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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Broxson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 83.49,
Florida Statutes, to read:

83.49 Deposit money or advance rent; duty of landlord and
tenant.—

(10) If the tenant is a servicemember, a landlord may not
require payment of a security deposit or advance rent that



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11 exceeds, in the aggregate, the total sum of rent that would be
12 due in a 60-day period under the rental agreement.

13 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 83.682, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 83.682 Termination of rental agreement by a servicemember.—

16 (1) Any servicemember may terminate his or her rental
17 agreement by providing the landlord with a written notice of
18 termination to be effective on the date stated in the notice
19 that is at least 30 days after the landlord's receipt of the
20 notice if any of the following criteria are met:

21 (a) The servicemember is required, pursuant to a permanent
22 change of station orders, to move 35 miles or more from the
23 location of the rental premises;

24 (b) The servicemember is prematurely or involuntarily
25 discharged or released from active duty or state active duty;

26 (c) The servicemember is released from active duty or state
27 active duty after having leased the rental premises while on
28 active duty or state active duty status and the rental premises
29 is 35 miles or more from the servicemember's home of record
30 prior to entering active duty or state active duty;

31 (d) After entering into a rental agreement, the
32 servicemember receives military orders requiring him or her to
33 move into government quarters or the servicemember becomes
34 eligible to live in and opts to move into government quarters or
35 privatized military housing;

36 (e) The servicemember receives temporary duty orders,
37 temporary change of station orders, or state active duty orders
38 to an area 35 miles or more from the location of the rental
39 premises, provided such orders are for a period exceeding 60



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40 days; or

41 (f) The servicemember has leased the property, but prior to
42 taking possession of the rental premises, receives a change of
43 orders to an area that is 35 miles or more from the location of
44 the rental premises.

45 Section 3. Section 197.572, Florida Statutes, is amended to
46 read:

47 197.572 Easements for conservation purposes, prevention of
48 encroachment of military installations, or for public service
49 purposes or for drainage or ingress and egress survive tax sales
50 and deeds.—When any lands are sold for the nonpayment of taxes,
51 or any tax certificate is issued thereon by a governmental unit
52 or agency or pursuant to any tax lien foreclosure proceeding,
53 the title to the lands shall continue to be subject to any
54 easement for conservation purposes as provided in s. 704.06, for
55 the purpose of preventing the encroachment of military
56 installations as provided in s. 288.980(2), or for telephone,
57 telegraph, pipeline, power transmission, or other public service
58 purpose and shall continue to be subject to any easement for the
59 purposes of drainage or of ingress and egress to and from other
60 land. The easement and the rights of the owner of it shall
61 survive and be enforceable after the execution, delivery, and
62 recording of a tax deed, a master's deed, or a clerk's
63 certificate of title pursuant to foreclosure of a tax deed, tax
64 certificate, or tax lien, to the same extent as though the land
65 had been conveyed by voluntary deed. The easement must be
66 evidenced by written instrument recorded in the office of the
67 clerk of the circuit court in the county where such land is
68 located before the recording of such tax deed or master's deed,



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69 or, if not recorded, an easement for a public service purpose
70 must be evidenced by wires, poles, or other visible occupation,
71 an easement for drainage must be evidenced by a waterway, water
72 bed, or other visible occupation, and an easement for the
73 purpose of ingress and egress must be evidenced by a road or
74 other visible occupation to be entitled to the benefit of this
75 section; however, this shall apply only to tax deeds issued
76 after the effective date of this act.

77 Section 4. Section 250.483, Florida Statutes, is created to
78 read:

79 250.483 Active duty; licensure or qualification.-

80 (1) If a member of the Florida National Guard or the United
81 States Armed Forces Reserves seeking licensure or qualification
82 for a trade, occupation, or profession is ordered into state
83 active duty or into active duty as defined in this chapter, and
84 his or her period of training, study, apprenticeship, or
85 practical experience is interrupted or the start thereof is
86 delayed, he or she is entitled to licensure or qualification
87 under the laws covering his or her licensure or qualification at
88 the time of entrance into active duty pursuant to subsection
89 (2).

90 (2) A board of examiners or other qualification board
91 regulated under general law shall accept periods of training and
92 practical experience in the Florida National Guard or the United
93 States Armed Forces Reserves in place of the interrupted or
94 delayed periods of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical
95 experience if the board finds the standard and type of work or
96 training performed in the Florida National Guard or the United
97 States Armed Forces Reserves to be substantially the same as the



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98 standard and type required under the laws of this state.

99 (3) A member of the National Guard or the United States
100 Armed Forces Reserves must request licensure or qualification
101 pursuant to this section by the respective board of examiners or
102 other qualification board within 6 months after release from
103 active duty with the Florida National Guard or the United States
104 Armed Forces Reserves.

105 Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2), paragraphs (a),
106 (c), and (d) of subsection (3), and subsections (4), (5), (6),
107 and (8) of section 288.980, Florida Statutes, are amended to
108 read:

109 288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent; grants
110 program.—

111 (2)

112 (d) Funds appropriated to the Military Base Protection
113 Program ~~this program~~ may be used to address emergent needs
114 relating to mission sustainment, encroachment reduction or
115 prevention, and base retention. All funds appropriated for the
116 purposes of the ~~this~~ program are eligible to be used for
117 matching of federal funds. The Florida Defense Support Task
118 Force ~~department~~ shall coordinate and implement the ~~this~~
119 program.

120 (3) (a) The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~department~~ is
121 authorized to manage and award grants on a competitive basis
122 from any funds available to it to support activities related to
123 the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program and the Florida
124 Defense Infrastructure Grant Program.

125 (c) The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~department~~ shall
126 require that an applicant:



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127 1. Represent a local government with a military
128 installation or military installations that could be adversely
129 affected by federal actions.

130 2. Agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant awarded.

131 3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan of action
132 delineating how the eligible project will be administered and
133 accomplished.

134 4. Provide documentation describing the potential for
135 changes to the mission of a military installation located in the
136 applicant's community and the potential impacts such changes
137 will have on the applicant's community.

138 (d) In making grant awards the Florida Defense Support Task
139 Force ~~department~~ shall consider, at a minimum, the following
140 factors:

141 1. The relative value of the particular military
142 installation in terms of its importance to the local and state
143 economy relative to other military installations.

144 2. The potential job displacement within the local
145 community should the mission of the military installation be
146 changed.

147 3. The potential impact on industries and technologies
148 which service the military installation.

149 (4) The Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program is
150 established to respond to the need for this state to work in
151 conjunction with defense-dependent communities in developing and
152 implementing strategies and approaches that will help
153 communities support the missions of military installations, and
154 in developing and implementing alternative economic
155 diversification strategies to transition from a defense economy



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156 to a nondefense economy. Eligible applicants include defense-
157 dependent counties and cities, and local economic development
158 councils located within such communities. The program shall be
159 administered by the Florida Defense Support Task Force
160 ~~department~~ and grant awards may be provided to support
161 community-based activities that:

- 162 (a) Protect existing military installations;
- 163 (b) Diversify the economy of a defense-dependent community;

164 or

- 165 (c) Develop plans for the reuse of closed or realigned
166 military installations, including any plans necessary for
167 infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and
168 related marketing activities.

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170 Applications for grants under this subsection must include a
171 coordinated program of work or plan of action delineating how
172 the eligible project will be administered and accomplished,
173 which must include a plan for ensuring close cooperation between
174 civilian and military authorities in the conduct of the funded
175 activities and a plan for public involvement.

176 (5) The Defense Infrastructure Grant Program is created.
177 The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~department~~ shall
178 coordinate and implement this program, the purpose of which is
179 to support local infrastructure projects deemed to have a
180 positive impact on the military value of installations within
181 the state. Funds are to be used for projects that benefit both
182 the local community and the military installation.
183 Infrastructure projects to be funded under this program include,
184 but are not limited to, those related to encroachment,



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185 transportation and access, utilities, communications, housing,
186 environment, and security. Grant requests will be accepted only
187 from economic development applicants serving in the official
188 capacity of a governing board of a county, municipality, special
189 district, or state agency that will have the authority to
190 maintain the project upon completion. An applicant must
191 represent a community or county in which a military installation
192 is located. There is no limit as to the amount of any grant
193 awarded to an applicant. A match by the county or local
194 community may be required. The program may not be used to fund
195 on-base military construction projects. The department shall
196 enter into a contract with the task force ~~establish guidelines~~
197 to implement the purpose of this subsection.

