

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to military and veterans affairs;
3 creating s. 250.483, F.S.; providing requirements
4 relating to licensure or qualification of persons
5 ordered into active duty or state active duty;
6 amending s. 446.041, F.S.; providing duties of the
7 Department of Education; amending s. 446.081, F.S.;
8 providing construction; amending s. 455.02, F.S.;
9 requiring the Department of Business and Professional
10 Regulation to waive certain fees; amending s. 456.024,
11 F.S.; revising licensure eligibility requirements;
12 providing an exemption from certain penalties;
13 amending ss. 472.015, 472.016, 493.6105, 493.6107, and
14 493.6113, F.S.; requiring the Department of
15 Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
16 fees; amending ss. 494.00312 and 494.00313, F.S.;
17 requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to waive
18 certain fees; amending s. 497.140, F.S.; providing an
19 exemption from a certain fee; amending s. 497.141,
20 F.S.; providing an exemption from a certain fee;
21 amending s. 497.142, F.S.; requiring the licensing
22 authority to waive fingerprinting requirements for
23 certain individuals; amending ss. 497.281, 497.368,
24 497.369, 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, and
25 497.375, F.S.; providing exemptions from certain fees;

26 | creating s. 497.393, F.S.; authorizing the licensing
27 | authority to recognize certain military-issued
28 | credentials for purposes of licensure; amending ss.
29 | 497.453, 497.466, and 497.554, F.S.; providing
30 | exemptions from certain fees; amending s. 497.602,
31 | F.S.; providing an exemption from an application fee;
32 | authorizing the licensing authority to recognize
33 | certain military-issued credentials for purposes of
34 | licensure; amending s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the
35 | Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
36 | waive a registration fee; amending ss. 501.605,
37 | 501.607, 501.609, and 507.03, F.S.; requiring the
38 | Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
39 | waive certain fees for certain licensees; amending s.
40 | 517.12, F.S.; requiring the Office of Financial
41 | Regulation to waive certain fees; amending ss. 527.02
42 | and 539.001, F.S.; waiving certain licensing fees;
43 | amending ss. 559.904 and 559.928, F.S.; requiring the
44 | Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
45 | waive certain registration fees; amending ss. 626.025,
46 | 626.171, 626.172, 626.202, 626.292, and 626.321, F.S.;
47 | requiring the Department of Financial Services to
48 | waive certain fingerprinting requirements; amending
49 | ss. 626.732, 626.7355, 626.7851, 626.8311, and
50 | 626.8417, F.S.; revising prelicensure course

51 requirements for certain applicants; amending ss.
52 626.8732 and 626.8734, F.S.; requiring the Department
53 of Financial Services to waive certain fingerprinting
54 requirements; amending ss. 626.927 and 626.9272;
55 providing that prelicensure course requirements are
56 not required for certain applicants; amending s.
57 626.9912, F.S.; requiring the department to waive
58 certain fingerprinting requirements; amending ss.
59 633.304 and 633.332, F.S.; authorizing the Division of
60 State Fire Marshal to extend the period within which
61 reexamination for certain certifications is not
62 required for certain persons; amending s. 633.412,
63 F.S.; requiring the Department of Financial Services
64 to waive fingerprinting requirements for certain
65 persons; s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an extension
66 for firefighter certification renewal for certain
67 persons; amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring the
68 Division of State Fire Marshal to waive certain
69 expenses associated with attending the Florida State
70 Fire College; amending ss. 648.34 and 648.355, F.S.;
71 requiring the Department of Financial Services to
72 waive certain fingerprinting requirements; creating s.
73 683.147, F.S.; designating March 25 of each year as
74 "Medal of Honor Day"; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.;
75 revising priority of Florida Virtual Schools; amending

76 s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing for a character
77 development program that incorporates the values of
78 the Congressional Medal of Honor; amending s. 1012.55,
79 F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to issue
80 a temporary certificate in educational leadership to
81 certain persons; revising certain exemptions from
82 requirements for teacher certification for certain
83 individuals; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; requiring the
84 State Board of Education to adopt certain rules;
85 amending s. 1012.59, F.S.; requiring the State Board
86 of Education to waive certain fees; providing an
87 effective date.

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89 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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91 Section 1. Section 250.483, Florida Statutes, is created
92 to read:

93 250.483 Active duty; licensure or qualification.—

94 (1) If a member of the Florida National Guard or the
95 United States Armed Forces Reserves seeking licensure or
96 qualification for a trade, occupation, or profession is ordered
97 into state active duty or into active duty as defined in this
98 chapter, and his or her period of training, study,
99 apprenticeship, or practical experience is interrupted or the
100 start thereof is delayed, he or she is entitled to licensure or

101 qualification under the laws covering his or her licensure or
 102 qualification at the time of entrance into active duty pursuant
 103 to subsection (2).

104 (2) A board of examiners or other qualification board
 105 regulated under general law shall accept periods of training and
 106 practical experience in the Florida National Guard or the United
 107 States Armed Forces Reserves in place of the interrupted or
 108 delayed periods of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical
 109 experience if the board finds the standard and type of work or
 110 training performed in the Florida National Guard or the United
 111 States Armed Forces Reserves to be substantially the same as the
 112 standard and type required under the laws of this state.

113 (3) A member of the National Guard or the United States
 114 Armed Forces Reserves must request licensure or qualification
 115 pursuant to this section by the respective board of examiners or
 116 other qualification board within 6 months after release from
 117 active duty with the Florida National Guard or the United States
 118 Armed Forces Reserves.

119 Section 2. Subsections (7) through (12) of section
 120 446.041, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8)
 121 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to
 122 that section, to read:

123 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.—

124 The department shall:

125 (7) Lead and coordinate outreach efforts to educate

126 veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities.

127 Section 3. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081,
128 Florida Statutes, to read:

129 446.081 Limitation.—

130 (4) Nothing in ss. 446.011-446.092 or in any rules adopted
131 or contained in any approved apprentice agreement under such
132 sections invalidates any special provision for veterans,
133 minority persons, or women in the standards, qualifications, or
134 operation of the apprenticeship program which is not otherwise
135 prohibited by any applicable general law, rule, or regulation.

136 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 455.02,
137 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

138 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good
139 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with
140 administrative boards or programs.—

141 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
142 ~~United States~~ now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time
143 of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any of the
144 boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 and was entitled to
145 practice or engage in his or her profession or occupation
146 ~~ocation~~ in the state shall be kept in good standing by the
147 applicable board or program, without registering, paying dues or
148 fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be
149 performed, as long as he or she is a member of the United States
150 Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on active duty and for a

151 | period of 2 years after discharge from active duty ~~as a member~~
152 | ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he or she is not~~
153 | ~~engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the~~
154 | ~~private sector for profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for
155 | a period of 2 years after discharge from active duty, engaged in
156 | his or her licensed profession or occupation in the private
157 | sector for profit in this state must complete all license
158 | renewal provisions except remitting the license renewal fee,
159 | which shall be waived by the department.

160 | (2) A spouse of a member of the ~~Armed Services of the~~
161 | United States Armed Forces who is married to a member during a
162 | period of active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at
163 | the time of death was serving on active duty, who is in good
164 | standing with any of the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165
165 | shall be kept in good standing by the applicable board or
166 | program as described in subsection (1) and shall be exempt from
167 | licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of his or her
168 | absence from the state because of his or her spouse's duties
169 | with the United States Armed Forces. The department or the
170 | appropriate board or program shall waive any license renewal fee
171 | for such spouse when he or she is present in this state because
172 | of such member's active duty and for a surviving spouse of a
173 | member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
174 | died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

175 | Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and

176 paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida
 177 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
 178 section, to read:

179 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
 180 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

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

183 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in
 184 the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve
 185 Forces, or the National Guard;

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

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

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 194 The department shall develop an application form, and each
 195 board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the
 196 application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for
 197 such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care
 198 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.
 199 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or
 200 part IV of chapter 468.

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

203 1. Submits a complete application.

204 2. If he or she is a member of the United States Armed
 205 Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard,
 206 submits proof that he or she has received an honorable discharge
 207 within 6 months before, or will receive an honorable discharge
 208 within 6 months after, the date of submission of the
 209 application.

