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1
2 An act relating to military and veterans affairs;
3 providing a short title; creating s. 250.483, F.S.;
4 providing requirements relating to licensure or
5 qualification of persons ordered into active duty or
6 state active duty; amending s. 295.21, F.S.; providing
7 that a member of the board of directors for Florida is
8 for Veterans, Inc., shall be eligible for
9 reappointment under certain circumstances; amending s.
10 295.22, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
11 receiving training grants from Florida is for
12 Veterans, Inc.; amending s. 446.041, F.S.; providing
13 duties of the Department of Education; amending s.
14 446.081, F.S.; providing construction; amending s.
15 455.02, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and
16 Professional Regulation to waive certain fees;
17 amending s. 456.024, F.S.; revising licensure
18 eligibility requirements; providing an exemption from
19 certain penalties; amending ss. 472.015, 472.016,
20 493.6105, 493.6107, and 493.6113, F.S.; requiring the
21 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
22 waive certain fees; amending ss. 494.00312 and
23 494.00313, F.S.; requiring the Office of Financial
24 Regulation to waive certain fees; amending s. 497.140,
25 F.S.; providing an exemption from a certain fee;

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26 | amending s. 497.141, F.S.; providing an exemption from
 27 | a certain fee; amending ss. 497.281, 497.368, 497.369,
 28 | 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, and 497.375, F.S.;
 29 | providing exemptions from certain fees; creating s.
 30 | 497.393, F.S.; authorizing the licensing authority to
 31 | recognize certain military-issued credentials for
 32 | purposes of licensure; amending ss. 497.453, 497.466,
 33 | and 497.554, F.S.; providing exemptions from certain
 34 | fees; amending s. 497.602, F.S.; providing an
 35 | exemption from an application fee; authorizing the
 36 | licensing authority to recognize certain military-
 37 | issued credentials for purposes of licensure; amending
 38 | s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of
 39 | Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive a
 40 | registration fee; amending ss. 501.605, 501.607,
 41 | 501.609, and 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of
 42 | Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
 43 | fees for certain licensees; amending s. 517.12, F.S.;
 44 | requiring the Office of Financial Regulation to waive
 45 | certain fees; amending ss. 527.02 and 539.001, F.S.;
 46 | waiving certain licensing fees; amending ss. 559.904
 47 | and 559.928, F.S.; requiring the Department of
 48 | Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain
 49 | registration fees; amending s. 626.171, F.S.; revising
 50 | fee waiver qualification requirements for certain

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51 applicants; amending ss. 626.732, 626.7851, 626.8311,
52 626.8417, and 626.927, F.S.; revising prelicensure
53 course requirements for certain applicants; amending
54 s. 633.414, F.S.; authorizing an extension for
55 firefighter certification renewal for certain persons;
56 amending s. 633.444, F.S.; requiring the Division of
57 State Fire Marshal to waive certain expenses
58 associated with attending the Florida State Fire
59 College; creating s. 683.147, F.S.; designating March
60 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day"; amending s.
61 1002.37, F.S.; revising priority of Florida Virtual
62 Schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; providing for a
63 character development program that incorporates the
64 values of the Congressional Medal of Honor; amending
65 s. 1012.55, F.S.; requiring the State Board of
66 Education to issue a temporary certificate in
67 educational leadership to certain persons; revising
68 certain exemptions from requirements for teacher
69 certification for certain individuals; amending s.
70 1012.56, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education
71 to adopt certain rules; amending s. 1012.59, F.S.;
72 requiring the State Board of Education to waive
73 certain fees; providing an effective date.

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

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77 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Don Hahnfeldt
78 Veteran and Military Family Opportunity Act."

79 Section 2. Section 250.483, Florida Statutes, is created
80 to read:

81 250.483 Active duty; licensure or qualification.—

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

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

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

107 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
 108 295.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

109 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

110 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

111 (c) Each member of the board of directors shall be
 112 appointed for a term of 4 years, except that, to achieve
 113 staggered terms, the initial appointees of the Governor shall
 114 serve terms of 2 years. A member is eligible ~~ineligible~~ for
 115 reappointment to the board ~~except that a member appointed to a~~
 116 ~~term of 2 years or less may be reappointed for one an~~ additional
 117 term of 4 years. ~~The initial appointments to the board must be~~
 118 ~~made by July 15, 2014.~~ Vacancies on the board shall be filled in
 119 the same manner as the original appointment. A vacancy that
 120 occurs before the scheduled expiration of the term of the member
 121 shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

122 Section 4. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of
 123 section 295.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

124 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

125 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall

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126 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program
127 and perform all of the following functions:

128 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist
129 veterans in meeting the workforce-skill needs of businesses
130 seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve specialized
131 skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval of requests
132 for funding, and maximize the use of funding for this program.
133 Grant funds may be used only in the absence of available
134 veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may fund
135 specialized training specific to a particular business.

136 1. ~~Grant funds may be allocated to any training provider~~
137 ~~selected by the business, including a career center, a Florida~~
138 ~~College System institution, a state university, or an in-house~~
139 ~~training provider of the business.~~ If grant funds are used to
140 provide a technical certificate, a licensure, or a degree, funds
141 may be allocated only upon a review that includes, but is not
142 limited to, documentation of accreditation and licensure.
143 Instruction funded through the program terminates when
144 participants demonstrate competence at the level specified in
145 the request but may not exceed 12 ~~48~~ months. Preference shall be
146 given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.106,
147 and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,
148 or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.

149 2. ~~Costs and expenditures for the grant program must be~~
150 ~~documented and separated from those incurred by the training~~

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151 ~~provider.~~ Costs and expenditures shall be limited to \$8,000 per
152 veteran trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire cost
153 for all of the training provided before receiving reimbursement
154 from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the cost to train a
155 veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee. Eligible costs
156 and expenditures include:

- 157 a. Tuition and fees.
- 158 ~~b. Curriculum development.~~
- 159 ~~b.e.~~ Books and classroom materials.
- 160 ~~c.d.~~ Rental fees for facilities at ~~public colleges and~~
161 ~~universities, including virtual training labs.~~
- 162 ~~e. Overhead or indirect costs not to exceed 5 percent of~~
163 ~~the grant amount.~~

164 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to
165 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement
166 between the business requesting funds, ~~the educational~~
167 ~~institution or training provider receiving funding through the~~
168 ~~program,~~ and the corporation. Such agreement must include, but
169 need not be limited to:

- 170 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct
171 the instructional program, instructional program description,
172 and any vendors used to conduct the instructional program ~~the~~
173 ~~qualifications of such personnel, and the respective~~
174 ~~responsibilities of the parties for paying costs associated with~~
175 ~~the employment of such personnel.~~

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

179 b.e. Identification of the estimated duration of the
 180 instructional program.

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

182 d.e. Identification of special program requirements that
 183 are not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

184 e.f. Permission to access aggregate information specific
 185 to the wages and performance of participants upon the completion
 186 of instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must
 187 specify that any evaluation published subsequent to the
 188 instruction may not identify the employer or any individual
 189 participant.

190 4. A business may receive a grant under the Quick-Response
 191 Training Program created under s. 288.047 and a grant under this
 192 section for the same veteran trainee. If a business receives
 193 funds under both programs, one grant agreement may be entered
 194 into with CareerSource Florida, Inc., as the grant
 195 administrator.

