No less than</del> 90 days before the expiration          |
| 1991 | date of the license, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer                        |
| 1992 | Services shall mail to each licensee a written notice of the                           |
| 1993 | expiration and a renewal form prescribed by the Department of                          |
| 1994 | Agriculture and Consumer Services. The licensee must renew his                         |
| 1995 | or her license on or before the expiration date by filing with                         |
| 1996 | the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the renewal                        |
| 1997 | form containing <u>an</u> <del>a notarized</del> affidavit <u>submitted under oath</u> |
| 1998 | and under penalty of perjury stating that the licensee remains                         |
| 1999 | qualified pursuant to the criteria specified in subsections (2)                        |
| 2000 | and (3), a color photograph as specified in paragraph (5)(e),                          |
| 2001 | and the required renewal fee. Out-of-state residents must also                         |
| 2002 | submit a complete set of fingerprints and fingerprint processing                       |
| 2003 | fee. The license shall be renewed upon receipt of the completed                        |
| 2004 | renewal form, color photograph, appropriate payment of fees,                           |
| 2005 | and, if applicable, fingerprints. Additionally, a licensee who                         |
| 2006 | fails to file a renewal application on or before its expiration                        |
| 2007 | date must renew his or her license by paying a late fee of \$15.                       |
| 2008 | A license may not be renewed 180 days or more after its                                |
| 2009 | expiration date, and such a license is deemed to be permanently                        |
| 2010 | expired. A person whose license has been permanently expired may                       |
| 2011 | reapply for licensure; however, an application for licensure and                       |
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| 2012 | fees under subsection (5) must be submitted, and a background                           |
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| 2013 | investigation shall be conducted pursuant to this section. A                            |
| 2014 | person who knowingly files false information under this                                 |
| 2015 | subsection is subject to criminal prosecution under s. 837.06.                          |
| 2016 | Section 41. Subsection (8) is added to section 790.0625,                                |
| 2017 | Florida Statutes, to read:  |
| 2018 | 790.0625 Appointment of tax collectors to accept  |
| 2019 | applications for a concealed weapon or firearm license; fees;                           |
| 2020 | penalties   |
| 2021 | (8) Upon receipt of a completed renewal application, a new                              |
| 2022 | color photograph, and appropriate payment of fees, a tax                                |
| 2023 | collector authorized to accept renewal applications for                                 |
| 2024 | concealed weapon or firearm licenses under this section may,                            |
| 2025 | upon approval and confirmation of license issuance by the                               |
| 2026 | department, print and deliver a concealed weapon or firearm                             |
| 2027 | license to a licensee renewing his or her license at the tax                            |
| 2028 | collector's office.   |
| 2029 | Section 42. Subsections (1) through (4) of section 559.917,                             |
| 2030 | Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  |
| 2031 | 559.917 Bond to release possessory lien claimed by motor                                |
| 2032 | vehicle repair shop   |
| 2033 | (1) As used in this section, the term:  |
| 2034 | (a) "Lienholder" means a person claiming an interest in or                              |
| 2035 | a lien on a vehicle pursuant to s. 713.585(5).  |
| 2036 | (b) "Lienor" means a person claiming a lien for motor                                   |
| 2037 | vehicle repair shop work under part II of chapter 713.                                  |
| 2038 | <u>(2)</u> (1)(a) <u>A lienholder or</u> <del>Any</del> customer may obtain the         |
| 2039 | release of <u>a</u> <del>her or his</del> motor vehicle <u>for which the lienholder</u> |
| 2040 | or customer has a lien or ownership rights, respectively, from                          |
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2041 any lien claimed under part II of chapter 713 by a motor vehicle 2042 repair shop for repair work performed under a written repair 2043 estimate by filing with the clerk of the court in the circuit in 2044 which the disputed transaction occurred a cash or surety bond, 2045 payable to the person claiming the lien and conditioned for the payment of any judgment which may be entered on the lien. The 2046 2047 bond shall be in the amount stated on the invoice required by s. 2048 559.911, plus accrued storage charges, if any, less any amount 2049 paid to the motor vehicle repair shop as indicated on the 2050 invoice. The lienholder or customer shall not be required to institute judicial proceedings in order to post the bond in the 2051 2052 registry of the court, nor shall the lienholder or customer be 2053 required to use a particular form for posting the bond, unless 2054 the clerk provides shall provide such form to the lienholder or 2055 customer for filing. Upon the posting of such bond, the clerk of 2056 the court shall automatically issue a certificate notifying the 2057 lienor of the posting of the bond and directing the lienor to 2058 release the lienholder's or customer's motor vehicle.