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

215 b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession
 216 for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required
 217 to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she
 218 submits to the department evidence of military training or
 219 experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for
 220 licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he
 221 or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate
 222 examination of a national or regional standards organization if
 223 required for licensure in this state; or

224 c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the
 225 United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in

226 a profession, ~~excluding dentistry,~~ for which licensure in
227 another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she
228 submits to the department evidence of training or experience
229 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
230 this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has
231 obtained a passing score on the appropriate examination of a
232 national or regional standards organization if required for
233 licensure in this state.

234 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of
235 submission of the application, the subject of a disciplinary
236 proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license
237 or by the United States Department of Defense for reasons
238 related to the practice of the profession for which he or she is
239 applying.

240 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she
241 is applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of
242 the application.

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

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247 The department shall verify information submitted by the
248 applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
249 Data Bank.

250 (4)

251 ~~(j) An applicant who is issued a temporary professional~~
252 ~~license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must~~
253 ~~practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s.~~
254 ~~466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466.~~

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

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

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

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

268 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
269 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

270 472.015 Licensure.—

271 (3)

272 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
273 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
274 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
275 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served

276 on active duty or the spouse of such a member, the surviving
277 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died
278 while serving on active duty, or a business entity that has a
279 majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving
280 spouse if the department receives an application, in a format
281 prescribed by the department. The application format must
282 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
283 supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the~~
284 ~~veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed~~
285 ~~Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

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

290 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
291 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
292 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
293 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
294 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
295 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
296 veteran at the time of discharge; or

297 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
298 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
299 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
300 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department

301 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
302 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
303 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
304 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
305 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

306 Section 7. Section 472.016, Florida Statutes, is amended
307 to read:

308 472.016 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with the
309 board.—

310 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
311 ~~United States~~ who is now or in the future on active duty and
312 who, at the time of becoming such a member of the United States
313 Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled
314 to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state
315 shall be kept in good standing by the board, without
316 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on
317 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a
318 member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on
319 active duty and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge
320 from active duty, ~~provided that he or she is not engaged in the~~
321 ~~practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for~~
322 profit. A member, during active duty and for a period of 2 years
323 after discharge from active duty, engaged in the practice of
324 surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this
325 state must complete all licensure renewal provisions except

326 remitting the license renewal fee, which shall be waived by the
327 department.

328 (2) The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of
329 members of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~
330 from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence
331 from the state because of their spouses' duties with the United
332 States Armed Forces. The department or the appropriate board or
333 program shall waive any license renewal fee for the spouse of a
334 member of the United States Armed Forces when such member is
335 present in this state because of the member's active duty with
336 the United States Armed Forces, and for the surviving spouse of
337 a member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
338 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

339 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida
340 Statutes, is amended to read:

341 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

342 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
343 corporation, shall file with the department a complete
344 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
345 except that an ~~the~~ applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G"
346 license is not required to submit an application fee. An
347 application fee is not required for an applicant who qualifies
348 for the fee waiver in s. 493.6107(6). The application fee is not
349 refundable.

350 (a) The application submitted by any individual, partner,

351 or corporate officer must be approved by the department before
 352 the individual, partner, or corporate officer assumes his or her
 353 duties.

354 (b) Individuals who invest in the ownership of a licensed
 355 agency but do not participate in, direct, or control the
 356 operations of the agency are not required to file an
 357 application.

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

368 Section 9. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida
 369 Statutes, is amended to read:

370 493.6107 Fees.—

371 (6) The initial application ~~license~~ fee for a veteran, as
 372 defined in s. 1.01, the spouse or surviving spouse of such
 373 veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 374 served on active duty, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such
 375 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and

376 died within the 2 years preceding the initial application, shall
377 be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC,"
378 Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class
379 "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license in a format
380 prescribed by the department. The application format must
381 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
382 supporting documentation ~~Class "M" or Class "K" license within~~
383 ~~24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United~~
384 ~~States Armed Forces.~~ An eligible veteran must include a copy of
385 his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
386 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
387 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
388 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.
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390 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
391 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
392 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

393 Section 10. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6113,
394 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

395 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.—

396 (7) The department shall waive the respective fees for a
397 licensee who:

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

400 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces

401 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
402 expiration date of the license. A licensee who is a former
403 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
404 duty within the 2 years preceding the application must have
405 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
406 from the United States Armed Forces; or

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

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

415 Section 11. Subsection (8) is added to section 494.00312,
416 Florida Statutes, to read:

417 494.00312 Loan originator license.—

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

420 (a) Is or was an active duty member of the United States
421 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
422 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
423 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
424 from the United States Armed Forces;

425 (b) Is married to a current or former member of the United

426 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
 427 any period of active duty; or

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

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

435 Section 12. Subsection (4) is added to section 494.00313,
 436 Florida Statutes, to read:

437 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.—

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

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

442 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 443 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 444 expiration date of the license pursuant to s. 494.00312(7). To
 445 qualify for the fee waiver, a loan originator who is a former
 446 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
 447 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
 448 license must have received an honorable discharge upon
 449 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

450 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United

451 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
452 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
453 surviving spouse's license expiration date pursuant to s.
454 494.00312(7).

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

459 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
460 497.140, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

461 497.140 Fees.—

462 (6)(a)1. The department shall impose, upon initial
463 licensure and each renewal thereof, a special unlicensed
464 activity fee of \$5 per licensee, in addition to all other fees
465 provided for in this chapter. Such fee shall be used by the
466 department to fund efforts to identify and combat unlicensed
467 activity which violates this chapter. Such fee shall be in
468 addition to all other fees collected from each licensee and
469 shall be deposited in a separate account of the Regulatory Trust
470 Fund; however, the department is not limited to the funds in
471 such an account for combating improper unlicensed activity in
472 violation of this chapter.

473 2. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
474 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
475 who separated from service within 2 years preceding the

476 application for licensure are exempt from the special unlicensed
 477 activity fee associated with initial licensure. To qualify for
 478 the fee exemption under this subparagraph, a licensee must
 479 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 480 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 481 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 482 document that indicates such member is currently in good
 483 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

484 Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 497.141, Florida
 485 Statutes, is amended to read:

486 497.141 Licensing; general application procedures.—

487 (4) Before the issuance of any license, the department
 488 shall collect such initial fee as specified by this chapter or,
 489 where authorized, by rule of the board, unless an applicant is
 490 exempted as specified by this chapter. Upon receipt of a
 491 completed application and the appropriate fee, and certification
 492 by the board that the applicant meets the applicable
 493 requirements of law and rules, the department shall issue the
 494 license applied for. However, an applicant who is not otherwise
 495 qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely
 496 based on a passing score on a required examination.

497 Section 15. Subsection (12) of section 497.142, Florida
 498 Statutes, is amended to read:

499 497.142 Licensing; fingerprinting and criminal background
 500 checks.—

501 (12) The licensing authority may by rule establish forms,
502 procedures, and fees for the submission and processing of
503 fingerprints required to be submitted in accordance with this
504 chapter. The licensing authority may by rule waive the
505 requirement for submission of fingerprints otherwise required by
506 this chapter if the person has within the preceding 24 months
507 submitted fingerprints to the licensing authority and the
508 licensing authority has obtained a criminal history report
509 utilizing those prior fingerprints. The cost for the fingerprint
510 processing shall be paid to the Department of Law Enforcement
511 and may be borne by the Department of Financial Services, the
512 employer, or the person subject to the background check. The
513 licensing authority shall waive fingerprint requirements if the
514 licensee is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
515 Armed Forces if he or she applies for licensure within 2 years
516 after discharge.