196 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an
 197 entrepreneur initiative program for veterans in this state which
 198 connects business leaders in the state with veterans seeking to
 199 become entrepreneurs.

200 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance

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201 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one
 202 or more public or private entities ~~universities~~ that:

203 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and
 204 the commitment of ~~university~~ resources, including financial
 205 resources, to such programs.

206 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with ~~military~~
 207 ~~and veteran~~ entrepreneurs ~~resource center~~.

208 ~~e. Have a regional small business development center in~~
 209 ~~the Florida Small Business Development Center Network.~~

210 ~~c.d.~~ As determined by the corporation, have been
 211 nationally recognized for their performance in assisting
 212 entrepreneurs to launch successful businesses in the state
 213 ~~commitment to the military and veterans.~~

214 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
 215 including a focus on employment and business creation. ~~Each~~
 216 ~~university must coordinate with any entrepreneurship center~~
 217 ~~located at the university.~~ The entity ~~university~~ may also work
 218 with a university or college ~~an entity~~ offering related programs
 219 to refer veterans or to provide services. The entrepreneur
 220 initiative program may include activities and assistance such as
 221 peer-to-peer learning sessions, mentoring, technical assistance,
 222 business roundtables, networking opportunities, support of
 223 student organizations, speaker series, or other tools within a
 224 virtual environment.

225 Section 5. Subsections (7) through (12) of section

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226 446.041, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8)
 227 through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to
 228 that section, to read:

229 446.041 Apprenticeship program, duties of the department.—
 230 The department shall:

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

233 Section 6. Subsection (4) is added to section 446.081,
 234 Florida Statutes, to read:

235 446.081 Limitation.—

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

242 Section 7. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 455.02,
 243 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

244 455.02 Licensure of members of the Armed Forces in good
 245 standing and their spouses or surviving spouses with
 246 administrative boards or programs.—

247 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
 248 ~~United States~~ now or hereafter on active duty who, at the time
 249 of becoming such a member, was in good standing with any of the
 250 boards or programs listed in s. 20.165 and was entitled to

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251 practice or engage in his or her profession or occupation
252 ~~vocation~~ in the state shall be kept in good standing by the
253 applicable board or program, without registering, paying dues or
254 fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be
255 performed, as long as he or she is a member of the United States
256 ~~Armed Forces of the United States~~ on active duty and for a
257 period of 2 years after discharge from active duty ~~as a member~~
258 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States, if he or she is not~~
259 ~~engaged in his or her licensed profession or vocation in the~~
260 ~~private sector for profit.~~ A member, during active duty and for
261 a period of 2 years after discharge from active duty, engaged in
262 his or her licensed profession or occupation in the private
263 sector for profit in this state must complete all license
264 renewal provisions except remitting the license renewal fee,
265 which shall be waived by the department.

266 (2) A spouse of a member of the ~~Armed Services of the~~
267 United States Armed Forces who is married to a member during a
268 period of active duty, or a surviving spouse of a member who at
269 the time of death was serving on active duty, who is in good
270 standing with any of the boards or programs listed in s. 20.165
271 shall be kept in good standing by the applicable board or
272 program as described in subsection (1) and shall be exempt from
273 licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of his or her
274 absence from the state because of his or her spouse's duties
275 with the United States Armed Forces. The department or the

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276 appropriate board or program shall waive any license renewal fee
 277 for such spouse when he or she is present in this state because
 278 of such member's active duty and for a surviving spouse of a
 279 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
 280 died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

281 Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) and
 282 paragraph (j) of subsection (4) of section 456.024, Florida
 283 Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
 284 section, to read:

285 456.024 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with
 286 administrative boards or the department; spouses; licensure.—

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

289 1. Serves or has served as a health care practitioner in
 290 the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve
 291 Forces, or the National Guard;

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

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

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 300 The department shall develop an application form, and each

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301 board, or the department if there is no board, shall waive the
 302 application fee, licensure fee, and unlicensed activity fee for
 303 such applicants. For purposes of this subsection, "health care
 304 practitioner" means a health care practitioner as defined in s.
 305 456.001 and a person licensed under part III of chapter 401 or
 306 part IV of chapter 468.

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

309 1. Submits a complete application.

310 2. If he or she is a member of the United States Armed
 311 Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard,
 312 submits proof that he or she has received an honorable discharge
 313 within 6 months before, or will receive an honorable discharge
 314 within 6 months after, the date of submission of the
 315 application.

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

321 b. Is a military health care practitioner in a profession
 322 for which licensure in a state or jurisdiction is not required
 323 to practice in the United States Armed Forces, if he or she
 324 submits to the department evidence of military training or
 325 experience substantially equivalent to the requirements for

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326 licensure in this state in that profession and evidence that he
 327 or she has obtained a passing score on the appropriate
 328 examination of a national or regional standards organization if
 329 required for licensure in this state; or

330 c. Is the spouse of a person serving on active duty in the
 331 United States Armed Forces and is a health care practitioner in
 332 a profession, ~~excluding dentistry,~~ for which licensure in
 333 another state or jurisdiction is not required, if he or she
 334 submits to the department evidence of training or experience
 335 substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
 336 this state in that profession and evidence that he or she has
 337 obtained a passing score on the appropriate examination of a
 338 national or regional standards organization if required for
 339 licensure in this state.

340 4. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of
 341 submission of the application, the subject of a disciplinary
 342 proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license
 343 or by the United States Department of Defense for reasons
 344 related to the practice of the profession for which he or she is
 345 applying.

346 5. Actively practiced the profession for which he or she
 347 is applying for the 3 years preceding the date of submission of
 348 the application.

349 6. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background
 350 screening pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the

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351 | profession for which he or she is applying.

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353 | The department shall verify information submitted by the
354 | applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner
355 | Data Bank.

356 | (4)

357 | ~~(j) An applicant who is issued a temporary professional~~
358 | ~~license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must~~
359 | ~~practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s.~~
360 | ~~466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466.~~

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

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

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

370 | (c) The training or experience required by the out-of-
371 | state license is substantially similar to the license
372 | requirements to practice a similar health care profession in
373 | this state.

374 | Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
375 | 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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376 472.015 Licensure.—

377 (3)

378 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
 379 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 380 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
 381 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
 382 on active duty or the spouse of such a member, the surviving
 383 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who died
 384 while serving on active duty, or a business entity that has a
 385 majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving
 386 spouse if the department receives an application~~7~~ in a format
 387 prescribed by the department. The application format must
 388 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
 389 supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the~~
 390 ~~veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed~~
 391 ~~Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

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

396 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 397 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 398 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 399 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 400 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or

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401 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 402 veteran at the time of discharge; or

403 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 404 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 405 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 406 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 407 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 408 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 409 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 410 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 411 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

412 Section 10. Section 472.016, Florida Statutes, is amended
 413 to read:

414 472.016 Members of Armed Forces in good standing with the
 415 board.—

416 (1) Any member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the~~
 417 ~~United States~~ who is now or in the future on active duty and
 418 who, at the time of becoming such a member of the United States
 419 Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled
 420 to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state
 421 shall be kept in good standing by the board, without
 422 registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on
 423 his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a
 424 member of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~ on
 425 active duty and for a period of 2 years ~~6 months~~ after discharge

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426 | ~~from active duty, provided that he or she is not engaged in the~~
 427 | ~~practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for~~
 428 | ~~profit. A member, during active duty and for a period of 2 years~~
 429 | ~~after discharge from active duty, engaged in the practice of~~
 430 | ~~surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit in this~~
 431 | ~~state must complete all licensure renewal provisions except~~
 432 | ~~remitting the license renewal fee, which shall be waived by the~~
 433 | ~~department.~~

434 | (2) The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of
 435 | members of the United States Armed Forces ~~of the United States~~
 436 | from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence
 437 | from the state because of their spouses' duties with the United
 438 | States Armed Forces. The department or the appropriate board or
 439 | program shall waive any license renewal fee for the spouse of a
 440 | member of the United States Armed Forces when such member is
 441 | present in this state because of the member's active duty with
 442 | the United States Armed Forces, and for the surviving spouse of
 443 | a member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
 444 | died within the 2 years preceding the date of renewal.