(b) The lienor shall have 60 days to file suit to recover the bond. The prevailing party in that action may be entitled to 2061 damages plus court costs and reasonable attorney attorney's 2062 fees. If the lienor fails to file suit within 60 days after the 2063 posting of such bond, the bond shall be discharged.

(3) (2) The failure of a lienor to release or return to the lienholder or customer the motor vehicle upon which any lien is 2066 claimed, upon receiving a copy of a certificate giving notice of 2067 the posting of the bond and directing release of the motor vehicle, shall subject the lienor to judicial proceedings which may be brought by the lienholder or customer to compel

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2070 compliance with the certificate. If Whenever a lienholder 2071 pursuant to s. 713.585 or customer brings an action to compel 2072 compliance with the certificate, the lienholder or customer need 2073 only establish that:

(a) Bond in the amount of the invoice, plus accrued storage charges, if any, less any amount paid to the motor vehicle repair shop as indicated on the invoice, was posted;

(b) A certificate was issued pursuant to this section;

(c) The motor vehicle repair shop, or any employee or agent thereof who is authorized to release the motor vehicle, received a copy of a certificate issued pursuant to this section; and

(d) The motor vehicle repair shop or employee authorized to release the motor vehicle failed to release the motor vehicle.

The <u>lienholder or</u> customer, upon a judgment in her or his favor in an action brought under this subsection, may be entitled to damages plus court costs and reasonable <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees sustained by her or him by reason of such wrongful detention or retention. Upon a judgment in favor of the motor vehicle repair shop, the shop may be entitled to reasonable <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees.

2091 (4) (3) Any motor vehicle repair shop that which, or any 2092 employee or agent thereof who is authorized to release the motor 2093 vehicle who, upon receiving a copy of a certificate giving 2094 notice of the posting of the bond in the required amount and 2095 directing release of the motor vehicle, fails to release or 2096 return the property to the lienholder or customer pursuant to 2097 this section commits is quilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 2098

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2099 (5) (4) Any lienholder or customer who stops payment on a 2100 credit card charge or a check drawn in favor of a motor vehicle 2101 repair shop on account of an invoice, or who fails to post a 2102 cash or surety bond pursuant to this section, shall be 2103 prohibited from any recourse under this section with respect to 2104 the motor vehicle repair shop. 2105 Section 43. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection 2106 (3) of section 559.9285, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 559.9285 Certification of business activities.-2107 2108 (1) Each certifying party, as defined in s. 559.927(2): 2109 (a) Which does not offer for sale, at wholesale or retail, 2110 prearranged travel or, tourist-related services, or tour-quide 2111 services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist 2112 state and which originate in Florida; 2113 (b) Which offers for sale, at wholesale or retail, only prearranged travel or, tourist-related services, or tour-guide 2114 2115 services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist 2116 state and which originate in Florida, but engages in no other 2117 business dealings or commerce with any terrorist state; or 2118 (c) Which offers for sale, at wholesale or retail, 2119 prearranged travel or  $\tau$  tourist-related services  $\tau$  or tour-quide 2120 services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist 2121 state and which originate in Florida, and also engages in any 2122 other business dealings or commerce with any terrorist state, 2123 2124 shall annually certify its business activities by filing a 2125 disclosure statement with the department which accurately 2126 represents the scope of the seller's business activities 2127 according to the criteria provided in paragraph (a), paragraph

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2128 (b), or paragraph (c).

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(3) The department shall specify by rule the form of each 2129 2130 certification under this section which shall include the 2131 following information:

(d) The type of all prearranged travel or  $\tau$  tourist-related 2133 services, or tour-quide services that the certifying party offers for sale to individuals or groups traveling directly to any terrorist state and that originate in Florida, and the 2136 frequency with which such services are offered.

Section 44. Subsection (2) of section 559.937, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

559.937 Criminal penalties.-Any person or business that violates this part:

(2) Which violation directly or indirectly pertains to an offer to sell, at wholesale or retail, prearranged travel or  $\overline{r}$ tourist-related services, or tour-quide services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist state and which originate in Florida, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 45. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of \$2,610,195 in nonrecurring funds from the Division of Licensing 2149 Trust Fund is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the purpose of implementing s. 493.6108, Florida Statutes, regarding the collection and subsequent payment of fingerprint retention and processing fees to the 2153 Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

2154 Section 46. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 2155 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.