517 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 497.281, Florida
518 Statutes, is amended to read:

519 497.281 Licensure of brokers of burial rights.—

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

526 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
 527 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 528 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 529 application for licensure are exempt from the initial license
 530 fee. To qualify for the initial license fee exemption, an
 531 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
 532 military dependent identification card, military service record,
 533 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
 534 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
 535 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

536 Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
 537 (3) of section 497.368, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

538 497.368 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by
 539 examination; provisional license.—

540 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an embalmer
 541 shall apply to the licensing authority to take the licensure
 542 examination. The licensing authority shall examine each
 543 applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the
 544 licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual per
 545 applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of the
 546 examination and who has:

547 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
 548 nonrefundable application fee set by the licensing authority not
 549 to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
 550 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces

551 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
552 application for licensure, are exempt from the application fee.
553 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
554 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
555 dependent identification card, military service record, military
556 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
557 document that indicates such member is currently in good
558 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

559 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
560 internship and has been approved for examination as an embalmer
561 may qualify for a provisional license to work in a licensed
562 funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of a
563 licensed embalmer for a limited period of 6 months as provided
564 by rule of the licensing authority. The fee for provisional
565 licensure shall be set by rule of the licensing authority, but
566 may not exceed \$200, and shall be nonrefundable and in addition
567 to the fee required in subsection (1). This provisional license
568 may be renewed no more than one time. A member of the United
569 States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the
570 United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the
571 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
572 initial provisional licensure fee. To qualify for the initial
573 provisional licensure fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
574 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
575 identification card, military service record, military personnel

576 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
577 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
578 veteran was honorably discharged.

579 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
580 (5) of section 497.369, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

581 497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by
582 endorsement; licensure of a temporary embalmer.—

583 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
584 endorsement to practice embalming to an applicant who has
585 remitted an examination fee set by rule of the licensing
586 authority not to exceed \$200 and who the licensing authority
587 certifies:

588 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
589 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
590 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
591 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
592 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
593 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
594 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
595 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
596 card, military dependent identification card, military service
597 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
598 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
599 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
600 discharged.

601 (5) (a) There may be adopted by the licensing authority
602 rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of
603 paragraphs (1) (b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to
604 take the examination required by subsection (4) to be licensed
605 as a temporary licensed embalmer. A temporary licensed embalmer
606 may work as an embalmer in a licensed funeral establishment
607 under the general supervision of a licensed embalmer. Such
608 temporary license shall expire 60 days after the date of the
609 next available examination required under subsection (4);
610 however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the
611 same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for issuance or
612 renewal of an embalmer temporary license shall be set by rule of
613 the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee
614 required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in
615 addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

616 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
617 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
618 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
619 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
620 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
621 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
622 military dependent identification card, military service record,
623 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
624 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
625 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

626 Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 497.370, Florida
 627 Statutes, is amended to read:

628 497.370 Embalmers; licensure of an embalmer intern.-

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

633 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
 634 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 635 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 636 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
 637 To qualify for the application fee exemption under this
 638 paragraph, an applicant must provide a copy of a military
 639 identification card, military dependent identification card,
 640 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
 641 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
 642 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
 643 honorably discharged.

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 645 The application shall indicate the name and address of the
 646 licensed embalmer under whose supervision the intern will
 647 receive training and the name of the licensed funeral
 648 establishment or centralized embalming facility where such
 649 training is to be conducted. The embalmer intern shall intern
 650 under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer who has an

651 active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.

652 Section 20. Section 497.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
653 to read:

654 497.371 Embalmers; establishment of embalmer apprentice
655 program.—

656 (1) The licensing authority adopts rules establishing an
657 embalmer apprentice program. An embalmer apprentice may perform
658 only those tasks, functions, and duties relating to embalming
659 which are performed under the direct supervision of an embalmer
660 who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.
661 An embalmer apprentice is eligible to serve in an apprentice
662 capacity for a period not to exceed 3 years as may be determined
663 by licensing authority rule or for a period not to exceed 5
664 years if the apprentice is enrolled in and attending a course in
665 mortuary science or funeral service education at any mortuary
666 college or funeral service education college or school. An
667 embalmer apprentice shall be issued a license upon payment of a
668 licensure fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not
669 to exceed \$200.

670 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
671 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
672 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
673 application for licensure are exempt from the licensure fee. To
674 qualify for the licensure fee exemption under this subsection,
675 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification

676 card, military dependent identification card, military service
677 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
678 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
679 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
680 discharged.

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682 An applicant for the embalmer apprentice program may not be
683 issued a license unless the licensing authority determines that
684 the applicant is of good character and has not demonstrated a
685 history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or
686 professional matters.

687 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
688 (3) of section 497.373, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

689 497.373 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
690 by examination; provisional license.—

691 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a funeral
692 director shall apply to the licensing authority to take the
693 licensure examination. The licensing authority shall examine
694 each applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule
695 of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual
696 per applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of
697 the examination and who the licensing authority certifies has:

698 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
699 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
700 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States

701 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
702 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
703 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
704 application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
705 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
706 card, military dependent identification card, military service
707 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
708 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
709 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
710 discharged.

711 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
712 internship and has been approved for examination as a funeral
713 director may qualify for a provisional license to work in a
714 licensed funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of
715 a licensed funeral director for 6 months as provided by rule of
716 the licensing authority. However, a provisional licensee may
717 work under the general supervision of a licensed funeral
718 director upon passage of the laws and rules examination required
719 under paragraph (2) (b). The fee for provisional licensure shall
720 be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed
721 \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable
722 and in addition to the fee required by subsection (1). This
723 provisional license may be renewed no more than one time. A
724 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
725 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated

726 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
727 licensure are exempt from the initial provisional licensure fee.
728 To qualify for the initial provisional licensure fee exemption,
729 a licensee must provide a copy of a military identification
730 card, military dependent identification card, military service
731 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
732 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
733 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
734 discharged.

735 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
736 (5) of section 497.374, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

737 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
738 by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.-

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

743 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
744 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
745 authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
746 Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
747 States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
748 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
749 nonrefundable application fee. To qualify for the exemption, an
750 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,

751 military dependent identification card, military service record,
752 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
753 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
754 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

755 (5) There may be adopted rules authorizing an applicant
756 who has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and
757 who is awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required
758 by subsection (4) to obtain a license as a temporary funeral
759 director. A licensed temporary funeral director may work as a
760 funeral director in a licensed funeral establishment under the
761 general supervision of a funeral director licensed under
762 subsection (1) or s. 497.373. Such license shall expire 60 days
763 after the date of the next available examination required under
764 subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed
765 one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee
766 for initial issuance or renewal of a temporary license under
767 this subsection shall be set by rule of the licensing authority
768 but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection
769 shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in
770 subsection (1). A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
771 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
772 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
773 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
774 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
775 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,

776 military dependent identification card, military service record,
777 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
778 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
779 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

780 Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
781 497.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

782 497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director
783 intern.—

784 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director
785 intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed
786 by rule of the licensing authority, together with a
787 nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
788 exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
789 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
790 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
791 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
792 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
793 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
794 dependent identification card, military service record, military
795 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
796 document that indicates such member is currently in good
797 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

798 Section 24. Section 497.393, Florida Statutes, is created
799 to read:

800 497.393 Licensure; military-issued credentials for

801 licensure.—The licensing authority shall recognize military-
802 issued credentials relating to funeral and cemetery services for
803 purposes of licensure as a funeral director or embalmer.

804 Section 25. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section
805 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

806 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and
807 criteria; renewal; reports.—

808 (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

809 (n) The application shall be accompanied by a
810 nonrefundable fee as determined by licensing authority rule but
811 not to exceed \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
812 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
813 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
814 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
815 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
816 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
817 dependent identification card, military service record, military
818 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
819 document that indicates such member is currently in good
820 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

821 Section 26. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
822 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

823 497.466 Preneed sales agents, license required;
824 application procedures and criteria; appointment of agents;
825 responsibility of preneed licensee.—

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

827 (h) The application shall be accompanied by a
828 nonrefundable fee of \$150 if made through the department's
829 online licensing system or \$175 if made using paper forms.
830 Payment of either fee shall entitle the applicant to one initial
831 appointment without payment of further fees by the preneed sales
832 agent or the appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales
833 agent license is issued. The licensing authority may from time
834 to time increase such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of
835 the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a
836 veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from
837 service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure
838 are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for the
839 application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a
840 military identification card, military dependent identification
841 card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran
842 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
843 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
844 honorably discharged.

845 Section 27. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
846 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

847 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.—

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

851 by rule.