445 | Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida
 446 | Statutes, is amended to read:

447 | 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

448 | (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
 449 | corporation, shall file with the department a complete
 450 | application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,

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451 except that an ~~the~~ applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G"
452 license is not required to submit an application fee. An
453 application fee is not required for an applicant who qualifies
454 for the fee waiver in s. 493.6107(6). The application fee is not
455 refundable.

456 (a) The application submitted by any individual, partner,
457 or corporate officer must be approved by the department before
458 the individual, partner, or corporate officer assumes his or her
459 duties.

460 (b) Individuals who invest in the ownership of a licensed
461 agency but do not participate in, direct, or control the
462 operations of the agency are not required to file an
463 application.

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

474 Section 12. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida
475 Statutes, is amended to read:

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476 493.6107 Fees.—

477 (6) The initial application ~~license~~ fee for a veteran, as
 478 defined in s. 1.01, the spouse or surviving spouse of such
 479 veteran, a member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 480 served on active duty, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such
 481 member who at the time of death was serving on active duty and
 482 died within the 2 years preceding the initial application, shall
 483 be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC,"
 484 Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class
 485 "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license in a format
 486 prescribed by the department. The application format must
 487 include the applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and
 488 supporting documentation ~~Class "M" or Class "K" license within~~
 489 ~~24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United~~
 490 ~~States Armed Forces.~~ An eligible veteran must include a copy of
 491 his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
 492 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
 493 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
 494 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

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

499 Section 13. Subsection (7) is added to section 493.6113,
 500 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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501 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.—
 502 (7) The department shall waive the respective fees for a
 503 licensee who:

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

506 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 507 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 508 expiration date of the license. A licensee who is a former
 509 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
 510 duty within the 2 years preceding the application must have
 511 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
 512 from the United States Armed Forces; or

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

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

521 Section 14. Subsection (8) is added to section 494.00312,
 522 Florida Statutes, to read:

523 494.00312 Loan originator license.—

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

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526 (a) Is or was an active duty member of the United States
 527 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
 528 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
 529 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
 530 from the United States Armed Forces;

531 (b) Is married to a current or former member of the United
 532 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
 533 any period of active duty; or

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

537
 538 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
 539 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
 540 of the qualifications in this subsection.

541 Section 15. Subsection (4) is added to section 494.00313,
 542 Florida Statutes, to read:

543 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.—

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

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

548 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 549 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 550 expiration date of the license pursuant to s. 494.00312(7). To

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551 qualify for the fee waiver, a loan originator who is a former
552 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
553 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
554 license must have received an honorable discharge upon
555 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or
556 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
557 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
558 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
559 surviving spouse's license expiration date pursuant to s.
560 494.00312(7).

561
562 A loan originator seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in
563 a form prescribed by commission rule, that the loan originator
564 meets one of the qualifications in this subsection.

565 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
566 497.140, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

567 497.140 Fees.—

568 (6) (a) 1. The department shall impose, upon initial
569 licensure and each renewal thereof, a special unlicensed
570 activity fee of \$5 per licensee, in addition to all other fees
571 provided for in this chapter. Such fee shall be used by the
572 department to fund efforts to identify and combat unlicensed
573 activity which violates this chapter. Such fee shall be in
574 addition to all other fees collected from each licensee and
575 shall be deposited in a separate account of the Regulatory Trust

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576 Fund; however, the department is not limited to the funds in
577 such an account for combating improper unlicensed activity in
578 violation of this chapter.

579 2. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
580 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
581 who separated from service within 2 years preceding the
582 application for licensure are exempt from the special unlicensed
583 activity fee associated with initial licensure. To qualify for
584 the fee exemption under this subparagraph, a licensee must
585 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
586 dependent identification card, military service record, military
587 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
588 document that indicates such member is currently in good
589 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

590 Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 497.141, Florida
591 Statutes, is amended to read:

592 497.141 Licensing; general application procedures.—

593 (4) Before the issuance of any license, the department
594 shall collect such initial fee as specified by this chapter or,
595 where authorized, by rule of the board, unless an applicant is
596 exempted as specified by this chapter. Upon receipt of a
597 completed application and the appropriate fee, and certification
598 by the board that the applicant meets the applicable
599 requirements of law and rules, the department shall issue the
600 license applied for. However, an applicant who is not otherwise

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601 qualified for licensure is not entitled to licensure solely
 602 based on a passing score on a required examination.

603 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 497.281, Florida
 604 Statutes, is amended to read:

605 497.281 Licensure of brokers of burial rights.—

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

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

622 Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
 623 (3) of section 497.368, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

624 497.368 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by
 625 examination; provisional license.—

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626 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an embalmer
627 shall apply to the licensing authority to take the licensure
628 examination. The licensing authority shall examine each
629 applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule of the
630 licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual per
631 applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of the
632 examination and who has:

633 (a) Completed the application form and remitted a
634 nonrefundable application fee set by the licensing authority not
635 to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
636 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
637 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
638 application for licensure, are exempt from the application fee.
639 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
640 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
641 dependent identification card, military service record, military
642 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
643 document that indicates such member is currently in good
644 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

645 (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
646 internship and has been approved for examination as an embalmer
647 may qualify for a provisional license to work in a licensed
648 funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of a
649 licensed embalmer for a limited period of 6 months as provided
650 by rule of the licensing authority. The fee for provisional

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651 licensure shall be set by rule of the licensing authority, but
 652 may not exceed \$200, and shall be nonrefundable and in addition
 653 to the fee required in subsection (1). This provisional license
 654 may be renewed no more than one time. A member of the United
 655 States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the
 656 United States Armed Forces who separated from service within the
 657 2 years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
 658 initial provisional licensure fee. To qualify for the initial
 659 provisional licensure fee exemption, an applicant must provide a
 660 copy of a military identification card, military dependent
 661 identification card, military service record, military personnel
 662 file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document
 663 that indicates such member is currently in good standing or such
 664 veteran was honorably discharged.

665 Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
 666 (5) of section 497.369, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

667 497.369 Embalmers; licensure as an embalmer by
 668 endorsement; licensure of a temporary embalmer.-

669 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by
 670 endorsement to practice embalming to an applicant who has
 671 remitted an examination fee set by rule of the licensing
 672 authority not to exceed \$200 and who the licensing authority
 673 certifies:

674 (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
 675 nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing

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676 | authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
677 | Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
678 | States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
679 | years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
680 | application fee. To qualify for the application fee exemption,
681 | an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
682 | card, military dependent identification card, military service
683 | record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
684 | paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
685 | currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
686 | discharged.