198 (6) The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~department~~ may
199 award nonfederal matching funds specifically appropriated for
200 construction, maintenance, and analysis of a Florida defense
201 workforce database. Such funds will be used to create a registry
202 of worker skills that can be used to match the worker needs of
203 companies that are relocating to this state or to assist workers
204 in relocating to other areas within this state where similar or
205 related employment is available.

206 (8) The department shall enter into a contract with the
207 Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~establish guidelines~~ to
208 implement and carry out the purpose and intent of this section.

209 Section 6. Present subsections (6) and (7) of section
210 288.987, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) and
211 (8), respectively, paragraph (d) of subsection (3) and
212 subsection (5) of that section are amended, and a new subsection
213 (6) is added to that section, to read:



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214 288.987 Florida Defense Support Task Force.—

215 (3) The task force shall be comprised of the Governor or
216 his or her designee, and 12 members appointed as follows:

217 (d) Appointed members must represent defense-related
218 industries or communities that host military bases and
219 installations. ~~All appointments must be made by August 1, 2011.~~
220 Members shall serve for a term of 4 years, ~~with the first term~~
221 ~~ending July 1, 2015.~~ However, if members of the Legislature are
222 appointed to the task force, those members shall serve until the
223 expiration of their legislative term and may be reappointed
224 once. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the
225 unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment.
226 All members of the council are eligible for reappointment. A
227 member who serves in the Legislature may participate in all task
228 force activities but may only vote on matters that are advisory.

229 (5) The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., executive
230 director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or
231 her designee, shall serve as the ex officio, nonvoting executive
232 director of the task force. Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall
233 serve as the administrative agent of the task force and may
234 serve as the task force's representative; provide staffing,
235 administrative, and logistical support to the task force and its
236 mission; and enter into and execute contracts on behalf of the
237 task force.

238 (6) The chair of the Florida Defense Alliance as
239 established in s. 288.980(1)(b) shall serve as an ex officio,
240 nonvoting member of the task force and shall advise the task
241 force on issues affecting the defense community.

242 Section 7. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of



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243 section 295.187, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
244 (d), and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to
245 read:

246 295.187 Florida Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity
247 Act.—

248 (4) VENDOR PREFERENCE.—

249 (c) A state agency may set aside up to 10 percent of the
250 total funds allocated for the procurement of personal property
251 and services for the purpose of entering into contracts with
252 certified veteran business enterprises. Such contracts must be
253 competitively solicited among only certified veteran business
254 enterprises.

255 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
256 295.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

257 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

258 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

259 (c) Each member of the board of directors shall be
260 appointed for a term of 4 years, except that, to achieve
261 staggered terms, the initial appointees of the Governor shall
262 serve terms of 2 years. A member is eligible ~~ineligible~~ for
263 reappointment to the board ~~except that a member appointed to a~~
264 ~~term of 2 years or less may be reappointed for~~ one ~~an~~ additional
265 term of 4 years. ~~The initial appointments to the board must be~~
266 ~~made by July 15, 2014.~~ Vacancies on the board shall be filled in
267 the same manner as the original appointment. A vacancy that
268 occurs before the scheduled expiration of the term of the member
269 shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

270 Section 9. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of
271 section 295.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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272 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

273 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall
274 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program
275 and perform all of the following functions:

276 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist
277 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of businesses
278 seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve specialized
279 skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval of requests
280 for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this program.
281 Grant funds may be used only in the absence of available
282 veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may fund
283 specialized training specific to a particular business.

284 ~~1. Grant funds may be allocated to any training provider~~
285 ~~selected by the business, including a career center, a Florida~~
286 ~~College System institution, a state university, or an in-house~~
287 ~~training provider of the business.~~ If grant funds are used to
288 provide a technical certificate, a licensure, or a degree, funds
289 may be allocated only upon a review that includes, but is not
290 limited to, documentation of accreditation and licensure.
291 Instruction funded through the program terminates when
292 participants demonstrate competence at the level specified in
293 the request but may not exceed 12 ~~48~~ months. Preference shall be
294 given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.106,
295 and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,
296 or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.

297 ~~2. Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be~~
298 ~~documented and separated from those incurred by the training~~
299 ~~provider.~~ Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per
300 veteran trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire cost



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301 for all of the training provided before receiving reimbursement
302 from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the cost to train a
303 veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee. Eligible costs
304 and expenditures include:

305 a. Tuition and fees.

306 ~~b. Curriculum development.~~

307 ~~b.e.~~ Books and classroom materials.

308 ~~c.d.~~ Rental fees for facilities at public colleges and
309 universities, including virtual training labs.

310 ~~e. Overhead or indirect costs not to exceed 5 percent of~~
311 ~~the grant amount.~~

312 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to
313 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement
314 between the business requesting funds, ~~the educational~~
315 ~~institution or training provider receiving funding through the~~
316 ~~program,~~ and the corporation. Such agreement must include, but
317 need not be limited to:

318 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct the
319 instructional program, instructional program description, and
320 any vendors used to conduct the instructional program ~~the~~
321 ~~qualifications of such personnel, and the respective~~
322 ~~responsibilities of the parties for paying costs associated with~~
323 ~~the employment of such personnel.~~

324 ~~b. Identification of the match provided by the business,~~
325 ~~including cash and in-kind contributions, equal to at least 50~~
326 ~~percent of the total grant amount.~~

327 ~~b.e.~~ Identification of the estimated duration of the
328 instructional program.

329 ~~c.d.~~ Identification of all direct, training-related costs.



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330 ~~d.e.~~ Identification of special program requirements that
331 are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

332 ~~e.f.~~ Permission to access aggregate information specific to
333 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of
334 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify
335 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may
336 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

337 4. A business may receive a grant under the Quick-Response
338 Training Program created under s. 288.047 and a grant under this
339 section for the same veteran trainee. If a business receives
340 funds under both programs, one grant agreement may be entered
341 into with CareerSource Florida, Inc., as the grant
342 administrator.

343 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an
344 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which
345 connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to
346 become entrepreneurs.

347 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance
348 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one
349 or more public or private entities ~~universities~~ that:

350 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and the
351 commitment of ~~university~~ resources, including financial
352 resources, to such programs.

353 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with ~~military and~~
354 veteran entrepreneurs ~~resource center~~.

355 ~~c. Have a regional small business development center in the~~
356 ~~Florida Small Business Development Center Network.~~

357 ~~c.d.~~ As determined by the corporation, have been ~~nationally~~
358 recognized for their performance in assisting entrepreneurs to



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359 launch successful businesses in the state ~~commitment to the~~
360 ~~military and veterans.~~

361 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
362 including a focus on employment and business creation. ~~Each~~
363 ~~university must coordinate with any entrepreneurship center~~
364 ~~located at the university.~~ The entity ~~university~~ may also work
365 with a university or college ~~an entity~~ offering related programs
366 to refer veterans or to provide services. The entrepreneur
367 initiative program may include activities and assistance such as
368 peer-to-peer learning sessions, mentoring, technical assistance,
369 business roundtables, networking opportunities, support of
370 student organizations, speaker series, or other tools within a
371 virtual environment.

372 Section 10. Subsections (7) through (12) of section
373 446.041, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8)
374 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to
375 that section, to read:

376 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.-
377 The department shall:

378 (7) Lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate
379 veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities.

380 Section 11. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081,
381 Florida Statutes, to read:

382 446.081 Limitation.-

383 (4) Nothing in ss. 446.011-446.092 or in any rules adopted
384 or contained in any approved apprentice agreement under such
385 sections invalidates any special provision for veterans,
386 minority persons, or women in the standards, qualifications, or
387 operation of the apprenticeship program which is not otherwise



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388 prohibited by any applicable general law, rule, or regulation.

389 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 455.02,
390 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

391 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good
392 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with
393 administrative boards or programs.—

394 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
395 ~~United States~~ now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time
396 of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any of the
397 boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 and was entitled to
398 practice or engage in his or her profession or occupation
399 ~~vocation~~ in the state shall be kept in good standing by the
400 applicable board or program, without registering, paying dues or
401 fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be
402 performed, as long as he or she is a member of the United States
403 ~~Armed Forces of the United States~~ on active duty and for a
404 period of 2 years after discharge from active duty ~~as a member~~
405 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he or she is not~~
406 ~~engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the~~
407 ~~private sector for profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for
408 a period of 2 years after discharge from active duty, engaged in
409 his or her licensed profession or occupation in the private
410 sector for profit in this state must complete all license
411 renewal provisions except remitting the license renewal fee,
412 which shall be waived by the department.