852 (e) The monument establishment sales agent application
853 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority
854 may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but
855 not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
856 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
857 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
858 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
859 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
860 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
861 dependent identification card, military service record, military
862 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
863 document that indicates such member is currently in good
864 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

865 Section 28. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) and subsection
866 (4) of section 497.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

867 497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing
868 procedures and criteria; regulation.—

869 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

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

876 for licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify
877 for the application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
878 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
879 identification card, military service record, military personnel
880 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
881 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
882 veteran was honorably discharged.

883 (4) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Upon approval of the application
884 by the licensing authority, the license shall be issued. The
885 licensing authority shall recognize military-issued credentials
886 relating to funeral and cemetery services for purposes of
887 licensure as a direct disposer.

888 Section 29. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
889 Statutes, is amended to read:

890 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
891 fees.—Each health studio shall:

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

895 (a) The department shall waive the initial registration
896 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
897 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
898 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
899 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
900 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces

901 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
902 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
903 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
904 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
905 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
906 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
907 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
908 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

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

913 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
914 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
915 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
916 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
917 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
918 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
919 veteran at the time of discharge; or

920 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
921 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
922 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
923 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
924 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
925 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if

926 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
927 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
928 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

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

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

933 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
934 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
935 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is
936 a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
937 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
938 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
939 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

940 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
941 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
942 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the date
943 of renewal.

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945 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
946 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
947 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
948 documentation.

949 Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
950 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

951 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and
952 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

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

955 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
956 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
957 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
958 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse
959 or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
960 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
961 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
962 United States Armed Forces if such member died while serving on
963 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
964 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
965 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
966 the department. The application format must include the
967 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
968 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
969 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
970 qualify for the waiver:7

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

975 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must

976 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 977 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 978 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 979 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 980 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 981 veteran at the time of discharge; or

982 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 983 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 984 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 985 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 986 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 987 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 988 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 989 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 990 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

991 Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 992 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

993 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—

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

996 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
 997 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
 998 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
 999 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
 1000 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall

1001 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged
 1002 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse or
 1003 surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
 1004 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
 1005 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
 1006 United States Armed Forces if the member died while serving on
 1007 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
 1008 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
 1009 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
 1010 the department. The application format must include the
 1011 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1012 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
 1013 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
 1014 qualify for the waiver:7

1015 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1016 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1017 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1018 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1019 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1020 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1021 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1022 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1023 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1024 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1025 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1026 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1027 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1028 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1029 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1030 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1031 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1032 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1033 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1034 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1035 Section 32. Subsection (5) is added to section 501.609,
1036 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1037 501.609 License renewal.—

1038 (5) The department shall waive the annual fee to renew for
1039 a licensee who:

1040 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1041 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1042 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
1043 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1044 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a licensee who is a
1045 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
1046 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
1047 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1048 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1049 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1050 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at

1051 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1052 renewal.

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 1054 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
 1055 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
 1056 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1057 Section 33. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1058 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
 1059 to that subsection, to read:

1060 507.03 Registration.—

1061 (3)

1062 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration
 1063 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 1064 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
 1065 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 1066 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
 1067 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1068 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
 1069 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
 1070 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
 1071 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
 1072 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1073 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
 1074 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1075 ~~of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:~~

1076 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1077 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1078 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1079 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1080 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
1081 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
1082 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1083 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1084 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1085 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1086 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1087 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1088 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1089 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1090 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1091 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1092 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1093 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1094 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1095 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1096 (c) The department shall waive the biennial fee to renew
1097 for a registrant who:

1098 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1099 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1100 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces

1101 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1102 expiration date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who
1103 is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served
1104 on active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date
1105 of the registration must have received an honorable discharge
1106 upon separation or discharge from the United States Armed
1107 Forces; or

1108 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1109 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1110 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1111 renewal.

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1113 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1114 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1115 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1116 documentation.

1117 Section 34. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 517.12,
1118 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1119 517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons,
1120 intermediaries, and investment advisers.—

1121 (10) (a) An applicant for registration shall pay an
1122 assessment fee of \$200, in the case of a dealer or investment
1123 adviser, or \$50, in the case of an associated person. An
1124 associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the
1125 cost for the fingerprints to be processed by the office. Such

1126 fee shall be determined by rule of the commission. Such fees
1127 become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments
1128 provided for under s. 517.131(1) until such time as the
1129 Securities Guaranty Fund satisfies the statutory limits, and are
1130 not returnable in the event that registration is withdrawn or
1131 not granted.

1132 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1133 associated person required by paragraph (a) for an applicant
1134 who:

1135 1. Is or was an active duty member of the United States
1136 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
1137 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
1138 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
1139 from the United States Armed Forces;

1140 2. Is married to a current or former member of the United
1141 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
1142 any period of active duty; or

1143 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1144 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1145 the time of death.

1146
1147 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
1148 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
1149 of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1150 (11) (a) If the office finds that the applicant is of good

1151 | repute and character and has complied with the provisions of
1152 | this chapter and the rules made pursuant hereto, it shall
1153 | register the applicant. The registration of each dealer,
1154 | investment adviser, and associated person expires on December 31
1155 | of the year the registration became effective unless the
1156 | registrant has renewed his or her registration on or before that
1157 | date. Registration may be renewed by furnishing such information
1158 | as the commission may require, together with payment of the fee
1159 | required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for dealers,
1160 | investment advisers, or associated persons and the payment of
1161 | any amount lawfully due and owing to the office pursuant to any
1162 | order of the office or pursuant to any agreement with the
1163 | office. Any dealer, investment adviser, or associated person who
1164 | has not renewed a registration by the time the current
1165 | registration expires may request reinstatement of such
1166 | registration by filing with the office, on or before January 31
1167 | of the year following the year of expiration, such information
1168 | as may be required by the commission, together with payment of
1169 | the fee required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for
1170 | dealers, investment advisers, or associated persons and a late
1171 | fee equal to the amount of such fee. Any reinstatement of
1172 | registration granted by the office during the month of January
1173 | shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.
1174 | (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1175 | associated person required by paragraph (10) (a) for a registrant

1176 renewing his or her registration who:

1177 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1178 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1179 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1180 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1181 expiration date of the registration pursuant to paragraph (a).

1182 To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a former
 1183 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
 1184 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
 1185 registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
 1186 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1187 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1188 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1189 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1190 surviving spouse's registration expiration date pursuant to
 1191 paragraph (a).

1192
 1193 A registrant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
 1194 form prescribed by commission rule, that the registrant meets
 1195 one of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1196 Section 35. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1197 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
 1198 to that subsection, to read:

1199 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

1200 (3)

1201 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
 1202 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 1203 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
 1204 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
 1205 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
 1206 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
 1207 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
 1208 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
 1209 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
 1210 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
 1211 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
 1212 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
 1213 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
 1214 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1215 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1216 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1217 Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
 1218 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1219 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1220 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1221 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1222 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1223 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1224 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1225 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1226 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1227 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
1228 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1229 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1230 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1231 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1232 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1233 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1234 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1235 (c) The department shall waive license renewal fees for a
1236 licensee who:

1237 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1238 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1239 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
1240 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1241 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
1242 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United
1243 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1244 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
1245 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1246 States Armed Forces; or

1247 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1248 States Armed Forces if such member was serving on active duty at
1249 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1250 surviving spouse's renewal.

1251
 1252 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
 1253 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
 1254 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1255 Section 36. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 1256 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
 1257 added to that subsection, to read:

1258 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

1259 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

1260 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
 1261 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
 1262 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
 1263 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300
 1264 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
 1265 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1266 States Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a
 1267 veteran, a current member of the United States Armed Forces who
 1268 has served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
 1269 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1270 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
 1271 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
 1272 spouse or surviving spouse if the agency receives an
 1273 application, in a format prescribed by the agency. The
 1274 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1275 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~

1276 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1277 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:⁷

1278 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
1279 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1280 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1281 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1282 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
1283 provide to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as
1284 issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1285 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1286 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1287 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1288 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1289 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that
1290 a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran holds a
1291 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
1292 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,
1293 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
1294 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
1295 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
1296 or surviving spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the
1297 veteran at the time of discharge.

1298 (g) The agency shall waive license renewal fee for a
1299 licensee who:

1300 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed

1301 Forces or the spouse of such member;
 1302 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
 1303 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1304 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
 1305 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United
 1306 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
 1307 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
 1308 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
 1309 States Armed Forces; or

1310 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1311 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1312 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1313 renewal.