687 | (5) (a) There may be adopted by the licensing authority
688 | rules authorizing an applicant who has met the requirements of
689 | paragraphs (1) (b) and (c) and who is awaiting an opportunity to
690 | take the examination required by subsection (4) to be licensed
691 | as a temporary licensed embalmer. A temporary licensed embalmer
692 | may work as an embalmer in a licensed funeral establishment
693 | under the general supervision of a licensed embalmer. Such
694 | temporary license shall expire 60 days after the date of the
695 | next available examination required under subsection (4);
696 | however, the temporary license may be renewed one time under the
697 | same conditions as initial issuance. The fee for issuance or
698 | renewal of an embalmer temporary license shall be set by rule of
699 | the licensing authority but may not exceed \$200. The fee
700 | required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable and in

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701 addition to the fee required in subsection (1).

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

712 Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 497.370, Florida
 713 Statutes, is amended to read:

714 497.370 Embalmers; licensure of an embalmer intern.—

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

719 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
 720 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 721 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 722 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
 723 To qualify for the application fee exemption under this
 724 paragraph, an applicant must provide a copy of a military
 725 identification card, military dependent identification card,

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726 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
727 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
728 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
729 honorably discharged.

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731 The application shall indicate the name and address of the
732 licensed embalmer under whose supervision the intern will
733 receive training and the name of the licensed funeral
734 establishment or centralized embalming facility where such
735 training is to be conducted. The embalmer intern shall intern
736 under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer who has an
737 active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.

738 Section 22. Section 497.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
739 to read:

740 497.371 Embalmers; establishment of embalmer apprentice
741 program.—

742 (1) The licensing authority adopts rules establishing an
743 embalmer apprentice program. An embalmer apprentice may perform
744 only those tasks, functions, and duties relating to embalming
745 which are performed under the direct supervision of an embalmer
746 who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369.
747 An embalmer apprentice is eligible to serve in an apprentice
748 capacity for a period not to exceed 3 years as may be determined
749 by licensing authority rule or for a period not to exceed 5
750 years if the apprentice is enrolled in and attending a course in

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751 mortuary science or funeral service education at any mortuary
752 college or funeral service education college or school. An
753 embalmer apprentice shall be issued a license upon payment of a
754 licensure fee as determined by licensing authority rule but not
755 to exceed \$200.

756 (2) A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
757 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
758 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
759 application for licensure are exempt from the licensure fee. To
760 qualify for the licensure fee exemption under this subsection,
761 an applicant must provide a copy of a military identification
762 card, military dependent identification card, military service
763 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
764 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
765 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
766 discharged.

767
768 An applicant for the embalmer apprentice program may not be
769 issued a license unless the licensing authority determines that
770 the applicant is of good character and has not demonstrated a
771 history of lack of trustworthiness or integrity in business or
772 professional matters.

773 Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
774 (3) of section 497.373, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
775 497.373 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director

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776 | by examination; provisional license.-

777 | (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a funeral
778 | director shall apply to the licensing authority to take the
779 | licensure examination. The licensing authority shall examine
780 | each applicant who has remitted an examination fee set by rule
781 | of the licensing authority not to exceed \$200 plus the actual
782 | per applicant cost to the licensing authority for portions of
783 | the examination and who the licensing authority certifies has:

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

797 | (3) Any applicant who has completed the required 1-year
798 | internship and has been approved for examination as a funeral
799 | director may qualify for a provisional license to work in a
800 | licensed funeral establishment, under the direct supervision of

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801 a licensed funeral director for 6 months as provided by rule of
 802 the licensing authority. However, a provisional licensee may
 803 work under the general supervision of a licensed funeral
 804 director upon passage of the laws and rules examination required
 805 under paragraph (2)(b). The fee for provisional licensure shall
 806 be set by rule of the licensing authority but may not exceed
 807 \$200. The fee required in this subsection shall be nonrefundable
 808 and in addition to the fee required by subsection (1). This
 809 provisional license may be renewed no more than one time. A
 810 member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse,
 811 and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated
 812 from service within the 2 years preceding application for
 813 licensure are exempt from the initial provisional licensure fee.
 814 To qualify for the initial provisional licensure fee exemption,
 815 a licensee must provide a copy of a military identification
 816 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 817 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 818 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 819 currently in good standing or such veteran was honorably
 820 discharged.

821 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
 822 (5) of section 497.374, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

823 497.374 Funeral directing; licensure as a funeral director
 824 by endorsement; licensure of a temporary funeral director.—

825 (1) The licensing authority shall issue a license by

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826 | endorsement to practice funeral directing to an applicant who
827 | has remitted a fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
828 | exceed \$200 and who:

829 | (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a
830 | nonrefundable application fee set by rule of the licensing
831 | authority not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States
832 | Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United
833 | States Armed Forces who separated from service within the 2
834 | years preceding application for licensure are exempt from the
835 | nonrefundable application fee. To qualify for the exemption, an
836 | applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
837 | military dependent identification card, military service record,
838 | military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
839 | separation document that indicates such member is currently in
840 | good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

841 | (5) There may be adopted rules authorizing an applicant
842 | who has met the requirements of paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) and
843 | who is awaiting an opportunity to take the examination required
844 | by subsection (4) to obtain a license as a temporary funeral
845 | director. A licensed temporary funeral director may work as a
846 | funeral director in a licensed funeral establishment under the
847 | general supervision of a funeral director licensed under
848 | subsection (1) or s. 497.373. Such license shall expire 60 days
849 | after the date of the next available examination required under
850 | subsection (4); however, the temporary license may be renewed

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851 one time under the same conditions as initial issuance. The fee
852 for initial issuance or renewal of a temporary license under
853 this subsection shall be set by rule of the licensing authority
854 but may not exceed \$200. The fee required in this subsection
855 shall be nonrefundable and in addition to the fee required in
856 subsection (1). A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
857 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
858 who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
859 application for licensure are exempt from the initial issuance
860 fee. To qualify for the initial issuance fee exemption, an
861 applicant must provide a copy of a military identification card,
862 military dependent identification card, military service record,
863 military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or
864 separation document that indicates such member is currently in
865 good standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

866 Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
867 497.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

868 497.375 Funeral directing; licensure of a funeral director
869 intern.—

870 (1) (a) Any person desiring to become a funeral director
871 intern must apply to the licensing authority on forms prescribed
872 by rule of the licensing authority, together with a
873 nonrefundable fee set by rule of the licensing authority not to
874 exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such
875 member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces

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876 | who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 877 | application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
 878 | To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
 879 | provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 880 | dependent identification card, military service record, military
 881 | personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 882 | document that indicates such member is currently in good
 883 | standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

884 | Section 26. Section 497.393, Florida Statutes, is created
 885 | to read:

886 | 497.393 Licensure; military-issued credentials for
 887 | licensure.—The licensing authority shall recognize military-
 888 | issued credentials relating to funeral and cemetery services for
 889 | purposes of licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. A
 890 | member of the United States Armed Forces and a veteran of the
 891 | United States Armed Forces seeking licensure as a funeral
 892 | director or embalmer under this section shall submit to the
 893 | licensing authority a certification that the military-issued
 894 | credential reflects knowledge, training, and experience
 895 | substantially similar to the requirements of this chapter for
 896 | licensure as a funeral director or embalmer. The licensing
 897 | authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
 898 | be used by persons seeking licensure under this section. The
 899 | licensing authority may conduct an investigation and further
 900 | inquiry of any person regarding any military-issued credential

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901 sought to be recognized.