413 (2) A spouse of a member of the ~~Armed Services of the~~
414 United States Armed Forces who is married to a member during a
415 period of active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at
416 the time of death was serving on active duty, who is in good



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417 standing with any of the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165
418 shall be kept in good standing by the applicable board or
419 program as described in subsection (1) and shall be exempt from
420 licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of his or her
421 absence from the state because of his or her spouse's duties
422 with the United States Armed Forces. The department or the
423 appropriate board or program shall waive any license renewal fee
424 for such spouse when he or she is present in this state because
425 of such member's active duty and for a surviving spouse of a
426 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
427 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

428 Section 13. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and
429 paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida
430 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
431 section, to read:

432 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
433 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

434 (3) (a) A person is eligible for licensure as a health care
435 practitioner in this state if he or she:

436 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in
437 the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve
438 Forces, or the National Guard;

439 2. Serves or has served on active duty with the United
440 States Armed Forces as a health care practitioner in the United
441 States Public Health Service; or

442 3. Is a health care practitioner, ~~other than a dentist,~~ in
443 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
444 territory of the United States and is the spouse of a person
445 serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces.



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447 The department shall develop an application form, and each
448 board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the
449 application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for
450 such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care
451 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.
452 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or
453 part IV of chapter 468.

454 (b) The board, or the department if there is no board,
455 shall issue a license to practice in this state to a person who:

456 1. Submits a complete application.

457 2. If he or she is a member of the United States Armed
458 Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard,
459 submits proof that he or she has received an honorable discharge
460 within 6 months before, or will receive an honorable discharge
461 within 6 months after, the date of submission of the
462 application.

463 3.a. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by
464 another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or
465 territory of the United States and who has not had disciplinary
466 action taken against him or her in the 5 years preceding the
467 date of submission of the application;

468 b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession
469 for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required
470 to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she
471 submits to the department evidence of military training or
472 experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for
473 licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he
474 or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate



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475 examination of a national or regional standards organization if
476 required for licensure in this state; or

477 c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the
478 United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in
479 a profession, ~~excluding dentistry,~~ for which licensure in
480 another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she
481 submits to the department evidence of training or experience
482 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
483 this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has
484 obtained a passing score on the appropriate examination of a
485 national or regional standards organization if required for
486 licensure in this state.

487 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission
488 of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in
489 a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the
490 United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the
491 practice of the profession for which he or she is applying.

492 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she is
493 applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of the
494 application.

495 6. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background screening
496 pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the profession for
497 which he or she is applying.

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499 The department shall verify information submitted by the
500 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
501 Data Bank.

502 (4)

503 ~~(j) An applicant who is issued a temporary professional~~



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504 ~~license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must~~
505 ~~practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s.~~
506 ~~466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466.~~

507 (5) The spouse of a person serving on active duty with the
508 United States Armed Forces shall have a defense to any citation
509 and related cause of action brought under s. 456.065 if the
510 following conditions are met:

511 (a) The spouse holds an active, unencumbered license issued
512 by another state or jurisdiction to provide health care services
513 for which there is no equivalent license in this state.

514 (b) The spouse is providing health care services within the
515 scope of practice of the out-of-state license.

516 (c) The training or experience required by the out-of-state
517 license is substantially similar to the license requirements to
518 practice a similar health care profession in this state.

519 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
520 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

521 472.015 Licensure.—

522 (3)

523 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
524 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
525 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
526 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
527 on active duty or the spouse of such a member, the surviving
528 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died
529 while serving on active duty, or a business entity that has a
530 majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving
531 spouse if the department receives an application, in a format
532 prescribed by the department. The application format must



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533 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
534 supporting documentation, within 60 months after the date of the
535 veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed
536 Forces. To qualify for the waiver:7

537 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
538 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
539 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
540 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

541 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
542 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
543 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
544 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
545 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
546 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
547 veteran at the time of discharge; or

548 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
549 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
550 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
551 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
552 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
553 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
554 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
555 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
556 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

557 Section 15. Section 472.016, Florida Statutes, is amended
558 to read:

559 472.016 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with the
560 board.—

561 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~



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562 ~~United States~~ who is now or in the future on active duty and
563 who, at the time of becoming such a member of the United States
564 Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled
565 to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state
566 shall be kept in good standing by the board, without
567 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on
568 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a
569 member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on
570 active duty and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge
571 from active duty, ~~provided that he or she is not engaged in the~~
572 ~~practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for~~
573 ~~profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for a period of 2 years
574 after discharge from active duty, engaged in the practice of
575 surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this
576 state must complete all licensure renewal provisions except
577 remitting the license renewal fee, which shall be waived by the
578 department.

579 (2) The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of
580 members of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~
581 from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence
582 from the state because of their spouses' duties with the United
583 States Armed Forces. The department or the appropriate board or
584 program shall waive any license renewal fee for the spouse of a
585 member of the United States Armed Forces when such member is
586 present in this state because of the member's active duty with
587 the United States Armed Forces, and for the surviving spouse of
588 a member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
589 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

590 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida



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591 Statutes, is amended to read:

592 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

593 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
594 corporation, shall file with the department a complete
595 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
596 except that an the applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G"
597 license is not required to submit an application fee. An
598 application fee is not required for an applicant who qualifies
599 for the fee waiver in s. 493.6107(6). The application fee is not
600 refundable.

601 (a) The application submitted by any individual, partner,
602 or corporate officer must be approved by the department before
603 the individual, partner, or corporate officer assumes his or her
604 duties.

605 (b) Individuals who invest in the ownership of a licensed
606 agency but do not participate in, direct, or control the
607 operations of the agency are not required to file an
608 application.

609 ~~(c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined~~
610 ~~in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class~~
611 ~~"C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K,"~~
612 ~~Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI"~~
613 ~~license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of~~
614 ~~the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include~~
615 ~~a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States~~
616 ~~Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of~~
617 ~~identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'~~
618 ~~Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.~~

619 Section 17. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida



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620 Statutes, is amended to read:

621 493.6107 Fees.—

622 (6) The initial application license fee for a veteran, as
623 defined in s. 1.01, the spouse or surviving spouse of such
624 veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who has
625 served on active duty, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such
626 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
627 died within the 2 years preceding the initial application, shall
628 be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC,"
629 Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class
630 "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license in a format
631 prescribed by the department. The application format must
632 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
633 supporting documentation ~~Class "M" or Class "K" license within~~
634 ~~24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United~~
635 ~~States Armed Forces.~~ An eligible veteran must include a copy of
636 his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
637 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
638 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
639 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.
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641 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
642 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
643 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

644 Section 18. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6113,
645 Florida Statutes, to read:

646 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.—

647 (7) The department shall waive the respective fees for a
648 licensee who:



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649 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
650 Forces or the spouse of such member;

651 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
652 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
653 expiration date of the license. A licensee who is a former
654 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
655 duty within the 2 years preceding the application must have
656 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
657 from the United States Armed Forces; or

658 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
659 States Armed Forces who was serving on active duty at the time
660 of death and died within the 2 years preceding the expiration
661 date of the license.

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663 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
664 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
665 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

666 Section 19. Subsection (8) is added to section 494.00312,
667 Florida Statutes, to read:

668 494.00312 Loan originator license.—

669 (8) The office shall waive the fees required by paragraph
670 (2)(e) for an applicant who:

671 (a) Is or was an active duty member of the United States
672 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
673 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
674 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
675 from the United States Armed Forces;

676 (b) Is married to a current or former member of the United
677 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during



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678 any period of active duty; or

679 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
680 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
681 the time of death.

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683 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
684 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
685 of the qualifications in this subsection.

686 Section 20. Subsection (4) is added to section 494.00313,
687 Florida Statutes, to read:

688 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.-

689 (4) The office shall waive the fees required by paragraph
690 (1) (b) for a loan originator who:

691 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
692 Forces or the spouse of such member;

693 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
694 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
695 expiration date of the license pursuant to s. 494.00312(7). To
696 qualify for the fee waiver, a loan originator who is a former
697 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
698 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
699 license must have received an honorable discharge upon
700 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

701 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
702 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
703 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
704 surviving spouse's license expiration date pursuant to s.
705 494.00312(7).

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707 A loan originator seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in
708 a form prescribed by commission rule, that the loan originator
709 meets one of the qualifications in this subsection.

710 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
711 497.140, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

712 497.140 Fees.—

713 (6) (a) 1. The department shall impose, upon initial
714 licensure and each renewal thereof, a special unlicensed
715 activity fee of \$5 per licensee, in addition to all other fees
716 provided for in this chapter. Such fee shall be used by the
717 department to fund efforts to identify and combat unlicensed
718 activity which violates this chapter. Such fee shall be in
719 addition to all other fees collected from each licensee and
720 shall be deposited in a separate account of the Regulatory Trust
721 Fund; however, the department is not limited to the funds in
722 such an account for combating improper unlicensed activity in
723 violation of this chapter.