1314
 1315 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
 1316 by the agency, including the applicant's signature, under
 1317 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1318 Section 37. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1319 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is
 1320 added to that subsection, to read:

1321 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
 1322 application; exemption.—

1323 (3)

1324 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration
 1325 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States

1326 | Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
1327 | a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
1328 | served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1329 | surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
1330 | if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1331 | entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1332 | spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
1333 | application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
1334 | application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1335 | penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
1336 | ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1337 | ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:
1338 | 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1339 | or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1340 | Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1341 | specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
1342 | 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
1343 | provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
1344 | as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
1345 | acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
1346 | of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
1347 | certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
1348 | veteran at the time of discharge; or
1349 | 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
1350 | that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran

1351 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
1352 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
1353 of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
1354 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
1355 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
1356 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
1357 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1358 (c) The department shall waive registration renewal fees
1359 for a registrant who:

1360 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1361 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1362 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
1363 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1364 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
1365 subparagraph, a registrant who is a former member of the United
1366 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1367 preceding the biennial renewal date must have received an
1368 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
1369 States Armed Forces; or

1370 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1371 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1372 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1373 renewal.

1374
1375 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format

1376 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1377 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1378 documentation.

1379 Section 38. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 1380 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
 1381 added to that subsection, to read:

1382 559.928 Registration.—

1383 (2)

1384 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration
 1385 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 1386 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
 1387 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 1388 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
 1389 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1390 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
 1391 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
 1392 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
 1393 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
 1394 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1395 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
 1396 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1397 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver: 7

1398 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1399 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1400 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as

1401 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1402 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1403 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1404 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1405 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1406 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1407 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1408 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1409 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1410 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1411 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1412 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1413 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1414 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1415 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1416 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1417 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1418 (d) The department shall waive the registration renewal
 1419 fee for a registrant who:

1420 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1421 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1422 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1423 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1424 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
 1425 subparagraph, a registrant who is a former member of the United

1426 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
1427 preceding the annual registration renewal date must have
1428 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
1429 from the United States Armed Forces; or

1430 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1431 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1432 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
1433 renewal.

1434

1435 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
1436 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
1437 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
1438 documentation.

1439 Section 39. Subsection (2) of section 626.025, Florida
1440 Statutes, is amended to read:

1441 626.025 Consumer protections.—To transact insurance,
1442 agents shall comply with consumer protection laws, including the
1443 following, as applicable:

1444 (2) Fingerprinting requirements for resident and
1445 nonresident agents, as required under s. 626.171 or s. 626.202.
1446 The department shall waive the fingerprinting requirement for an
1447 agent who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
1448 States Armed Forces if he or she applies for licensure within 2
1449 years after discharge.

1450 Section 40. Subsections (4) and (6) of section 626.171,

1451 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1452 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
1453 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
1454 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

1455 (4) An applicant for a license as an agent, customer
1456 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
1457 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary must submit a set of
1458 the individual applicant's fingerprints, or, if the applicant is
1459 not an individual, a set of the fingerprints of the sole
1460 proprietor, majority owner, partners, officers, and directors,
1461 to the department and must pay the fingerprint processing fee
1462 set forth in s. 624.501. Fingerprints shall be used to
1463 investigate the applicant's qualifications pursuant to s.
1464 626.201. The fingerprints shall be taken by a law enforcement
1465 agency, designated examination center, or other department-
1466 approved entity. The department shall require all designated
1467 examination centers to have fingerprinting equipment and to take
1468 fingerprints from any applicant or prospective applicant who
1469 pays the applicable fee. The department may not approve an
1470 application for licensure as an agent, customer service
1471 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
1472 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary if fingerprints have
1473 not been submitted. The department shall waive fingerprint
1474 requirements for an applicant who is an honorably discharged
1475 veteran of the United States Armed Forces if he or she applies

1476 for licensure within 2 years after discharge.

1477 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
1478 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
1479 separated from service ~~retired~~ within 24 months before
1480 application for licensure, are exempt from the application
1481 filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must
1482 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1483 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1484 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~
1485 ~~document,~~ or a separation document that indicates such members
1486 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing
1487 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

1488 Section 41. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
1489 626.172, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1490 626.172 Application for insurance agency license.—

1491 (2) An application for an insurance agency license must be
1492 signed by an individual required to be listed in the application
1493 under paragraph (a). An insurance agency may permit a third
1494 party to complete, submit, and sign an application on the
1495 insurance agency's behalf; however, the insurance agency is
1496 responsible for ensuring that the information on the application
1497 is true and correct and is accountable for any misstatements or
1498 misrepresentations. The application for an insurance agency
1499 license must include:

1500 (f) The fingerprints of each of the following:

- 1501 1. A sole proprietor;
- 1502 2. Each individual required to be listed in the
- 1503 application under paragraph (a); and
- 1504 3. Each individual who directs or participates in the
- 1505 management or control of an incorporated agency whose shares are
- 1506 not traded on a securities exchange.

1507

1508 Fingerprints must be taken by a law enforcement agency or other

1509 entity approved by the department and must be accompanied by the

1510 fingerprint processing fee specified in s. 624.501. Fingerprints

1511 must be processed in accordance with s. 624.34. However,

1512 fingerprints need not be filed for an individual who is

1513 currently licensed and appointed under this chapter. The

1514 department shall waive fingerprint requirements for an applicant

1515 who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States

1516 Armed Forces if he or she applies for licensure within 2 years

1517 after discharge. This paragraph does not apply to corporations

1518 whose voting shares are traded on a securities exchange.

1519 Section 42. Section 626.202, Florida Statutes, is amended

1520 to read:

1521 626.202 Fingerprinting requirements.—If there is a change

1522 in ownership or control of any entity licensed under this

1523 chapter, or if a new partner, officer, or director is employed

1524 or appointed, a set of fingerprints of the new owner, partner,

1525 officer, or director must be filed with the department or office

1526 within 30 days after the change. The acquisition of 10 percent
1527 or more of the voting securities of a licensed entity is
1528 considered a change of ownership or control. The fingerprints
1529 must be taken by a law enforcement agency or other department-
1530 approved entity and be accompanied by the fingerprint processing
1531 fee in s. 624.501. The department shall waive the fingerprint
1532 requirement if the owner, partner, officer, or director is an
1533 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1534 if he or she is employed or appointed within 2 years after
1535 discharge.

1536 Section 43. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
1537 626.292, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1538 626.292 Transfer of license from another state.—

1539 (2) To qualify for a license transfer, an individual
1540 applicant must meet the following requirements:

1541 (c) The individual must submit a completed application for
1542 this state which is received by the department within 90 days
1543 after the date the individual became a resident of this state,
1544 along with payment of the applicable fees set forth in s.
1545 624.501 and submission of the following documents:

1546 1. A certification issued by the appropriate official of
1547 the applicant's home state identifying the type of license and
1548 lines of authority under the license and stating that, at the
1549 time the license from the home state was canceled, the applicant
1550 was in good standing in that state or that the state's Producer

1551 Database records, maintained by the National Association of
1552 Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates, or subsidiaries,
1553 indicate that the agent or all-lines adjuster is or was licensed
1554 in good standing for the line of authority requested.

1555 2. A set of the applicant's fingerprints in accordance
1556 with s. 626.171(4). The department shall waive the fingerprint
1557 requirement for an applicant who is an honorably discharged
1558 veteran of the United States Armed Forces if he or she applies
1559 for a license transfer within 2 years after discharge.