902 Section 27. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section
903 497.453, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

904 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and
905 criteria; renewal; reports.—

906 (1) PRENEED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

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

920 Section 28. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
921 497.466, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

922 497.466 Preneed sales agents, license required;
923 application procedures and criteria; appointment of agents;
924 responsibility of preneed licensee.—

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

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926 (h) The application shall be accompanied by a
 927 nonrefundable fee of \$150 if made through the department's
 928 online licensing system or \$175 if made using paper forms.
 929 Payment of either fee shall entitle the applicant to one initial
 930 appointment without payment of further fees by the preneed sales
 931 agent or the appointing preneed licensee if a preneed sales
 932 agent license is issued. The licensing authority may from time
 933 to time increase such fees but not to exceed \$300. A member of
 934 the United States Armed Forces, such member's spouse, and a
 935 veteran of the United States Armed Forces who separated from
 936 service within the 2 years preceding application for licensure
 937 are exempt from the application fee. To qualify for the
 938 application fee exemption, an applicant must provide a copy of a
 939 military identification card, military dependent identification
 940 card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran
 941 record, discharge paper, or separation document that indicates
 942 such member is currently in good standing or such veteran was
 943 honorably discharged.

944 Section 29. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
 945 497.554, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

946 497.554 Monument establishment sales representatives.—

947 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—Licensure as a monument
 948 establishment sales agent shall be by submission of an
 949 application for licensure to the department on a form prescribed
 950 by rule.

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951 (e) The monument establishment sales agent application
 952 shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50. The licensing authority
 953 may from time to time increase the application fee by rule but
 954 not to exceed \$200. A member of the United States Armed Forces,
 955 such member's spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed
 956 Forces who separated from service within the 2 years preceding
 957 application for licensure are exempt from the application fee.
 958 To qualify for the application fee exemption, an applicant must
 959 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 960 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 961 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 962 document that indicates such member is currently in good
 963 standing or such veteran was honorably discharged.

964 Section 30. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) and subsection
 965 (4) of section 497.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

966 497.602 Direct disposers, license required; licensing
 967 procedures and criteria; regulation.—

968 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—

969 (i) The application shall be accompanied by a
 970 nonrefundable fee of \$300. The licensing authority may from time
 971 to time increase the fee by rule but not to exceed more than
 972 \$500. A member of the United States Armed Forces, such member's
 973 spouse, and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who
 974 separated from service within the 2 years preceding application
 975 for licensure are exempt from the application fee. To qualify

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

982 | (4) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Upon approval of the application
 983 | by the licensing authority, the license shall be issued. The
 984 | licensing authority shall recognize military-issued credentials
 985 | relating to funeral and cemetery services for purposes of
 986 | licensure as a direct disposer. A member of the United States
 987 | Armed Forces and a veteran of the United States Armed Forces
 988 | seeking licensure as a direct disposer under this section shall
 989 | submit to the licensing authority a certification that the
 990 | military-issued credential reflects knowledge, training, and
 991 | experience substantially similar to the requirements of this
 992 | chapter for licensure as a direct disposer. The licensing
 993 | authority shall adopt rules specifying forms and procedures to
 994 | be used by members and veterans of the United States Armed
 995 | Forces seeking licensure under this section. The licensing
 996 | authority may conduct investigation and further inquiry of any
 997 | person regarding any military-issued credential sought to be
 998 | recognized.

999 | Section 31. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
 1000 | Statutes, is amended to read:

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1001 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
1002 fees.—Each health studio shall:

1003 (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the
1004 department at the time of registration for each of the health
1005 studio's business locations.

1006 (a) The department shall waive the initial registration
1007 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
1008 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
1009 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
1010 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
1011 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
1012 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
1013 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
1014 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
1015 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
1016 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
1017 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
1018 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
1019 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1020 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
1021 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
1022 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
1023 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1024 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
1025 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,

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1026 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1027 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1028 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1029 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1030 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1031 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1032 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1033 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1034 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1035 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1036 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1037 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1038 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1039 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1040 (b) The department shall waive the registration renewal
 1041 fee for a registrant who:

1042 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1043 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1044 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1045 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1046 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is
 1047 a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
 1048 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
 1049 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
 1050 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

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1051 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1052 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1053 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the date
 1054 of renewal.

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 1056 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
 1057 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1058 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1059 documentation.

1060 Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
 1061 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1062 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and
 1063 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

1064 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be
 1065 verified and accompanied by:

1066 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
 1067 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
 1068 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
 1069 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse
 1070 or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
 1071 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
 1072 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
 1073 United States Armed Forces if such member died while serving on
 1074 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
 1075 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the

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1076 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
 1077 the department. The application format must include the
 1078 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1079 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
 1080 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
 1081 qualify for the waiver:7

1082 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1083 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1084 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1085 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1086 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1087 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1088 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1089 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1090 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1091 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1092 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1093 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1094 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1095 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1096 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1097 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1098 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1099 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1100 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was

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1101 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.
 1102 Section 33. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 1103 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 1104 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—
 1105 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be
 1106 verified and be accompanied by:
 1107 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
 1108 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
 1109 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
 1110 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
 1111 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall
 1112 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged
 1113 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse or
 1114 surviving spouse of such a veteran, a current member of the
 1115 United States Armed Forces who has served on active duty, the
 1116 spouse of such a member, the surviving spouse of a member of the
 1117 United States Armed Forces if the member died while serving on
 1118 active duty, or a business entity that has a majority ownership
 1119 held by such a veteran or spouse or surviving spouse if the
 1120 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
 1121 the department. The application format must include the
 1122 applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1123 documentation, ~~within 60 months after the date of the veteran's~~
 1124 ~~discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To
 1125 qualify for the waiver:7

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1126 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1127 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1128 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1129 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1130 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1131 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1132 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1133 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1134 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1135 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1136 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1137 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1138 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1139 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1140 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1141 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1142 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1143 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1144 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1145 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1146 Section 34. Subsection (5) is added to section 501.609,
 1147 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1148 501.609 License renewal.—

1149 (5) The department shall waive the annual fee to renew for
 1150 a licensee who:

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1151 (a) Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1152 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1153 (b) Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
 1154 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1155 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a licensee who is a
 1156 former member of the United States Armed Forces who served on
 1157 active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of
 1158 the registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
 1159 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1160 (c) Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1161 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1162 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1163 renewal.

1164
 1165 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
 1166 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
 1167 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1168 Section 35. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1169 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
 1170 to that subsection, to read:

1171 507.03 Registration.—

1172 (3)

1173 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration
 1174 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 1175 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,

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1176 | a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 1177 | served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
 1178 | surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1179 | if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
 1180 | entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
 1181 | spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
 1182 | application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
 1183 | application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1184 | penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
 1185 | ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1186 | ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7
 1187 | 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1188 | or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1189 | Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1190 | specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
 1191 | 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1192 | provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1193 | as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1194 | acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1195 | of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1196 | certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1197 | veteran at the time of discharge; or
 1198 | 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1199 | that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1200 | holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the

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1201 | veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1202 | of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1203 | specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1204 | applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1205 | verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1206 | lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1207 | (c) The department shall waive the biennial fee to renew
 1208 | for a registrant who:

1209 | 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1210 | Forces or the spouse of such member;

1211 | 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1212 | and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1213 | expiration date. To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who
 1214 | is a former member of the United States Armed Forces who served
 1215 | on active duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date
 1216 | of the registration must have received an honorable discharge
 1217 | upon separation or discharge from the United States Armed
 1218 | Forces; or

1219 | 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1220 | States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1221 | the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1222 | renewal.