724 2. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
725 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
726 who separated from service within 2 years preceding the
727 application for licensure are exempt from the special unlicensed
728 activity fee associated with initial licensure. To qualify for
729 the fee exemption under this subparagraph, a licensee must
730 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
731 dependent identification card, military service record, military
732 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
733 document that indicates such member is currently in good
734 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

735 Section 22. Subsection (4) of section 497.141, Florida



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736 Statutes, is amended to read:

737 497.141 Licensing; general application procedures.—

738 (4) Before the issuance of any license, the department
739 shall collect such initial fee as specified by this chapter or,
740 where authorized, by rule of the board, unless an applicant is
741 exempted as specified by this chapter. Upon receipt of a
742 completed application and the appropriate fee, and certification
743 by the board that the applicant meets the applicable
744 requirements of law and rules, the department shall issue the
745 license applied for. However, an applicant who is not otherwise
746 qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely
747 based on a passing score on a required examination.

748 Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 497.281, Florida
749 Statutes, is amended to read:

750 497.281 Licensure of brokers of burial rights.—

751 (1) (a) No person shall receive compensation to act as a
752 third party to the sale or transfer of three or more burial
753 rights in a 12-month period unless the person pays a license fee
754 as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed \$250
755 and is licensed with the department as a burial rights broker in
756 accordance with this section.

757 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
758 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
759 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
760 application for licensure are exempt from the initial license
761 fee. To qualify for the initial license fee exemption, an
762 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
763 military dependent identification card, military service record,
764 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or



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765 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
766 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

767 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
768 (3) of section 497.368, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

769 497.368 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by examination;
770 provisional license.—

771 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an embalmer shall
772 apply to the licensing authority to take the licensure
773 examination. The licensing authority shall examine each
774 applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the
775 licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual per
776 applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of the
777 examination and who has:

778 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
779 nonrefundable application fee set by the licensing authority not
780 to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
781 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
782 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
783 application for licensure, are exempt from the application fee.
784 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
785 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
786 dependent identification card, military service record, military
787 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
788 document that indicates such member is currently in good
789 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

790 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
791 internship and has been approved for examination as an embalmer
792 may qualify for a provisional license to work in a licensed
793 funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of a



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794 licensed embalmer for a limited period of 6 months as provided
795 by rule of the licensing authority. The fee for provisional
796 licensure shall be set by rule of the licensing authority, but
797 may not exceed \$200, and shall be nonrefundable and in addition
798 to the fee required in subsection (1). This provisional license
799 may be renewed no more than one time. A member of the United
800 States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the
801 United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the
802 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
803 initial provisional licensure fee. To qualify for the initial
804 provisional licensure fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
805 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
806 identification card, military service record, military personnel
807 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
808 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
809 veteran was honorably discharged.

810 Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
811 (5) of section 497.369, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

812 497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by endorsement;
813 licensure of a temporary embalmer.—

814 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
815 endorsement to practice embalming to an applicant who has
816 remitted an examination fee set by rule of the licensing
817 authority not to exceed \$200 and who the licensing authority
818 certifies:

819 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
820 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
821 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
822 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United



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823 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
824 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
825 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
826 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
827 card, military dependent identification card, military service
828 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
829 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
830 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
831 discharged.

832 (5) (a) There may be adopted by the licensing authority
833 rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of
834 paragraphs (1) (b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to
835 take the examination required by subsection (4) to be licensed
836 as a temporary licensed embalmer. A temporary licensed embalmer
837 may work as an embalmer in a licensed funeral establishment
838 under the general supervision of a licensed embalmer. Such
839 temporary license shall expire 60 days after the date of the
840 next available examination required under subsection (4);
841 however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the
842 same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for issuance or
843 renewal of an embalmer temporary license shall be set by rule of
844 the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee
845 required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in
846 addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

847 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
848 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
849 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
850 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
851 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an



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852 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
853 military dependent identification card, military service record,
854 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
855 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
856 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

857 Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 497.370, Florida
858 Statutes, is amended to read:

859 497.370 Embalmers; licensure of an embalmer intern.—

860 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become an embalmer intern
861 shall make application to the licensing authority on forms
862 specified by rule, together with a nonrefundable fee determined
863 by rule of the licensing authority but not to exceed \$200.

864 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
865 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
866 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
867 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
868 To qualify for the application fee exemption under this
869 paragraph, an applicant must provide a copy of a military
870 identification card, military dependent identification card,
871 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
872 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
873 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
874 honorably discharged.

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876 The application shall indicate the name and address of the
877 licensed embalmer under whose supervision the intern will
878 receive training and the name of the licensed funeral
879 establishment or centralized embalming facility where such
880 training is to be conducted. The embalmer intern shall intern



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881 under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer who has an
882 active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.

883 Section 27. Section 497.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
884 to read:

885 497.371 Embalmers; establishment of embalmer apprentice
886 program.—

887 (1) The licensing authority adopts rules establishing an
888 embalmer apprentice program. An embalmer apprentice may perform
889 only those tasks, functions, and duties relating to embalming
890 which are performed under the direct supervision of an embalmer
891 who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.
892 An embalmer apprentice is eligible to serve in an apprentice
893 capacity for a period not to exceed 3 years as may be determined
894 by licensing authority rule or for a period not to exceed 5
895 years if the apprentice is enrolled in and attending a course in
896 mortuary science or funeral service education at any mortuary
897 college or funeral service education college or school. An
898 embalmer apprentice shall be issued a license upon payment of a
899 licensure fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not
900 to exceed \$200.

901 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
902 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
903 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
904 application for licensure are exempt from the licensure fee. To
905 qualify for the licensure fee exemption under this subsection,
906 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
907 card, military dependent identification card, military service
908 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
909 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is



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910 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
911 discharged.

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913 An applicant for the embalmer apprentice program may not be
914 issued a license unless the licensing authority determines that
915 the applicant is of good character and has not demonstrated a
916 history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or
917 professional matters.

918 Section 28. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
919 (3) of section 497.373, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

920 497.373 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
921 by examination; provisional license.—

922 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a funeral
923 director shall apply to the licensing authority to take the
924 licensure examination. The licensing authority shall examine
925 each applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule
926 of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual
927 per applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of
928 the examination and who the licensing authority certifies has:

929 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
930 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
931 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
932 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
933 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
934 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
935 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
936 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
937 card, military dependent identification card, military service
938 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge



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939 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
940 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
941 discharged.

942 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
943 internship and has been approved for examination as a funeral
944 director may qualify for a provisional license to work in a
945 licensed funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of
946 a licensed funeral director for 6 months as provided by rule of
947 the licensing authority. However, a provisional licensee may
948 work under the general supervision of a licensed funeral
949 director upon passage of the laws and rules examination required
950 under paragraph (2) (b). The fee for provisional licensure shall
951 be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed
952 \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable
953 and in addition to the fee required by subsection (1). This
954 provisional license may be renewed no more than one time. A
955 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
956 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
957 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
958 licensure are exempt from the initial provisional licensure fee.
959 To qualify for the initial provisional licensure fee exemption,
960 a licensee must provide a copy of a military identification
961 card, military dependent identification card, military service
962 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
963 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
964 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
965 discharged.

966 Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
967 (5) of section 497.374, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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968 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
969 by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.—

970 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
971 endorsement to practice funeral directing to an applicant who
972 has remitted a fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
973 exceed \$200 and who:

974 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
975 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
976 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
977 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
978 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
979 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
980 nonrefundable application fee. To qualify for the exemption, an
981 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
982 military dependent identification card, military service record,
983 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
984 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
985 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

986 (5) There may be adopted rules authorizing an applicant who
987 has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and who is
988 awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required by
989 subsection (4) to obtain a license as a temporary funeral
990 director. A licensed temporary funeral director may work as a
991 funeral director in a licensed funeral establishment under the
992 general supervision of a funeral director licensed under
993 subsection (1) or s. 497.373. Such license shall expire 60 days
994 after the date of the next available examination required under
995 subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed
996 one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee



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997 for initial issuance or renewal of a temporary license under
998 this subsection shall be set by rule of the licensing authority
999 but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection
1000 shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in
1001 subsection (1). A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
1002 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1003 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
1004 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
1005 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
1006 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
1007 military dependent identification card, military service record,
1008 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
1009 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
1010 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

1011 Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
1012 497.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013 497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director
1014 intern.-

1015 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director
1016 intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed
1017 by rule of the licensing authority, together with a
1018 nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
1019 exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
1020 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1021 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
1022 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
1023 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
1024 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1025 dependent identification card, military service record, military



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1026 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1027 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1028 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

1029 Section 31. Section 497.393, Florida Statutes, is created
1030 to read:

1031 497.393 Licensure; military-issued credentials for
1032 licensure.—The licensing authority shall recognize military-
1033 issued credentials relating to funeral and cemetery services for
1034 purposes of licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. A
1035 member of the United States Armed Forces and a veteran of the
1036 United States Armed Forces seeking licensure as a funeral
1037 director or embalmer under this section shall submit to the
1038 licensing authority a certification that the military-issued
1039 credential reflects knowledge, training, and experience
1040 substantially similar to the requirements of this chapter for
1041 licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. The licensing
1042 authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
1043 be used by persons seeking licensure under this section. The
1044 licensing authority may conduct an investigation and further
1045 inquiry of any person regarding any military-issued credential
1046 sought to be recognized.