1560 Section 44. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
1561 626.321, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1562 626.321 Limited licenses.—

1563 (1) The department shall issue to a qualified applicant a
1564 license as agent authorized to transact a limited class of
1565 business in any of the following categories of limited lines
1566 insurance:

1567 (c) Travel insurance.—License covering only policies and
1568 certificates of travel insurance which are subject to review by
1569 the office. Policies and certificates of travel insurance may
1570 provide coverage for risks incidental to travel, planned travel,
1571 or accommodations while traveling, including, but not limited
1572 to, accidental death and dismemberment of a traveler; trip or
1573 event cancellation, interruption, or delay; loss of or damage to
1574 personal effects or travel documents; damages to travel
1575 accommodations; baggage delay; emergency medical travel or

1576 evacuation of a traveler; or medical, surgical, and hospital
1577 expenses related to an illness or emergency of a traveler. Such
1578 policy or certificate may be issued for terms longer than 90
1579 days, but, other than a policy or certificate providing coverage
1580 for air ambulatory services only, each policy or certificate
1581 must be limited to coverage for travel or use of accommodations
1582 of no longer than 90 days. The license may be issued only:

1583 1. To a full-time salaried employee of a common carrier or
1584 a full-time salaried employee or owner of a transportation
1585 ticket agency and may authorize the sale of such ticket policies
1586 only in connection with the sale of transportation tickets, or
1587 to the full-time salaried employee of such an agent. Such policy
1588 may not be for more than 48 hours or more than the duration of a
1589 specified one-way trip or round trip.

1590 2. To an entity or individual that is:

1591 a. The developer of a timeshare plan that is the subject
1592 of an approved public offering statement under chapter 721;

1593 b. An exchange company operating an exchange program
1594 approved under chapter 721;

1595 c. A managing entity operating a timeshare plan approved
1596 under chapter 721;

1597 d. A seller of travel as defined in chapter 559; or

1598 e. A subsidiary or affiliate of any of the entities
1599 described in sub-subparagraphs a.-d.

1600 3. To a full-time salaried employee of a licensed general

1601 lines agent or a business entity that offers travel planning
1602 services if insurance sales activities authorized by the license
1603 are in connection with, and incidental to, travel.

1604 a. A license issued to a business entity that offers
1605 travel planning services must encompass each office, branch
1606 office, or place of business making use of the entity's business
1607 name in order to offer, solicit, and sell insurance pursuant to
1608 this paragraph.

1609 b. The application for licensure must list the name,
1610 address, and phone number for each office, branch office, or
1611 place of business that is to be covered by the license. The
1612 licensee shall notify the department of the name, address, and
1613 phone number of any new location that is to be covered by the
1614 license before the new office, branch office, or place of
1615 business engages in the sale of insurance pursuant to this
1616 paragraph. The licensee shall notify the department within 30
1617 days after the closing or terminating of an office, branch
1618 office, or place of business. Upon receipt of the notice, the
1619 department shall delete the office, branch office, or place of
1620 business from the license.

1621 c. A licensed and appointed entity is directly responsible
1622 and accountable for all acts of the licensee's employees and
1623 parties with whom the licensee has entered into a contractual
1624 agreement to offer travel insurance.

1625

1626 A licensee shall require each individual who offers policies or
 1627 certificates under subparagraph 2. or subparagraph 3. to receive
 1628 initial training from a general lines agent or an insurer
 1629 authorized under chapter 624 to transact insurance within this
 1630 state. For an entity applying for a license as a travel
 1631 insurance agent, the fingerprinting requirement of this section
 1632 applies only to the president, secretary, and treasurer and to
 1633 any other officer or person who directs or controls the travel
 1634 insurance operations of the entity. The department shall waive
 1635 the fingerprinting requirement for an individual who is an
 1636 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 1637 if he or she has been discharged within the previous 2 years.

1638 Section 45. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida
 1639 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
 1640 (6) is added to that section, to read:

1641 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
 1642 instruction.—

1643 (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
 1644 applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1645 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran.

1646 Section 46. Subsection (13) is added to section 626.7355,
 1647 Florida Statutes, to read:

1648 626.7355 Temporary license as customer representative
 1649 pending examination.—

1650 (13) Prelicensure customer representative educational

1651 course enrollment is not required for an applicant who is an
1652 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1653 or the spouse of such a veteran.

1654 Section 47. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended
1655 to read:

1656 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1657 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except
1658 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified
1659 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the
1660 date the application for a license is filed with the department
1661 he or she has:

1662 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life
1663 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the
1664 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1665 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1666 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1667 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
1668 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life
1669 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the
1670 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
1671 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
1672 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1673 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as
1674 Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College
1675 of Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute

1676 (FLMI) from the Life Management Institute;

1677 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another
 1678 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state
 1679 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
 1680 the state; or

1681 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
 1682 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who
 1683 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
 1684 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
 1685 employment with the department or office.

1686
 1687 Successful completion of prelicensure coursework is not required
 1688 for an applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the
 1689 United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran.

1690 Section 48. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1691 to read:

1692 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
 1693 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,
 1694 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be
 1695 qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately
 1696 preceding the date the application for license is filed with the
 1697 department he or she has:

1698 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in
 1699 health insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which
 1700 shall be on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include

1701 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
 1702 engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida
 1703 Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the
 1704 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et
 1705 seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by
 1706 employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

1707 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
 1708 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health
 1709 insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
 1710 on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
 1711 instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
 1712 engaging in the business of insurance;

1713 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a
 1714 Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare
 1715 Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant
 1716 (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;
 1717 Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton
 1718 School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance
 1719 Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;

1720 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another
 1721 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state
 1722 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
 1723 Florida; or

1724 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
 1725 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who

1726 | was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
 1727 | made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
 1728 | employment with the department or office.

1729 |
 1730 | Successful completion of prelicensure coursework is not required
 1731 | for an applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the
 1732 | United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran.

1733 | Section 49. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,
 1734 | Florida Statutes, to read:

1735 | 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.—

1736 | (7) Successful completion of prelicensure coursework is
 1737 | not required for an applicant who is an honorably discharged
 1738 | veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such
 1739 | a veteran.

1740 | Section 50. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 1741 | 626.8732, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1742 | 626.8732 Nonresident public adjuster's qualifications,
 1743 | bond.—

1744 | (2) The applicant shall furnish the following with his or
 1745 | her application:

1746 | (a) A complete set of his or her fingerprints. The
 1747 | applicant's fingerprints must be certified by an authorized law
 1748 | enforcement officer. The department may not authorize an
 1749 | applicant to take the required examination or issue a
 1750 | nonresident public adjuster's license to the applicant until the

1751 department has received a report from the Florida Department of
1752 Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative
1753 to the existence or nonexistence of a criminal history report
1754 based on the applicant's fingerprints. The department shall
1755 waive the fingerprint requirement for applicant who is an
1756 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1757 if he or she applies for licensure within 2 years after
1758 discharge.

1759 Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
1760 626.8734, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1761 626.8734 Nonresident all-lines adjuster license
1762 qualifications.—

1763 (2) The applicant must furnish the following with his or
1764 her application:

1765 (a) A complete set of his or her fingerprints. The
1766 applicant's fingerprints must be certified by an authorized law
1767 enforcement officer. The department shall waive the fingerprint
1768 requirement for an applicant who is an honorably discharged
1769 veteran of the United States Armed Forces if he or she applies
1770 for licensure within 2 years after discharge.

1771 Section 52. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,
1772 Florida Statutes, to read:

1773 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.—

1774 (7) Successful completion of prelicensure coursework is
1775 not required for an individual who is an honorably discharged

1776 veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such
 1777 a veteran.

1778 Section 53. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.9272,
 1779 Florida Statutes, to read:

1780 626.9272 Licensing of nonresident surplus lines agents.—

1781 (7) Successful completion of prelicensure coursework is
 1782 not required for an applicant who is an honorably discharged
 1783 veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the spouse of such
 1784 a veteran.

1785 Section 54. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section
 1786 626.9912, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1787 626.9912 Viatical settlement provider license required;
 1788 application for license.—

1789 (3) In the application, the applicant must provide all of
 1790 the following:

1791 (e) With respect to each individual identified under
 1792 paragraph (d):

1793 1. A sworn biographical statement on forms adopted by the
 1794 commission and supplied by the office.

1795 2. A set of fingerprints on forms prescribed by the
 1796 commission, certified by a law enforcement officer, and
 1797 accompanied by the fingerprinting fee specified in s. 624.501.

1798 The department shall waive the fingerprint requirement for an
 1799 applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1800 States Armed Forces if he or she applies for licensure within 2

1801 years after discharge.

1802 3. Authority for release of information relating to the
1803 investigation of the individual's background.