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 1224 | A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
 1225 | prescribed by the department, including the applicant's

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1226 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1227 documentation.

1228 Section 36. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 517.12,
 1229 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1230 517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons,
 1231 intermediaries, and investment advisers.—

1232 (10) (a) An applicant for registration shall pay an
 1233 assessment fee of \$200, in the case of a dealer or investment
 1234 adviser, or \$50, in the case of an associated person. An
 1235 associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the
 1236 cost for the fingerprints to be processed by the office. Such
 1237 fee shall be determined by rule of the commission. Such fees
 1238 become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments
 1239 provided for under s. 517.131(1) until such time as the
 1240 Securities Guaranty Fund satisfies the statutory limits, and are
 1241 not returnable in the event that registration is withdrawn or
 1242 not granted.

1243 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
 1244 associated person required by paragraph (a) for an applicant
 1245 who:

1246 1. Is or was an active duty member of the United States
 1247 Armed Forces. To qualify for the fee waiver, an applicant who is
 1248 a former member of the United States Armed Forces must have
 1249 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
 1250 from the United States Armed Forces;

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1251 2. Is married to a current or former member of the United
 1252 States Armed Forces and is or was married to the member during
 1253 any period of active duty; or

1254 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1255 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1256 the time of death.

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 1258 An applicant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
 1259 form prescribed by commission rule, that the applicant meets one
 1260 of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1261 (11) (a) If the office finds that the applicant is of good
 1262 repute and character and has complied with the provisions of
 1263 this chapter and the rules made pursuant hereto, it shall
 1264 register the applicant. The registration of each dealer,
 1265 investment adviser, and associated person expires on December 31
 1266 of the year the registration became effective unless the
 1267 registrant has renewed his or her registration on or before that
 1268 date. Registration may be renewed by furnishing such information
 1269 as the commission may require, together with payment of the fee
 1270 required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for dealers,
 1271 investment advisers, or associated persons and the payment of
 1272 any amount lawfully due and owing to the office pursuant to any
 1273 order of the office or pursuant to any agreement with the
 1274 office. Any dealer, investment adviser, or associated person who
 1275 has not renewed a registration by the time the current

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1276 registration expires may request reinstatement of such
1277 registration by filing with the office, on or before January 31
1278 of the year following the year of expiration, such information
1279 as may be required by the commission, together with payment of
1280 the fee required in paragraph (10) (a) ~~subsection (10)~~ for
1281 dealers, investment advisers, or associated persons and a late
1282 fee equal to the amount of such fee. Any reinstatement of
1283 registration granted by the office during the month of January
1284 shall be deemed effective retroactive to January 1 of that year.

1285 (b) The office shall waive the \$50 assessment fee for an
1286 associated person required by paragraph (10) (a) for a registrant
1287 renewing his or her registration who:

1288 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
1289 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1290 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
1291 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
1292 expiration date of the registration pursuant to paragraph (a).
1293 To qualify for the fee waiver, a registrant who is a former
1294 member of the United States Armed Forces who served on active
1295 duty within the 2 years preceding the expiration date of the
1296 registration must have received an honorable discharge upon
1297 separation or discharge from the United States Armed Forces; or

1298 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
1299 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
1300 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the

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1301 surviving spouse's registration expiration date pursuant to
 1302 paragraph (a).

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 1304 A registrant seeking such fee waiver must submit proof, in a
 1305 form prescribed by commission rule, that the registrant meets
 1306 one of the qualifications in this paragraph.

1307 Section 37. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1308 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added
 1309 to that subsection, to read:

1310 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—
 1311 (3)

1312 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
 1313 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
 1314 Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran, a
 1315 current member of the United States Armed Forces who has served
 1316 on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the surviving
 1317 spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces if the
 1318 member died while serving on active duty, or a business entity
 1319 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
 1320 or surviving spouse if the department receives an application,
 1321 in a format prescribed by the department. The application format
 1322 must include the applicant's signature, under penalty of
 1323 perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60 months after~~
 1324 ~~the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the~~
 1325 ~~United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

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1326 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1327 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1328 Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
 1329 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1330 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1331 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1332 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1333 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1334 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1335 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1336 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1337 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1338 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1339 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1340 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1341 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1342 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1343 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1344 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1345 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1346 (c) The department shall waive license renewal fees for a
 1347 licensee who:

1348 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1349 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1350 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces

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1351 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1352 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
 1353 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United
 1354 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
 1355 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
 1356 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
 1357 States Armed Forces; or

1358 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1359 States Armed Forces if such member was serving on active duty at
 1360 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1361 surviving spouse's renewal.

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 1363 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
 1364 by the department, including the applicant's signature, under
 1365 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1366 Section 38. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
 1367 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is
 1368 added to that subsection, to read:

1369 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

1370 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

1371 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
 1372 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
 1373 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
 1374 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300
 1375 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial

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1376 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 1377 States Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a
 1378 veteran, a current member of the United States Armed Forces who
 1379 has served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
 1380 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1381 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
 1382 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
 1383 spouse or surviving spouse if the agency receives an
 1384 application, in a format prescribed by the agency. The
 1385 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1386 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
 1387 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1388 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7
 1389 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
 1390 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1391 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1392 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
 1393 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1394 provide to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as
 1395 issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1396 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1397 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1398 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1399 veteran at the time of discharge; or
 1400 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that

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1401 a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran holds a
 1402 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
 1403 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,
 1404 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
 1405 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
 1406 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
 1407 or surviving spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the
 1408 veteran at the time of discharge.

1409 (g) The agency shall waive license renewal fee for a
 1410 licensee who:

1411 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1412 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1413 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces,
 1414 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1415 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
 1416 subparagraph, a licensee who is a former member of the United
 1417 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
 1418 preceding the annual renewal date must have received an
 1419 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
 1420 States Armed Forces; or

1421 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1422 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1423 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1424 renewal.

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1426 A licensee seeking such waiver must apply in a format prescribed
 1427 by the agency, including the applicant's signature, under
 1428 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation.

1429 Section 39. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 1430 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is
 1431 added to that subsection, to read:

1432 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
 1433 application; exemption.-

1434 (3)

1435 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration
 1436 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 1437 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
 1438 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 1439 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
 1440 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1441 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
 1442 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
 1443 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
 1444 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
 1445 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1446 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
 1447 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1448 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1449 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1450 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of

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1451 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1452 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1453 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1454 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1455 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1456 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1457 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1458 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1459 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1460 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1461 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1462 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1463 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1464 of Defense or another acceptable form of identification as
 1465 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
 1466 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1467 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1468 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1469 (c) The department shall waive registration renewal fees
 1470 for a registrant who:

1471 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1472 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1473 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1474 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1475 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this

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1476 subparagraph, a registrant who is a former member of the United
 1477 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
 1478 preceding the biennial renewal date must have received an
 1479 honorable discharge upon separation or discharge from the United
 1480 States Armed Forces; or

1481 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1482 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1483 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1484 renewal.

1485
 1486 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
 1487 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1488 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1489 documentation.