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| 2158 | And the title is amended as follows:                   |
| 2159 | Delete everything before the enacting clause           |
| 2160 | and insert:  |
| 2161 | A bill to be entitled                                  |
| 2162 | An act relating to regulated service providers;        |
| 2163 | amending s. 472.007, F.S.; revising the composition of |
| 2164 | the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers;       |
| 2165 | amending s. 472.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of |
| 2166 | Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive the initial |
| 2167 | land surveying and mapping license fee for certain     |
| 2168 | veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or certain     |
| 2169 | business entities that have a majority ownership held  |
| 2170 | by such veterans or spouses; amending s. 493.6105,     |
| 2171 | F.S.; waiving the initial application fee for veterans |
| 2172 | for certain private investigative, private security,   |
| 2173 | and repossession service licenses; revising certain    |
| 2174 | fees for initial license applications; amending s.     |
| 2175 | 493.6106, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that    |
| 2176 | certain applicants submit additional documentation     |
| 2177 | establishing state residency; amending s. 493.6107,    |
| 2178 | F.S.; waiving the initial license fees for veterans    |
| 2179 | for certain private investigative, private security,   |
| 2180 | and repossession service licenses; amending s.         |
| 2181 | 493.6108, F.S.; beginning on a specified date,         |
| 2182 | requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to retain  |
| 2183 | fingerprints submitted for private investigative,      |
| 2184 | private security, and repossession service licenses,   |
| 2185 | to enter such fingerprints into the statewide          |

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2186 automated biometric identification system and the 2187 Federal Bureau of Investigation's national retained 2188 print arrest notification program, and to report any 2189 arrest record information to the Department of 2190 Agriculture and Consumer Services; requiring the 2191 department to provide information about an arrest of a 2192 licensee for certain crime within the state to the 2193 agency that employs the licensee; amending s. 2194 493.6113, F.S.; clarifying the renewal requirements 2195 for Class "K" licenses; requiring a person holding a 2196 private investigative, private security, or 2197 repossession service license issued before a certain 2198 date to submit, upon first renewal of the license, a 2199 full set of fingerprints and a fingerprint processing 2200 fee; amending ss. 493.6202, 493.6302, and 493.6402, F.S.; waiving initial license fees for veterans for 2201 2202 certain private investigative, private security, and 2203 repossession service licenses; amending s. 501.0125, 2204 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "health 2205 studio"; defining the term "personal trainer"; 2206 amending s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the department to 2207 waive the initial health studio registration fee for 2208 certain veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or 2209 certain business entities that have a majority 2210 ownership held by such veterans or spouses; amending 2211 s. 501.605, F.S.; prohibiting the use of a mail drop 2212 as a street address for the principal location of a 2213 commercial telephone seller; requiring the department to waive the initial commercial telephone seller 2214

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2215 license fee for certain veterans, the spouses of such 2216 veterans, or certain business entities that have a 2217 majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses; 2218 amending s. 501.607, F.S.; requiring the department to 2219 waive the initial telephone salesperson license fees 2220 for certain veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or 2221 certain business entities that have a majority 2222 ownership held by such veterans or spouses; amending 2223 s. 507.03, F.S.; requiring the department to waive the 2224 initial registration fee for an intrastate mover for 2225 certain veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or 2226 certain business entities that have a majority 2227 ownership held by such veterans or spouses; amending 2228 s. 527.02, F.S.; requiring the department to waive the 2229 original liquefied petroleum gas license fee for 2230 certain veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or 2231 certain business entities that have a majority 2232 ownership held by such veterans or spouses; amending 2233 s. 527.021, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring a fee 2234 for registering transport vehicles; amending s. 2235 531.37, F.S.; revising the definition of the term 2236 "weights and measures"; amending s. 531.415, F.S.; 2237 revising the fees for actual metrology laboratory 2238 calibration and testing services; amending s. 531.60, 2239 F.S.; clarifying the applicability of permits for 2240 commercially operated or tested weights or measures 2241 instruments or devices; requiring a new permit 2242 application if a new owner acquires and moves an instrument or a device; requiring a business to notify 2243

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2244 the department of certain information under certain 2245 circumstances; deleting a provision authorizing the 2246 department to test weights and measures instruments or 2247 devices under certain circumstances; amending s. 2248 531.61, F.S.; clarifying provisions exempting certain 2249 instruments or devices from specified requirements; 2250 amending s. 531.62, F.S.; specifying that the 2251 commercial use permit fee is based upon the number and 2252 types of instruments or devices permitted; revising 2253 the expiration date of the commercial use permit; 2254 requiring annual and biennial commercial use permit 2255 renewals to meet the same requirements; amending s. 2256 531.63, F.S.; revising the commercial use permit fees 2257 and fee structures; amending s. 531.65, F.S.; 2258 clarifying that the department may use one or more of 2259 the prescribed penalties for the unauthorized use of a 2260 weights and measures instrument or device; amending s. 2261 539.001, F.S.; requiring the department to waive the 2262 initial pawnbroker license fee for certain veterans, 2263 the spouses of such veterans, or certain business 2264 entities that have a majority ownership held by such 2265 veterans or spouses; amending s. 559.904, F.S.; 2266 requiring the department to waive the initial motor 22.67 vehicle repair shop registration fee for certain 2268 veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or certain 2269 business entities that have a majority ownership held 2270 by such veterans or spouses; creating s. 559.9191, 2271 F.S.; requiring motor vehicle repair shops to obtain 2272 consent before seeking certain funds from insurers;