1804 Section 55. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
1805 633.304, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1806 633.304 Fire suppression equipment; license to install or
1807 maintain.—

1808 (4)

1809 (a) Such licenses and permits shall be issued by the
1810 division for 2 years beginning January 1, 2000, and each 2-year
1811 period thereafter and expiring December 31 of the second year.
1812 All licenses or permits issued will expire on December 31 of
1813 each odd-numbered year. The failure to renew a license or permit
1814 by December 31 of the second year will cause the license or
1815 permit to become inoperative. The holder of an inoperative
1816 license or permit may not engage in any activities for which a
1817 license or permit is required by this section. A license or
1818 permit which is inoperative because of the failure to renew it
1819 shall be restored upon payment of the applicable fee plus a
1820 penalty equal to the applicable fee, if the application for
1821 renewal is filed no later than the following March 31. The
1822 period within which reexamination is not required may, in the
1823 discretion of the department, be extended to 12 months after
1824 discharge from military service if the military service does not
1825 exceed 3 years, but in no event more than 6 years from the date

1826 of issue or renewal, if applicable, for licenses or permits held
 1827 by an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 1828 Forces or the spouse of such a veteran. A qualifying veteran and
 1829 the spouse of such veteran are not subject to the penalty fee.

1830 If the application for restoration is not made before the March
 1831 31st deadline, the fee for restoration shall be equal to the
 1832 original application fee and the penalty provided for herein,
 1833 and, in addition, the State Fire Marshal shall require
 1834 reexamination of the applicant. The fee for a license or permit
 1835 issued for 1 year or less shall be prorated at 50 percent of the
 1836 applicable fee for a biennial license or permit.

1837 Section 56. Subsection (1) of section 633.332, Florida
 1838 Statutes, is amended to read:

1839 633.332 Certificate; expiration; renewal; inactive
 1840 certificate; continuing education.—

1841 (1) Certificates shall expire every 2 years at midnight on
 1842 June 30. All certificates must be renewed every 2 years. The
 1843 failure to renew a certificate before June 30 shall cause the
 1844 certificate to become inoperative, and it is unlawful thereafter
 1845 for a person to engage, offer to engage, or hold herself or
 1846 himself out as engaging in contracting under the certificate
 1847 unless the certificate is restored or reissued. A certificate
 1848 which is inoperative because of failure to renew shall be
 1849 restored on payment of the proper renewal fee if the application
 1850 for restoration is made within 90 days after June 30. If the

1851 application for restoration is not made within the 90-day
1852 period, the fee for restoration must be equal to the original
1853 application fee, and, in addition, the State Fire Marshal must
1854 require examination or reexamination of the applicant. The
1855 period within which reexamination is not required may, in the
1856 discretion of the department, be extended to 12 months after
1857 discharge from military service if the military service does not
1858 exceed 3 years, but in no event more than 6 years from the date
1859 of issue or renewal, if applicable, for certificates held by an
1860 honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces
1861 or the spouse of such a veteran.

1862 Section 57. Subsection (3) of section 633.412, Florida
1863 Statutes, is amended to read:

1864 633.412 Firefighters; qualifications for certification.—A
1865 person applying for certification as a firefighter must:

1866 (3) Submit a set of fingerprints to the division with a
1867 current processing fee. The fingerprints will be forwarded to
1868 the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and
1869 forwarded by the Department of Law Enforcement to the Federal
1870 Bureau of Investigation for national processing. The department
1871 shall waive the fingerprint requirement for an applicant who is
1872 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
1873 Forces if he or she applies for certification within 2 years
1874 after discharge.

1875 Section 58. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended

1876 to read:

1877 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter
1878 certifications.—

1879 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his
1880 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she
1881 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter
1882 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:

1883 (a) Be active as a firefighter.

1884 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor
1885 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year
1886 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,
1887 which proof must be registered in an electronic database
1888 designated by the division.

1889 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1890 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course
1891 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed
1892 by rule.

1893 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
1894 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course
1895 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.

1896 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or
1897 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4
1898 years he or she must:

1899 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or

1900 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of

1901 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.

1902 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified
 1903 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as
 1904 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety
 1905 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment
 1906 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.

1907 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"
 1908 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a
 1909 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within
 1910 a 4-year period.

1911 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the
 1912 certificate or separation from employment.

1913 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer
 1914 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements
 1915 of this section.

1916 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,
 1917 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer
 1918 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the
 1919 following grounds exists:

1920 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could
 1921 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to
 1922 the division.

1923 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any
 1924 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

1925 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate

1926 | issued by the division.

1927 |

1928 | The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be
 1929 | extended for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1930 | States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran to 12 months
 1931 | after discharge from military service if the military service
 1932 | does not exceed 3 years, but in no event more than 6 years from
 1933 | the date of issue or renewal, if applicable.

1934 | Section 59. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,
 1935 | Florida Statutes, to read:

1936 | 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire
 1937 | College.—

1938 | (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental
 1939 | expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire
 1940 | College for an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1941 | Forces, the spouse of such a member who was serving on active
 1942 | duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding
 1943 | the spouse attending the college, an honorably discharged
 1944 | veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or
 1945 | surviving spouse of such a veteran.

1946 | Section 60. Subsection (4) of section 648.34, Florida
 1947 | Statutes, is amended to read:

1948 | 648.34 Bail bond agents; qualifications.—

1949 | (4) The applicant shall furnish, with his or her
 1950 | application, a complete set of his or her fingerprints and a

1951 recent credential-sized, fullface photograph of the applicant.
1952 The applicant's fingerprints shall be certified by an authorized
1953 law enforcement officer. The department shall not authorize an
1954 applicant to take the required examination until the department
1955 has received a report from the Department of Law Enforcement and
1956 the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to the existence or
1957 nonexistence of a criminal history report based on the
1958 applicant's fingerprints. The department shall waive the
1959 fingerprint requirement for an applicant who is an honorably
1960 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces if he or
1961 she applies for licensure within 2 years after discharge.

1962 Section 61. Subsection (4) of section 648.355, Florida
1963 Statutes, is amended to read:

1964 648.355 Temporary limited license as limited surety agent
1965 or professional bail bond agent; pending examination.—

1966 (4) The applicant shall furnish, with the application for
1967 temporary license, a complete set of the applicant's
1968 fingerprints and a recent credential-sized, fullface photograph
1969 of the applicant. The applicant's fingerprints shall be
1970 certified by an authorized law enforcement officer. The
1971 department shall not issue a temporary license under this
1972 section until the department has received a report from the
1973 Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of
1974 Investigation relative to the existence or nonexistence of a
1975 criminal history report based on the applicant's fingerprints.

1976 | The department shall waive the fingerprint requirement for an
 1977 | applicant who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1978 | States Armed Forces if he or she applies for licensure within 2
 1979 | years after discharge.

1980 | Section 62. Section 683.147, Florida Statutes, is created
 1981 | to read:

1982 | 683.147 Medal of Honor Day.—

1983 | (1) March 25 of each year is designated as "Medal of Honor
 1984 | Day."

1985 | (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation
 1986 | designating March 25 as Medal of Honor Day and calling upon
 1987 | public officials, schools, private organizations, and all
 1988 | residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and
 1989 | honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who
 1990 | distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and
 1991 | gallantry during wartime, and at considerable risk to their own
 1992 | lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed
 1993 | Forces.

1994 | Section 63. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 1995 | 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1996 | 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

1997 | (1)

1998 | (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to
 1999 | provide students with technology-based educational opportunities
 2000 | to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The

2001 school shall serve any student in the state who meets the
 2002 profile for success in this educational delivery context and
 2003 shall give priority to:

2004 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order
 2005 to meet their educational goals, such as home education students
 2006 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not
 2007 have access to higher-level courses.

2008 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain
 2009 a high school diploma at least one semester early.

2010 3. Students who are children of an active duty member of
 2011 the United States Armed Forces who is not stationed in this
 2012 state whose home of record or state of legal residence is
 2013 Florida.

2014
 2015 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall
 2016 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on
 2017 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission
 2018 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for
 2019 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and
 2020 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high
 2021 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.