1490 Section 40. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
 1491 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
 1492 added to that subsection, to read:

1493 559.928 Registration.—

1494 (2)

1495 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration
 1496 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 1497 Armed Forces, the spouse or surviving spouse of such a veteran,
 1498 a current member of the United States Armed Forces who has
 1499 served on active duty, the spouse of such a member, the
 1500 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces

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1501 if the member died while serving on active duty, or a business
 1502 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
 1503 spouse or surviving spouse if the department receives an
 1504 application, in a format prescribed by the department. The
 1505 application format must include the applicant's signature, under
 1506 penalty of perjury, and supporting documentation, ~~within 60~~
 1507 ~~months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch~~
 1508 ~~of the United States Armed Forces.~~ To qualify for the waiver:7

1509 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 1510 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 1511 Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1512 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

1513 2. The spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran must
 1514 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
 1515 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
 1516 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
 1517 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
 1518 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
 1519 veteran at the time of discharge; or

1520 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
 1521 that a veteran or the spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran
 1522 holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the
 1523 veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department
 1524 of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
 1525 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if

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1526 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
 1527 verifying that the spouse or surviving spouse of the veteran was
 1528 lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

1529 (d) The department shall waive the registration renewal
 1530 fee for a registrant who:

1531 1. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1532 Forces or the spouse of such member;

1533 2. Is or was a member of the United States Armed Forces
 1534 and served on active duty within the 2 years preceding the
 1535 renewal date. To qualify for the fee waiver under this
 1536 subparagraph, a registrant who is a former member of the United
 1537 States Armed Forces who served on active duty within the 2 years
 1538 preceding the annual registration renewal date must have
 1539 received an honorable discharge upon separation or discharge
 1540 from the United States Armed Forces; or

1541 3. Is the surviving spouse of a member of the United
 1542 States Armed Forces if the member was serving on active duty at
 1543 the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding the
 1544 renewal.

1545
 1546 A registrant seeking such waiver must apply in a format
 1547 prescribed by the department, including the applicant's
 1548 signature, under penalty of perjury, and supporting
 1549 documentation.

1550 Section 41. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida

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1551 Statutes, is amended to read:

1552 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
1553 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
1554 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

1555 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
1556 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
1557 separated from service ~~retired~~ within 24 months before
1558 application for licensure, are exempt from the application
1559 filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must
1560 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
1561 dependent identification card, military service record, military
1562 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, ~~or separation~~
1563 ~~document,~~ or a separation document that indicates such members
1564 ~~of the United States Armed Forces~~ are currently in good standing
1565 or such veterans were honorably discharged.

1566 Section 42. Subsection (6) of section 626.732, Florida
1567 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection
1568 (6) is added to that section, to read:

1569 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
1570 instruction.—

1571 (6) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
1572 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
1573 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
1574 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
1575 card, military dependent identification card, military service

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1576 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 1577 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 1578 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
 1579 discharged.

1580 Section 43. Section 626.7851, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1581 to read:

1582 626.7851 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
 1583 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a life agent, except
 1584 for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be qualified
 1585 or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately preceding the
 1586 date the application for a license is filed with the department
 1587 he or she has:

1588 (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in life
 1589 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts approved by the
 1590 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
 1591 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
 1592 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1593 (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
 1594 coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included life
 1595 insurance, annuities, and variable contracts, approved by the
 1596 department, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of
 1597 ethics. Courses must include instruction on the subject matter
 1598 of unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance;

1599 (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as
 1600 Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) from the American College

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1601 of Financial Services; or Fellow, Life Management Institute
 1602 (FLMI) from the Life Management Institute;

1603 (4) Held an active license in life insurance in another
 1604 state. This provision may not be used unless the other state
 1605 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
 1606 the state; or

1607 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
 1608 1 year, full time in life insurance regulatory matters and who
 1609 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
 1610 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
 1611 employment with the department or office.

1612
 1613 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
 1614 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
 1615 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
 1616 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 1617 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 1618 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 1619 document that indicates such member is currently in good
 1620 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1621 Section 44. Section 626.8311, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1622 to read:

1623 626.8311 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
 1624 instruction.—An applicant for a license as a health agent,
 1625 except for a chartered life underwriter (CLU), shall not be

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1626 | qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately
 1627 | preceding the date the application for license is filed with the
 1628 | department he or she has:

1629 | (1) Successfully completed 40 hours of coursework in
 1630 | health insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which
 1631 | shall be on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
 1632 | instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
 1633 | engaging in the business of insurance, to include the Florida
 1634 | Nonprofit Multiple-Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and the
 1635 | Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001 et
 1636 | seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by
 1637 | employers to their employees and the regulation thereof;

1638 | (2) Successfully completed a minimum of 60 hours of
 1639 | coursework in multiple areas of insurance, which included health
 1640 | insurance, approved by the department, 3 hours of which shall be
 1641 | on the subject matter of ethics. Courses must include
 1642 | instruction on the subject matter of unauthorized entities
 1643 | engaging in the business of insurance;

1644 | (3) Earned or maintained an active designation as a
 1645 | Registered Health Underwriter (RHU), Chartered Healthcare
 1646 | Consultant (ChHC), or Registered Employee Benefits Consultant
 1647 | (REBC) from the American College of Financial Services;
 1648 | Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) from the Wharton
 1649 | School of the University of Pennsylvania; or Health Insurance
 1650 | Associate (HIA) from America's Health Insurance Plans;

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1651 (4) Held an active license in health insurance in another
 1652 state. This provision may not be utilized unless the other state
 1653 grants reciprocal treatment to licensees formerly licensed in
 1654 Florida; or

1655 (5) Been employed by the department or office for at least
 1656 1 year, full time in health insurance regulatory matters and who
 1657 was not terminated for cause, and application for examination is
 1658 made within 4 years after the date of termination of his or her
 1659 employment with the department or office.

1660
 1661 Prelicensure coursework is not required for an applicant who is
 1662 a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces or the
 1663 spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified individual must
 1664 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 1665 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 1666 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 1667 document that indicates such member is currently in good
 1668 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1669 Section 45. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.8417,
 1670 Florida Statutes, to read:

1671 626.8417 Title insurance agent licensure; exemptions.—

1672 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
 1673 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
 1674 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
 1675 individual must provide a copy of a military identification

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 1677 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 1678 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 1679 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
 1680 discharged.

1681 Section 46. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.927,
 1682 Florida Statutes, to read:

1683 626.927 Licensing of surplus lines agent.—

1684 (7) Prelicensure coursework is not required for an
 1685 applicant who is a member or veteran of the United States Armed
 1686 Forces or the spouse of such a member or veteran. A qualified
 1687 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
 1688 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 1689 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 1690 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 1691 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
 1692 discharged.