1047 Section 32. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section
1048 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1049 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and
1050 criteria; renewal; reports.—

1051 (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

1052 (n) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
1053 fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed
1054 \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's



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1055 spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who
1056 separated from service within the 2 years preceding application
1057 for licensure are exempt from the application fee when applying
1058 as an individual. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
1059 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
1060 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1061 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1062 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1063 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
1064 discharged.

1065 Section 33. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
1066 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1067 497.466 Preneed sales agents, license required; application
1068 procedures and criteria; appointment of agents; responsibility
1069 of preneed licensee.—

1070 (2) PRENEED SALES AGENT LICENSE; APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

1071 (h) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
1072 fee of \$150 if made through the department's online licensing
1073 system or \$175 if made using paper forms. Payment of either fee
1074 shall entitle the applicant to one initial appointment without
1075 payment of further fees by the preneed sales agent or the
1076 appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales agent license is
1077 issued. The licensing authority may from time to time increase
1078 such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of the United States
1079 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
1080 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
1081 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
1082 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
1083 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification



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1084 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1085 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1086 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1087 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
1088 discharged.

1089 Section 34. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
1090 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1091 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.—

1092 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—Licensure as a monument
1093 establishment sales agent shall be by submission of an
1094 application for licensure to the department on a form prescribed
1095 by rule.

1096 (e) The monument establishment sales agent application
1097 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority
1098 may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but
1099 not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
1100 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
1101 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
1102 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
1103 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
1104 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1105 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1106 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1107 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1108 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

1109 Section 35. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) and subsection
1110 (4) of section 497.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1111 497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing
1112 procedures and criteria; regulation.—



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1113 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

1114 (i) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable
1115 fee of \$300. The licensing authority may from time to time
1116 increase the fee by rule but not to exceed more than \$500. A
1117 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
1118 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
1119 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
1120 licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for
1121 the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy
1122 of a military identification card, military dependent
1123 identification card, military service record, military personnel
1124 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
1125 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
1126 veteran was honorably discharged.

1127 (4) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Upon approval of the application
1128 by the licensing authority, the license shall be issued. The
1129 licensing authority shall recognize military-issued credentials
1130 relating to funeral and cemetery services for purposes of
1131 licensure as a direct disposer. A member of the United States
1132 Armed Forces and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1133 seeking licensure as a direct disposer under this section shall
1134 submit to the licensing authority a certification that the
1135 military-issued credential reflects knowledge, training, and
1136 experience substantially similar to the requirements of this
1137 chapter for licensure as a direct disposer. The licensing
1138 authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
1139 be used by members and veterans of the United States Armed
1140 Forces seeking licensure under this section. The licensing
1141 authority may conduct investigation and further inquiry of any



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1142 person regarding any military-issued credential sought to be
1143 recognized.

1144 Section 36. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
1145 Statutes, is amended to read:

1146 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
1147 fees.—Each health studio shall:

1148 (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the
1149 department at the time of registration for each of the health
1150 studio's business locations.

1151 (a) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1152 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1153 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1154 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1155 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1156 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1157 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1158 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1159 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1160 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1161 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1162 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
1163 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1164 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:—

1165 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1166 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1167 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1168 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1169 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1170 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued



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1171 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1172 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1173 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1174 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1175 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1176 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1177 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1178 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1179 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1180 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1181 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1182 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1183 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1184 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1185 (b) The department shall waive the registration renewal fee
1186 for a registrant who:

1187 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1188 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1189 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1190 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1191 date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a
1192 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
1193 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
1194 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1195 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1196 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1197 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1198 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the date of
1199 renewal.



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1201 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1202 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1203 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1204 documentation.

1205 Section 37. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
1206 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1207 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and
1208 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

1209 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be
1210 verified and accompanied by:

1211 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
1212 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
1213 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
1214 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse
1215 or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
1216 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
1217 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
1218 United States Armed Forces if such member died while serving on
1219 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
1220 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
1221 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
1222 the department. The application format must include the
1223 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1224 documentation, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
1225 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
1226 qualify for the waiver:7

1227 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1228 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of



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1229 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1230 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1231 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1232 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1233 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1234 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1235 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1236 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1237 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1238 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1239 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1240 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1241 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1242 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1243 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1244 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1245 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1246 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1247 Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
1248 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1249 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—

1250 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be
1251 verified and be accompanied by:

1252 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
1253 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
1254 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
1255 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
1256 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall
1257 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged



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1258 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse or
1259 surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
1260 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
1261 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
1262 United States Armed Forces if the member died while serving on
1263 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
1264 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
1265 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
1266 the department. The application format must include the
1267 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1268 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
1269 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
1270 qualify for the waiver:7

1271 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1272 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1273 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1274 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1275 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1276 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1277 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1278 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1279 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1280 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1281 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1282 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1283 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1284 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1285 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1286 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as



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1287 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1288 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1289 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1290 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1291 Section 39. Subsection (5) is added to section 501.609,
1292 Florida Statutes, to read:

1293 501.609 License renewal.—

1294 (5) The department shall waive the annual fee to renew for
1295 a licensee who:

1296 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1297 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1298 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
1299 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1300 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a licensee who is a
1301 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
1302 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
1303 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1304 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1305 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1306 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1307 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1308 renewal.

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1310 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1311 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
1312 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1313 Section 40. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1314 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
1315 to that subsection, to read:



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1316 507.03 Registration.—

1317 (3)

1318 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1319 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1320 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1321 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1322 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1323 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1324 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1325 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1326 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1327 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1328 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1329 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
1330 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1331 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver: ~~7~~

1332 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1333 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1334 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1335 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1336 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1337 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1338 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1339 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1340 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1341 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1342 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1343 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1344 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran



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1345 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1346 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1347 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1348 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1349 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1350 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1351 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1352 (c) The department shall waive the biennial fee to renew
1353 for a registrant who:

1354 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1355 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1356 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1357 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1358 expiration date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who
1359 is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served
1360 on active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date
1361 of the registration must have received an honorable discharge
1362 upon separation or discharge from the United States Armed
1363 Forces; or

1364 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1365 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1366 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1368 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1369 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1370 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1371 documentation.

1372 Section 41. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 517.12,
1373 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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1374 517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons,
1375 intermediaries, and investment advisers.—

1376 (10) (a) An applicant for registration shall pay an
1377 assessment fee of \$200, in the case of a dealer or investment
1378 adviser, or \$50, in the case of an associated person. An
1379 associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the
1380 cost for the fingerprints to be processed by the office. Such
1381 fee shall be determined by rule of the commission. Such fees
1382 become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments
1383 provided for under s. 517.131(1) until such time as the
1384 Securities Guaranty Fund satisfies the statutory limits, and are
1385 not returnable in the event that registration is withdrawn or
1386 not granted.

1387 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1388 associated person required by paragraph (a) for an applicant
1389 who:

1390 1. Is or was an active duty member of the United States
1391 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
1392 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
1393 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
1394 from the United States Armed Forces;

1395 2. Is married to a current or former member of the United
1396 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
1397 any period of active duty; or

1398 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1399 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1400 time of death.

