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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee Representative Ponder offered the following:

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Remove lines 804-887 and insert:

A member of the United States Armed Forces and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces seeking licensure as a funeral director or embalmer under this section shall submit to the licensing authority a certification that the military-issued credential reflects knowledge, training, and experience substantially similar to the requirements of this chapter for licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. The licensing authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to be used by persons seeking licensure under this section. The licensing authority may conduct an investigation and further

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inquiry of any person regarding any military-issued credential sought to be recognized.

Section 25. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

- (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.
- (n) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not to exceed \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the application fee when applying as an individual. To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

Section 26. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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- (2) PRENEED SALES AGENT LICENSE; APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—
- The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$150 if made through the department's online licensing system or \$175 if made using paper forms. Payment of either fee shall entitle the applicant to one initial appointment without payment of further fees by the preneed sales agent or the appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales agent license is issued. The licensing authority may from time to time increase such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

Section 27. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.-
- (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—Licensure as a monument establishment sales agent shall be by submission of an application for licensure to the department on a form prescribed

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by rule.

(e) The monument establishment sales agent application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.

To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

Section 28. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) and subsection (4) of section 497.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing procedures and criteria; regulation.—

- (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES. -
- (i) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$300. The licensing authority may from time to time increase the fee by rule but not to exceed more than \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding application

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ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Upon approval of the application by the licensing authority, the license shall be issued. The licensing authority shall recognize military-issued credentials relating to funeral and cemetery services for purposes of licensure as a direct disposer. A member of the United States Armed Forces and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces seeking licensure as a direct disposer under this section shall submit to the licensing authority a certification that the military-issued credential reflects knowledge, training, and experience substantially similar to the requirements of this chapter for licensure as a direct disposer. The licensing authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to be used by members and veterans of the US Armed Forces seeking licensure under this section. The licensing authority may conduct investigation and further inquiry of any person regarding any military-issued credential sought to be recognized.

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