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2273 requiring such shops to meet certain conditions before 2274 filing certain actions against insurers; providing 2275 requirements for certain customer consent; amending s. 2276 559.927, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 2277 559.928, F.S.; requiring the department to waive the 2278 initial seller of travel registration fee for certain 2279 veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or certain 2280 business entities that have a majority ownership held 2281 by such veterans or spouses; requiring independent 2282 agents to annually file an application, rather than an 2283 affidavit; requiring each advertisement or certificate 2284 and other travel documents to include a specified 2285 phrase; deleting a provision requiring an 2286 advertisement to include a specified phrase; revising 2287 the circumstances under which the department may deny 2288 or refuse to renew a registration; authorizing the 2289 department to revoke the registration of a seller of 2290 travel under certain circumstances; amending s. 2291 559.929, F.S.; revising certain security requirements; 2292 amending s. 559.9295, F.S.; revising the documents 2293 that certain sellers of travel are required to submit 2294 and disclose to the department; deleting provisions 2295 relating to the duties of the department; amending s. 2296 559.932, F.S.; requiring that certain disclosures be 2297 made in a specified type size; revising the language 2298 that must be included in certain disclosures; 2299 requiring the department to review copies of certain 2300 certificates and contracts for compliance with 2301 disclosure requirements; specifying that the

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2302 submission of certain materials or department response 2303 does not constitute approval, recommendation, endorsement, or verification; amending s. 559.933, 2304 2305 F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 559.9335, 2306 F.S.; revising violations relating to the sale of 2307 travel; amending s. 559.935, F.S.; deleting a 2308 provision requiring an affiliate to file an affidavit 2309 of exemption in order to obtain a specified exemption; 2310 adding embezzlement as a crime for which the 2311 department may revoke certain exemptions; amending s. 2312 559.936, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending 2313 s. 616.242, F.S.; exempting water-related amusement 2314 rides operated by lodging and food service 2315 establishments and membership campgrounds, amusement 2316 rides at private, membership-only facilities, and 2317 nonprofit permanent facilities from certain safety 2318 standards; authorizing owners or managers of amusement 2319 rides to use alternative forms to record ride 2320 inspections and employee training; amending s. 2321 713.585, F.S.; revising certain notice requirements; 2322 authorizing the owner of a vehicle or a person 2323 claiming an interest in the vehicle or in a lien 2324 thereon to post a bond to recover possession of a 2325 vehicle held by a lienor; requiring the clerk of the 2326 court to issue a certificate notifying the lienor of 2327 the posting of bond; establishing procedures and 2328 requirements for a vehicle owner to reclaim such 2329 vehicles recovered by a lienholder; authorizing courts 2330 to award damages based on claims relating to the

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2331 enforcement of certain lien and recovery rights; 2332 requiring courts to provide for the immediate payment 2333 of proceeds and awards and immediate release of bonds; 2334 amending s. 790.06, F.S.; revising the requirements 2335 for issuance of a concealed weapon or firearm license; requiring directions for expedited processing requests 2336 2337 in the license application form; revising the initial 2338 and renewal fees for a concealed weapon or firearm 2339 license; providing a process for expediting 2340 applications for servicemembers and veterans; 2341 requiring that notice of the suspension or revocation of a concealed weapon or firearm license or the 2342 2343 suspension of the processing of an application for 2344 such license be given by personal delivery or first-2345 class mail; specifying deadlines for requests for a 2346 hearing for suspensions or revocations; specifying 2347 standards of proof for notice of suspensions or 2348 revocations; requiring concealed weapon or firearm 2349 license renewals to include an affidavit submitted 2350 under oath and under penalty of perjury, rather than a 2351 notarized affidavit, as of a specified date; amending 2352 s. 790.0625, F.S.; authorizing certain tax collector 2353 offices, upon approval and confirmation of license 2354 issuance by the department, to print and deliver 2355 concealed weapon or firearm licenses; amending ss. 2356 559.917, 559.9285, and 559.937, F.S.; conforming 2357 provisions; providing an appropriation; providing 2358 effective dates.