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1402 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a



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1403 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
1404 of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1405 (11) (a) If the office finds that the applicant is of good
1406 repute and character and has complied with the provisions of
1407 this chapter and the rules made pursuant hereto, it shall
1408 register the applicant. The registration of each dealer,
1409 investment adviser, and associated person expires on December 31
1410 of the year the registration became effective unless the
1411 registrant has renewed his or her registration on or before that
1412 date. Registration may be renewed by furnishing such information
1413 as the commission may require, together with payment of the fee
1414 required in paragraph (10) (a) subsection (10) for dealers,
1415 investment advisers, or associated persons and the payment of
1416 any amount lawfully due and owing to the office pursuant to any
1417 order of the office or pursuant to any agreement with the
1418 office. Any dealer, investment adviser, or associated person who
1419 has not renewed a registration by the time the current
1420 registration expires may request reinstatement of such
1421 registration by filing with the office, on or before January 31
1422 of the year following the year of expiration, such information
1423 as may be required by the commission, together with payment of
1424 the fee required in paragraph (10) (a) subsection (10) for
1425 dealers, investment advisers, or associated persons and a late
1426 fee equal to the amount of such fee. Any reinstatement of
1427 registration granted by the office during the month of January
1428 shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.

1429 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1430 associated person required by paragraph (10) (a) for a registrant
1431 renewing his or her registration who:



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1432 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1433 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1434 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1435 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1436 expiration date of the registration pursuant to paragraph (a).
1437 To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a former
1438 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
1439 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
1440 registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1441 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1442 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1443 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1444 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1445 surviving spouse's registration expiration date pursuant to
1446 paragraph (a).

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1448 A registrant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
1449 form prescribed by commission rule, that the registrant meets
1450 one of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1451 Section 42. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1452 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
1453 to that subsection, to read:

1454 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

1455 (3)

1456 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
1457 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1458 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1459 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1460 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving



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1461 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1462 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1463 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1464 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1465 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1466 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1467 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
1468 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
1469 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:;

1470 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1471 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1472 Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
1473 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1474 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1475 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1476 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1477 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1478 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1479 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1480 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1481 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1482 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1483 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1484 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1485 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1486 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1487 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1488 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1489 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.



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1490 (c) The department shall waive license renewal fees for a
1491 licensee who:

1492 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1493 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1494 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1495 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1496 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1497 licensee who is a former member of the United States Armed
1498 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1499 the annual renewal date must have received an honorable
1500 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States
1501 Armed Forces; or

1502 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1503 Armed Forces if such member was serving on active duty at the
1504 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1505 surviving spouse's renewal.

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1507 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1508 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
1509 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1510 Section 43. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
1511 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
1512 added to that subsection, to read:

1513 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

1514 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

1515 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
1516 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
1517 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
1518 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300



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1519 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
1520 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1521 States Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a
1522 veteran, a current member of the United States Armed Forces who
1523 has served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1524 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
1525 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1526 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1527 spouse or surviving spouse if the agency receives an
1528 application, in a format prescribed by the agency. The
1529 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1530 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
1531 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1532 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:
1533 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
1534 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1535 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1536 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
1537 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1538 to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by
1539 the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable
1540 form of identification as specified by the Department of
1541 Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1542 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1543 veteran at the time of discharge; or
1544 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that
1545 a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran holds a
1546 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
1547 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,



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1548 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
1549 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
1550 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
1551 or surviving spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the
1552 veteran at the time of discharge.

1553 (g) The agency shall waive license renewal fee for a
1554 licensee who:

1555 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1556 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1557 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
1558 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1559 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
1560 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United
1561 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1562 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
1563 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1564 States Armed Forces; or

1565 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1566 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1567 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1569 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
1570 by the agency, including the applicant's signature, under
1571 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1572 Section 44. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
1573 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is
1574 added to that subsection, to read:

1575 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
1576 application; exemption.-



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1577 (3)
1578 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1579 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1580 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1581 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1582 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1583 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1584 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1585 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1586 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1587 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1588 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1589 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
1590 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1591 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
1592 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1593 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1594 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1595 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
1596 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1597 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1598 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1599 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1600 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1601 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1602 veteran at the time of discharge; or
1603 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1604 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1605 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the



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1606 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1607 of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
1608 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1609 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1610 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1611 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1612 (c) The department shall waive registration renewal fees
1613 for a registrant who:

1614 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1615 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1616 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1617 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1618 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1619 registrant who is a former member of the United States Armed
1620 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1621 the biennial renewal date must have received an honorable
1622 discharge upon separation or discharge from the United States
1623 Armed Forces; or

1624 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1625 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1626 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1628 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1629 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1630 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1631 documentation.

1632 Section 45. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
1633 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
1634 added to that subsection, to read:



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1635 559.928 Registration.—

1636 (2)

1637 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
1638 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1639 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
1640 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
1641 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
1642 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
1643 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
1644 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
1645 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
1646 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
1647 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
1648 perjury, and supporting documentation, within 60 months after
1649 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
1650 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver: ~~7~~

1651 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1652 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1653 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1654 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1655 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must provide
1656 to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
1657 by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1658 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1659 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1660 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1661 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1662 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1663 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran



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1664 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1665 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1666 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1667 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1668 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1669 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1670 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1671 (d) The department shall waive the registration renewal fee
1672 for a registrant who:

1673 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1674 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1675 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces and
1676 served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the renewal
1677 date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this subparagraph, a
1678 registrant who is a former member of the United States Armed
1679 Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years preceding
1680 the annual registration renewal date must have received an
1681 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1682 States Armed Forces; or

1683 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United States
1684 Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at the
1685 time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the renewal.

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1687 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1688 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1689 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1690 documentation.

1691 Section 46. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection
1692 (5) of section 570.71, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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1693 570.71 Conservation easements and agreements.—
1694 (3) Rural-lands-protection easements shall be a perpetual
1695 right or interest in agricultural land which is appropriate to
1696 retain such land in predominantly its current state and to
1697 prevent the subdivision and conversion of such land into other
1698 uses. This right or interest in property shall prohibit only the
1699 following:
1700 (a) Construction or placing of buildings, roads, billboards
1701 or other advertising, utilities, or structures, except those
1702 structures and unpaved roads necessary for the agricultural
1703 operations on the land or structures necessary for other
1704 activities allowed under the easement, and except for linear
1705 facilities described in s. 704.06(11).~~†~~
1706 (b) Subdivision of the property.~~†~~
1707 (c) Dumping or placing of trash, waste, or offensive
1708 materials.~~†~~~~and~~
1709 (d) Activities that affect the natural hydrology of the
1710 land or that detrimentally affect water conservation, erosion
1711 control, soil conservation, or fish or wildlife habitat, except
1712 those required for environmental restoration; federal, state, or
1713 local government regulatory programs; or best management
1714 practices.
1715 (e) Construction of structures or other activities that are
1716 incompatible with the mission of a military installation, when
1717 the land lies within an area identified as a clear zone or an
1718 accident potential zone or within Military Influence Planning
1719 Area 1 or 2 as established in the Joint Land Use Study of such
1720 installation.
1721 (5) Agricultural protection agreements shall be for terms



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1722 of 30 years and will provide payments to landowners having
1723 significant natural areas on their land. Public access and
1724 public recreational opportunities may be negotiated at the
1725 request of the landowner.

1726 (a) For the length of the agreement, the landowner shall
1727 agree to prohibit all of the following:

1728 1. Construction or placing of buildings, roads, billboards
1729 or other advertising, utilities, or structures, except those
1730 structures and unpaved roads necessary for the agricultural
1731 operations on the land or structures necessary for other
1732 activities allowed under the easement, and except for linear
1733 facilities described in s. 704.06(11).~~†~~

1734 2. Subdivision of the property.~~†~~

1735 3. Dumping or placing of trash, waste, or offensive
1736 materials.~~†~~ ~~and~~

1737 4. Activities that affect the natural hydrology of the
1738 land, or that detrimentally affect water conservation, erosion
1739 control, soil conservation, or fish or wildlife habitat.

1740 5. Construction of structures or other activities that are
1741 incompatible with the mission of a military installation, when
1742 the land lies within an area identified as a clear zone or an
1743 accident potential zone or within Military Influence Planning
1744 Area 1 or 2 as established in the Joint Land Use Study of such
1745 installation.

1746 Section 47. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida
1747 Statutes, is amended to read:

1748 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
1749 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
1750 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.-



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1751 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
1752 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
1753 separated from service ~~retired~~ within 24 months before
1754 application for licensure, are exempt from the application
1755 filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must
1756 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1757 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1758 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~
1759 ~~document,~~ or a separation document that indicates such members
1760 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing
1761 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

1762 Section 48. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida
1763 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
1764 (6) is added to that section, to read:

1765 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1766 instruction.—

1767 (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1768 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1769 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1770 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1771 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1772 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1773 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1774 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1775 discharged.