2022 Section 64. Subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida
 2023 Statutes, is amended to read:

2024 1003.42 Required instruction.—

2025 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public

2026 | schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
2027 | and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
2028 | faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
2029 | highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
2030 | following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
2031 | approved methods of instruction, the following:

2032 | (a) The history and content of the Declaration of
2033 | Independence, including national sovereignty, natural law, self-
2034 | evident truth, equality of all persons, limited government,
2035 | popular sovereignty, and inalienable rights of life, liberty,
2036 | and property, and how they form the philosophical foundation of
2037 | our government.

2038 | (b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the
2039 | provisions of the Constitution of the United States and
2040 | amendments thereto, with emphasis on each of the 10 amendments
2041 | that make up the Bill of Rights and how the constitution
2042 | provides the structure of our government.

2043 | (c) The arguments in support of adopting our republican
2044 | form of government, as they are embodied in the most important
2045 | of the Federalist Papers.

2046 | (d) Flag education, including proper flag display and flag
2047 | salute.

2048 | (e) The elements of civil government, including the
2049 | primary functions of and interrelationships between the Federal
2050 | Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school

2051 districts, and special districts.

2052 (f) The history of the United States, including the period
2053 of discovery, early colonies, the War for Independence, the
2054 Civil War, the expansion of the United States to its present
2055 boundaries, the world wars, and the civil rights movement to the
2056 present. American history shall be viewed as factual, not as
2057 constructed, shall be viewed as knowable, teachable, and
2058 testable, and shall be defined as the creation of a new nation
2059 based largely on the universal principles stated in the
2060 Declaration of Independence.

2061 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
2062 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
2063 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
2064 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
2065 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
2066 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an
2067 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
2068 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
2069 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
2070 democratic values and institutions.

2071 (h) The history of African Americans, including the
2072 history of African peoples before the political conflicts that
2073 led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the
2074 enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of
2075 African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall

2076 | include the contributions of African Americans to American
 2077 | society.
 2078 | (i) The elementary principles of agriculture.
 2079 | (j) The true effects of all alcoholic and intoxicating
 2080 | liquors and beverages and narcotics upon the human body and
 2081 | mind.
 2082 | (k) Kindness to animals.
 2083 | (l) The history of the state.
 2084 | (m) The conservation of natural resources.
 2085 | (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts
 2086 | of community health; consumer health; environmental health;
 2087 | family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual
 2088 | abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of
 2089 | teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury
 2090 | prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal
 2091 | health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and
 2092 | abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7
 2093 | through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse
 2094 | component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition
 2095 | of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating
 2096 | violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy
 2097 | relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and
 2098 | abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating
 2099 | violence and abuse.
 2100 | (o) Such additional materials, subjects, courses, or

2101 fields in such grades as are prescribed by law or by rules of
2102 the State Board of Education and the district school board in
2103 fulfilling the requirements of law.

2104 (p) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United
2105 States.

2106 (q) The study of women's contributions to the United
2107 States.

2108 (r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the
2109 United States economy.

2110 (s) A character-development program in the elementary
2111 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which
2112 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the
2113 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten
2114 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or
2115 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that
2116 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The
2117 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of
2118 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for
2119 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;
2120 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
2121 and cooperation. The character-development curriculum for grades
2122 9 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on
2123 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization
2124 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and
2125 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;

2126 conflict resolution, workplace ethics, and workplace law;
 2127 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that
 2128 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

2129 (t) In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that
 2130 veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our
 2131 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
 2132 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,
 2133 Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional
 2134 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
 2135 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

2136
 2137 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
 2138 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
 2139 character development program that incorporates the values of
 2140 the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
 2141 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
 2142 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
 2143 initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

2144 Section 65. Subsection (4) of section 1012.55, Florida
 2145 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection
 2146 (1) of that section, to read:

2147 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

2148 (1)

2149 (e)1. The department shall issue a 3-year temporary
 2150 certificate in educational leadership under s. 1012.56(7) to an

- 2151 individual who:
- 2152 a. Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational
- 2153 Leadership Examination.
- 2154 b. Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military
- 2155 officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years.
- 2156 c. Was honorably discharged or has retired from the United
- 2157 States Armed Forces.
- 2158 d. Is employed full time in a position for which an
- 2159 educator certificate is required in a Florida public school,
- 2160 state-supported school, or nonpublic school that has a Level II
- 2161 program under s. 1012.562.
- 2162 2. A Level II program under s. 1012.562 must accept an
- 2163 applicant who holds a temporary certificate under subparagraph
- 2164 1. The department shall issue a permanent certification as a
- 2165 school principal to an individual who holds a temporary
- 2166 certificate under subparagraph 1. and successfully completes the
- 2167 Level II program.
- 2168 (4) A commissioned or noncommissioned military officer who
- 2169 is an instructor of junior reserve officer training shall be
- 2170 exempt from requirements for teacher certification, except for
- 2171 the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32, if he or she
- 2172 meets the following qualifications:
- 2173 (a) Is retired from active military duty, pursuant to
- 2174 chapter 102 of Title 10 U.S.C.
- 2175 (b) Satisfies criteria established by the appropriate

2176 military service for certification by the service as a junior
 2177 reserve officer training instructor.

2178 (c) Has an exemplary military record.

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2180 If such instructor is assigned instructional duties other than
 2181 junior reserve officer training, he or she shall hold the
 2182 certificate required by law and rules of the state board for the
 2183 type of service rendered. An instructor of junior reserve
 2184 officer training under this subsection may receive funding
 2185 through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program
 2186 under s. 1012.71.

2187 Section 66. Subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida
 2188 Statutes, is amended to read:

2189 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

2190 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

2191 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional
 2192 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant
 2193 who fulfills one of the following:

2194 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).

2195 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6
 2196 through 12:

2197 a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h).

2198 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of
 2199 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

2200 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the

2201 advanced degree.

2202 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the
2203 teacher's performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part
2204 on student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized
2205 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International
2206 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate
2207 examination.

2208 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional
2209 education competency examination required by state board rule.

2210 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2)(a)-(h) and
2211 completes a professional preparation and education competence
2212 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8)(c).
2213 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly
2214 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation
2215 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing
2216 score on the professional education competency examination in
2217 order to be awarded a professional certificate.

2218 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to
2219 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in
2220 paragraphs (2)(a)-(f) and completes the subject area content
2221 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates
2222 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and
2223 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the
2224 Department of Education at the level required for the subject
2225 area specialization in state board rule.

2226 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year
2227 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional
2228 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's
2229 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for
2230 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language
2231 impairment.

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2233 Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years
2234 and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph
2235 (2)(g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of
2236 employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are
2237 employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time
2238 period may continue to be employed through the end of the school
2239 year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall
2240 not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a
2241 position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond
2242 this time period if the individual has not met the requirement
2243 of paragraph (2)(g). At least 1 year before an individual's
2244 temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall
2245 electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or
2246 her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by
2247 which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be
2248 completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
2249 allow the department to extend the validity period of a
2250 temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the

2251 professional certificate, not including the requirement in
 2252 paragraph (2)(g), were not completed due to the serious illness
 2253 or injury of the applicant, the military service of an
 2254 applicant's spouse, or other extraordinary extenuating
 2255 circumstances. The rules must authorize the department to extend
 2256 the validity period of a temporary certificate ~~or~~ for 1 year if
 2257 the ~~temporary~~ certificateholder is rated effective or highly
 2258 effective based solely on a student learning growth formula
 2259 approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s.
 2260 1012.34(8). The department shall reissue the temporary
 2261 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the
 2262 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of
 2263 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school
 2264 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab
 2265 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or
 2266 the governing authority of a private school.

2267 Section 67. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.59,
 2268 Florida Statutes, to read:

2269 1012.59 Certification fees.—

2270 (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial
 2271 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area
 2272 examination fees and certification fees for:

2273 (a) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a
 2274 reserve component thereof who is serving or has served on active
 2275 duty or the spouse of such a member.

2276 (b) The surviving spouse of a member of the United States
2277 Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on
2278 active duty at the time of death.

2279 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
2280 Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who
2281 served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such
2282 a veteran.

2283 Section 68. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.