1776 Section 49. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended
1777 to read:

1778 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1779 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except



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1780 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified
1781 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the
1782 date the application for a license is filed with the department
1783 he or she has:

1784 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life
1785 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the
1786 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1787 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1788 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1789 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1790 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life
1791 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the
1792 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1793 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1794 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1795 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as Chartered
1796 Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College of
1797 Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLMI)
1798 from the Life Management Institute;

1799 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another
1800 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state
1801 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1802 the state; or

1803 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1804 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who
1805 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
1806 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1807 employment with the department or office.

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1809 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
1810 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
1811 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
1812 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1813 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1814 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1815 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1816 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1817 Section 50. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended
1818 to read:

1819 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1820 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,
1821 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be
1822 qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately
1823 preceding the date the application for license is filed with the
1824 department he or she has:

1825 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in health
1826 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
1827 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
1828 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
1829 engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida
1830 Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the
1831 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et
1832 seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by
1833 employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

1834 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1835 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health
1836 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
1837 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include



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1838 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
1839 engaging in the business of insurance;

1840 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a
1841 Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare
1842 Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant
1843 (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;
1844 Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton
1845 School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance
1846 Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;

1847 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another
1848 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state
1849 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
1850 Florida; or

1851 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
1852 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who
1853 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
1854 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
1855 employment with the department or office.

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1857 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
1858 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
1859 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
1860 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1861 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1862 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1863 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1864 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1865 Section 51. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,
1866 Florida Statutes, to read:



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1867 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.-
1868 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1869 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1870 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1871 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1872 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1873 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1874 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1875 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1876 discharged.

1877 Section 52. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,
1878 Florida Statutes, to read:

1879 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.-

1880 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1881 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1882 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1883 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1884 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1885 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1886 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1887 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1888 discharged.

1889 Section 53. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended
1890 to read:

1891 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter
1892 certifications.-

1893 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his
1894 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she
1895 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter



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1896 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:

1897 (a) Be active as a firefighter.

1898 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor
1899 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year
1900 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,
1901 which proof must be registered in an electronic database
1902 designated by the division.

1903 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1904 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course
1905 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed
1906 by rule.

1907 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1908 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course
1909 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.

1910 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or
1911 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4
1912 years he or she must:

1913 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or

1914 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of
1915 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.

1916 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified
1917 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as
1918 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety
1919 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment
1920 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.

1921 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"
1922 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a
1923 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within
1924 a 4-year period.



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1925 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the
1926 certificate or separation from employment.

1927 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer
1928 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements
1929 of this section.

1930 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,
1931 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer
1932 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the
1933 following grounds exists:

1934 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could
1935 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to
1936 the division.

1937 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any
1938 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

1939 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate
1940 issued by the division.

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1942 The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be
1943 extended to 12 months after discharge from military service if
1944 the military service does not exceed 3 years, but in no event
1945 more than 6 years from the date of issue or renewal, if
1946 applicable, for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1947 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran. A qualified
1948 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1949 card, military dependent identification card, military service
1950 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
1951 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
1952 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
1953 discharged.



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1954 Section 54. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,
1955 Florida Statutes, to read:

1956 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire
1957 College.—

1958 (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental
1959 expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire
1960 College for an active duty member of the United States Armed
1961 Forces, the spouse of such a member who was serving on active
1962 duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding
1963 the spouse attending the college, an honorably discharged
1964 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or
1965 surviving spouse of such a veteran. A qualified individual must
1966 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1967 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1968 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
1969 document that indicates such member is currently in good
1970 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1971 Section 55. Section 683.147, Florida Statutes, is created
1972 to read:

1973 683.147 Medal of Honor Day.—

1974 (1) March 25 of each year is designated as "Medal of Honor
1975 Day."

1976 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation
1977 designating March 25 as Medal of Honor Day and calling upon
1978 public officials, schools, private organizations, and all
1979 residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and
1980 honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who
1981 distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and
1982 gallantry during wartime, and at considerable risk to their own



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1983 lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed
1984 Forces.

1985 Section 56. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1986 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1987 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

1988 (1)

1989 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to provide
1990 students with technology-based educational opportunities to gain
1991 the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The school shall
1992 serve any student in the state who meets the profile for success
1993 in this educational delivery context and shall give priority to:

1994 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order to
1995 meet their educational goals, such as home education students
1996 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not
1997 have access to higher-level courses.

1998 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain a
1999 high school diploma at least one semester early.

2000 3. Students who are children of an active duty member of
2001 the United States Armed Forces who is not stationed in this
2002 state whose home of record or state of legal residence is
2003 Florida.

2004
2005 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall
2006 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on
2007 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission
2008 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for
2009 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and
2010 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high
2011 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.



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2012 Section 57. Subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida
2013 Statutes, is amended to read:

2014 1003.42 Required instruction.—

2015 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
2016 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
2017 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
2018 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
2019 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
2020 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
2021 approved methods of instruction, the following:

2022 (a) The history and content of the Declaration of
2023 Independence, including national sovereignty, natural law, self-
2024 evident truth, equality of all persons, limited government,
2025 popular sovereignty, and inalienable rights of life, liberty,
2026 and property, and how they form the philosophical foundation of
2027 our government.

2028 (b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the
2029 provisions of the Constitution of the United States and
2030 amendments thereto, with emphasis on each of the 10 amendments
2031 that make up the Bill of Rights and how the constitution
2032 provides the structure of our government.

2033 (c) The arguments in support of adopting our republican
2034 form of government, as they are embodied in the most important
2035 of the Federalist Papers.

2036 (d) Flag education, including proper flag display and flag
2037 salute.

2038 (e) The elements of civil government, including the primary
2039 functions of and interrelationships between the Federal
2040 Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school



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2041 districts, and special districts.

2042 (f) The history of the United States, including the period
2043 of discovery, early colonies, the War for Independence, the
2044 Civil War, the expansion of the United States to its present
2045 boundaries, the world wars, and the civil rights movement to the
2046 present. American history shall be viewed as factual, not as
2047 constructed, shall be viewed as knowable, teachable, and
2048 testable, and shall be defined as the creation of a new nation
2049 based largely on the universal principles stated in the
2050 Declaration of Independence.

2051 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
2052 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
2053 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
2054 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
2055 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
2056 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an
2057 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
2058 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
2059 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
2060 democratic values and institutions.

2061 (h) The history of African Americans, including the history
2062 of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to
2063 the development of slavery, the passage to America, the
2064 enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of
2065 African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall
2066 include the contributions of African Americans to American
2067 society.

2068 (i) The elementary principles of agriculture.

2069 (j) The true effects of all alcoholic and intoxicating



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2070 liquors and beverages and narcotics upon the human body and
2071 mind.
2072 (k) Kindness to animals.
2073 (l) The history of the state.
2074 (m) The conservation of natural resources.
2075 (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
2076 of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
2077 family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
2078 abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
2079 teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
2080 prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal
2081 health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and
2082 abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7
2083 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse
2084 component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition
2085 of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating
2086 violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy
2087 relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and
2088 abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating
2089 violence and abuse.
2090 (o) Such additional materials, subjects, courses, or fields
2091 in such grades as are prescribed by law or by rules of the State
2092 Board of Education and the district school board in fulfilling
2093 the requirements of law.
2094 (p) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United
2095 States.
2096 (q) The study of women's contributions to the United
2097 States.
2098 (r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the



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2099 United States economy.

2100 (s) A character-development program in the elementary
2101 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which
2102 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the
2103 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten
2104 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or
2105 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that
2106 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The
2107 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of
2108 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for
2109 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;
2110 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
2111 and cooperation. The character-development curriculum for grades
2112 9 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on
2113 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization
2114 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and
2115 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;
2116 conflict resolution, workplace ethics, and workplace law;
2117 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that
2118 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

2119 (t) In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that
2120 veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our
2121 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
2122 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,
2123 Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional
2124 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
2125 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

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2127 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards



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2128 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
2129 character development program that incorporates the values of
2130 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
2131 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
2132 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
2133 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

2134 Section 58. Subsection (4) of section 1012.55, Florida
2135 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection
2136 (1) of that section, to read:

2137 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

2138 (1)

2139 (e)1. The department shall issue a 3-year temporary
2140 certificate in educational leadership under s. 1012.56(7) to an
2141 individual who:

2142 a. Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational
2143 Leadership Examination.

2144 b. Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military
2145 officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years.

2146 c. Was honorably discharged or has retired from the United
2147 States Armed Forces.

2148 d. Is employed full time in a position for which an
2149 educator certificate is required in a Florida public school,
2150 state-supported school, or nonpublic school that has a Level II
2151 program under s. 1012.562.

2152 2. A Level II program under s. 1012.562 must accept an
2153 applicant who holds a temporary certificate under subparagraph

2154 1. The department shall issue a permanent certification as a
2155 school principal to an individual who holds a temporary
2156 certificate under subparagraph 1. and successfully completes the



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2157 Level II program.

2158 (4) A commissioned or noncommissioned military officer who
2159 is an instructor of junior reserve officer training shall be
2160 exempt from requirements for teacher certification, except for
2161 the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32, if he or she
2162 meets the following qualifications:

2163 (a) Is retired from active military duty, pursuant to
2164 chapter 102 of Title 10 U.S.C.

2165 (b) Satisfies criteria established by the appropriate
2166 military service for certification by the service as a junior
2167 reserve officer training instructor.

2168 (c) Has an exemplary military record.

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2170 If such instructor is assigned instructional duties other than
2171 junior reserve officer training, he or she shall hold the
2172 certificate required by law and rules of the state board for the
2173 type of service rendered. An instructor of junior reserve
2174 officer training under this subsection may receive funding
2175 through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program
2176 under s. 1012.71.

2177 Section 59. Subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida
2178 Statutes, is amended to read:

2179 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

2180 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

2181 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional
2182 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant
2183 who fulfills one of the following:

2184 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).

2185 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6 through



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2186 12:
2187 a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h).
2188 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of
2189 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.
2190 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the
2191 advanced degree.
2192 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the teacher's
2193 performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part on
2194 student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized
2195 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International
2196 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate
2197 examination.
2198 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional
2199 education competency examination required by state board rule.
2200 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h) and
2201 completes a professional preparation and education competence
2202 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8) (c).
2203 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly
2204 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation
2205 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing
2206 score on the professional education competency examination in
2207 order to be awarded a professional certificate.
2208 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to
2209 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in
2210 paragraphs (2) (a)-(f) and completes the subject area content
2211 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates
2212 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and
2213 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the
2214 Department of Education at the level required for the subject



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2215 area specialization in state board rule.

2216 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year
2217 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional
2218 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's
2219 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for
2220 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language
2221 impairment.

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2223 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years
2224 and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph
2225 (2) (g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of
2226 employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are
2227 employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time
2228 period may continue to be employed through the end of the school
2229 year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall
2230 not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a
2231 position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond
2232 this time period if the individual has not met the requirement
2233 of paragraph (2) (g). At least 1 year before an individual's
2234 temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall
2235 electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or
2236 her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by
2237 which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be
2238 completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
2239 allow the department to extend the validity period of a
2240 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the
2241 professional certificate, not including the requirement in
2242 paragraph (2) (g), were not completed due to the serious illness
2243 or injury of the applicant, the military service of an



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2244 applicant's spouse, or other extraordinary extenuating
2245 circumstances. The rules must authorize the department to extend
2246 the validity period of a temporary certificate ~~or~~ for 1 year if
2247 the ~~temporary~~ certificateholder is rated effective or highly
2248 effective based solely on a student learning growth formula
2249 approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s.
2250 1012.34(8). The department shall reissue the temporary
2251 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the
2252 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of
2253 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school
2254 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab
2255 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or
2256 the governing authority of a private school.

2257 Section 60. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.59,
2258 Florida Statutes, to read:

2259 1012.59 Certification fees.—

2260 (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial
2261 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area
2262 examination fees and certification fees for:

2263 (a) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a reserve
2264 component thereof who is serving or has served on active duty or
2265 the spouse of such a member.

2266 (b) The surviving spouse of a member of the United States
2267 Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on
2268 active duty at the time of death.

2269 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
2270 Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who
2271 served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such
2272 a veteran.



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2273 Section 61. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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2275 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

2276 And the title is amended as follows:

2277 Delete everything before the enacting clause

2278 and insert:

2279 A bill to be entitled

2280 An act relating to military and veterans affairs;

2281 amending s. 83.49, F.S.; prohibiting a landlord from

2282 requiring a prospective tenant who is a servicemember

2283 to deposit or advance more than a certain amount of

2284 funds; amending s. 83.682, F.S.; providing an

2285 additional circumstance under which a servicemember

2286 may terminate a rental agreement; amending s. 197.572,

2287 F.S.; providing that the title to certain lands

2288 remains subject to an easement to prevent encroachment

2289 of military installations after a tax sale or the

2290 issuance of a tax certificate in foreclosure

2291 proceedings; creating s. 250.483, F.S.; providing

2292 requirements relating to licensure or qualification of

2293 persons ordered into active duty or state active duty;

2294 amending s. 288.980, F.S.; requiring the Florida

2295 Defense Support Task Force, rather than the Department

2296 of Economic Opportunity, to administer specified

2297 programs relating to military base retention; amending

2298 s. 288.987, F.S.; removing obsolete language;

2299 providing that the president of Enterprise Florida,

2300 Inc., is the executive director of the Florida Defense

2301 Support Task Force; providing that the chair of the



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2302 Florida Defense Alliance is an ex officio member of
2303 the task force; providing duties of Enterprise
2304 Florida, Inc., in connection with the task force;
2305 amending s. 295.187, F.S.; authorizing a state agency
2306 to set aside a certain amount of funds allocated for
2307 the procurement of personal property and services for
2308 contracts with certified veteran business enterprises;
2309 amending s. 295.21, F.S.; providing that a member of
2310 the board of directors for Florida is for Veterans,
2311 Inc., is eligible for reappointment under certain
2312 circumstances; amending s. 295.22, F.S.; revising
2313 provisions relating to receiving training grants from
2314 Florida is for Veterans, Inc.; amending s. 446.041,
2315 F.S.; providing duties of the Department of Education;
2316 amending s. 446.081, F.S.; providing construction;
2317 amending s. 455.02, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2318 Business and Professional Regulation to waive certain
2319 fees; amending s. 456.024, F.S.; revising licensure
2320 eligibility requirements; providing an exemption from
2321 certain penalties; amending ss. 472.015, 472.016,
2322 493.6105, 493.6107, and 493.6113, F.S.; requiring the
2323 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
2324 waive certain fees; amending ss. 494.00312 and
2325 494.00313, F.S.; requiring the Office of Financial
2326 Regulation to waive certain fees; amending s. 497.140,
2327 F.S.; providing an exemption from a certain fee;
2328 amending s. 497.141, F.S.; providing an exemption from
2329 a certain fee; amending ss. 497.281, 497.368, 497.369,
2330 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, and 497.375, F.S.;



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2331 providing exemptions from certain fees; creating s.
2332 497.393, F.S.; authorizing the licensing authority to
2333 recognize certain military-issued credentials for
2334 purposes of licensure; amending ss. 497.453, 497.466,
2335 and 497.554, F.S.; providing exemptions from certain
2336 fees; amending s. 497.602, F.S.; providing an
2337 exemption from an application fee; authorizing the
2338 licensing authority to recognize certain military-
2339 issued credentials for purposes of licensure; amending
2340 s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2341 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive a
2342 registration fee; amending ss. 501.605, 501.607,
2343 501.609, and 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2344 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
2345 fees for certain licensees; amending s. 517.12, F.S.;
2346 requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to waive
2347 certain fees; amending ss. 527.02 and 539.001, F.S.;
2348 waiving certain licensing fees; amending ss. 559.904
2349 and 559.928, F.S.; requiring the Department of
2350 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
2351 registration fees; amending s. 570.71, F.S.;
2352 prohibiting certain construction or activities that
2353 are incompatible with the mission of a military
2354 installation on certain land under a rural-lands-
2355 protection easement; amending s. 626.171, F.S.;
2356 revising fee waiver qualification requirements for
2357 certain applicants; amending ss. 626.732, 626.7851,
2358 626.8311, 626.8417, and 626.927, F.S.; revising
2359 prelicensure course requirements for certain



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2360 applicants; amending s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an
2361 extension for firefighter certification renewal for
2362 certain persons; amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring
2363 the Division of State Fire Marshal to waive certain
2364 expenses associated with attending the Florida State
2365 Fire College; creating s. 683.147, F.S.; designating
2366 March 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day";
2367 amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; revising the order of
2368 priority given to students seeking enrollment in the
2369 Florida Virtual School; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.;
2370 providing for a character development program that
2371 incorporates the values of the Congressional Medal of
2372 Honor; amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; requiring the State
2373 Board of Education to issue a temporary certificate in
2374 educational leadership to certain persons; revising
2375 certain exemptions from requirements for teacher
2376 certification for certain individuals; amending s.
2377 1012.56, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education
2378 to adopt certain rules; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.;
2379 requiring the State Board of Education to waive
2380 certain fees; providing an effective date.