1693 Section 47. Section 633.414, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1694 to read:

1695 633.414 Retention of firefighter and volunteer firefighter
 1696 certifications.—

1697 (1) In order for a firefighter to retain her or his
 1698 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, every 4 years he or she
 1699 must meet the requirements for renewal provided in this chapter
 1700 and by rule, which must include at least one of the following:

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- 1701 (a) Be active as a firefighter.
- 1702 (b) Maintain a current and valid fire service instructor
 1703 certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4-year
 1704 period, and provide proof of such instruction to the division,
 1705 which proof must be registered in an electronic database
 1706 designated by the division.
- 1707 (c) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
 1708 successfully complete a Firefighter Retention Refresher Course
 1709 consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed
 1710 by rule.
- 1711 (d) Within 6 months before the 4-year period expires,
 1712 successfully retake and pass the Minimum Standards Course
 1713 examination pursuant to s. 633.408.
- 1714 (2) In order for a volunteer firefighter to retain her or
 1715 his Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, every 4
 1716 years he or she must:
- 1717 (a) Be active as a volunteer firefighter; or
- 1718 (b) Successfully complete a refresher course consisting of
 1719 a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule.
- 1720 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to state-certified
 1721 firefighters who are certified and employed full-time, as
 1722 determined by the fire service provider, as firesafety
 1723 inspectors or fire investigators, regardless of their employment
 1724 status as firefighters or volunteer firefighters.
- 1725 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "active"

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1726 means being employed as a firefighter or providing service as a
 1727 volunteer firefighter for a cumulative period of 6 months within
 1728 a 4-year period.

1729 (5) The 4-year period begins upon issuance of the
 1730 certificate or separation from employment.

1731 (6) A certificate for a firefighter or volunteer
 1732 firefighter expires if he or she fails to meet the requirements
 1733 of this section.

1734 (7) The State Fire Marshal may deny, refuse to renew,
 1735 suspend, or revoke the certificate of a firefighter or volunteer
 1736 firefighter if the State Fire Marshal finds that any of the
 1737 following grounds exists:

1738 (a) Any cause for which issuance of a certificate could
 1739 have been denied if it had then existed and had been known to
 1740 the division.

1741 (b) A violation of any provision of this chapter or any
 1742 rule or order of the State Fire Marshal.

1743 (c) Falsification of a record relating to any certificate
 1744 issued by the division.

1745
 1746 The 4-year period may, in the discretion of the department, be
 1747 extended to 12 months after discharge from military service if
 1748 the military service does not exceed 3 years, but in no event
 1749 more than 6 years from the date of issue or renewal, if
 1750 applicable, for an honorably discharged veteran of the United

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1751 States Armed Forces or the spouse of such a veteran. A qualified
 1752 individual must provide a copy of a military identification
 1753 card, military dependent identification card, military service
 1754 record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge
 1755 paper, or separation document that indicates such member is
 1756 currently in good standing or such veteran is honorably
 1757 discharged.

1758 Section 48. Subsection (3) is added to section 633.444,
 1759 Florida Statutes, to read:

1760 633.444 Division powers and duties; Florida State Fire
 1761 College.—

1762 (3) The division shall waive all living and incidental
 1763 expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire
 1764 College for an active duty member of the United States Armed
 1765 Forces, the spouse of such a member who was serving on active
 1766 duty at the time of death and died within the 2 years preceding
 1767 the spouse attending the college, an honorably discharged
 1768 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or the spouse or
 1769 surviving spouse of such a veteran. A qualified individuals must
 1770 provide a copy of a military identification card, military
 1771 dependent identification card, military service record, military
 1772 personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation
 1773 document that indicates such member is currently in good
 1774 standing or such veteran is honorably discharged.

1775 Section 49. Section 683.147, Florida Statutes, is created

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1776 to read:

1777 683.147 Medal of Honor Day.—

1778 (1) March 25 of each year is designated as "Medal of Honor
 1779 Day."

1780 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation
 1781 designating March 25 as Medal of Honor Day and calling upon
 1782 public officials, schools, private organizations, and all
 1783 residents of the state to commemorate Medal of Honor Day and
 1784 honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who
 1785 distinguished themselves through their conspicuous bravery and
 1786 gallantry during wartime, and at considerable risk to their own
 1787 lives, while serving as members of the United States Armed
 1788 Forces.

1789 Section 50. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 1790 1002.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1791 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

1792 (1)

1793 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to
 1794 provide students with technology-based educational opportunities
 1795 to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The
 1796 school shall serve any student in the state who meets the
 1797 profile for success in this educational delivery context and
 1798 shall give priority to:

1799 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order
 1800 to meet their educational goals, such as home education students

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1801 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not
 1802 have access to higher-level courses.

1803 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain
 1804 a high school diploma at least one semester early.

1805 3. Students who are children of an active duty member of
 1806 the United States Armed Forces who is not stationed in this
 1807 state whose home of record or state of legal residence is
 1808 Florida.

1809
 1810 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall
 1811 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on
 1812 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission
 1813 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for
 1814 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and
 1815 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high
 1816 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.

1817 Section 51. Subsection (2) of section 1003.42, Florida
 1818 Statutes, is amended to read:

1819 1003.42 Required instruction.—

1820 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
 1821 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
 1822 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
 1823 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
 1824 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
 1825 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing

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1826 approved methods of instruction, the following:

1827 (a) The history and content of the Declaration of
 1828 Independence, including national sovereignty, natural law, self-
 1829 evident truth, equality of all persons, limited government,
 1830 popular sovereignty, and inalienable rights of life, liberty,
 1831 and property, and how they form the philosophical foundation of
 1832 our government.

1833 (b) The history, meaning, significance, and effect of the
 1834 provisions of the Constitution of the United States and
 1835 amendments thereto, with emphasis on each of the 10 amendments
 1836 that make up the Bill of Rights and how the constitution
 1837 provides the structure of our government.

1838 (c) The arguments in support of adopting our republican
 1839 form of government, as they are embodied in the most important
 1840 of the Federalist Papers.

1841 (d) Flag education, including proper flag display and flag
 1842 salute.

1843 (e) The elements of civil government, including the
 1844 primary functions of and interrelationships between the Federal
 1845 Government, the state, and its counties, municipalities, school
 1846 districts, and special districts.

1847 (f) The history of the United States, including the period
 1848 of discovery, early colonies, the War for Independence, the
 1849 Civil War, the expansion of the United States to its present
 1850 boundaries, the world wars, and the civil rights movement to the

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1851 present. American history shall be viewed as factual, not as
1852 constructed, shall be viewed as knowable, teachable, and
1853 testable, and shall be defined as the creation of a new nation
1854 based largely on the universal principles stated in the
1855 Declaration of Independence.

1856 (g) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the
1857 systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other
1858 groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of
1859 humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
1860 investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the
1861 ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an
1862 examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful
1863 person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity
1864 in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting
1865 democratic values and institutions.

1866 (h) The history of African Americans, including the
1867 history of African peoples before the political conflicts that
1868 led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the
1869 enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of
1870 African Americans to society. Instructional materials shall
1871 include the contributions of African Americans to American
1872 society.

1873 (i) The elementary principles of agriculture.

1874 (j) The true effects of all alcoholic and intoxicating
1875 liquors and beverages and narcotics upon the human body and

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1876 | mind.

1877 | (k) Kindness to animals.

1878 | (l) The history of the state.

1879 | (m) The conservation of natural resources.

1880 | (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts

1881 | of community health; consumer health; environmental health;

1882 | family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual

1883 | abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of

1884 | teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury

1885 | prevention and safety; Internet safety; nutrition; personal

1886 | health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and

1887 | abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7

1888 | through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse

1889 | component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition

1890 | of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating

1891 | violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy

1892 | relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and

1893 | abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating

1894 | violence and abuse.

1895 | (o) Such additional materials, subjects, courses, or

1896 | fields in such grades as are prescribed by law or by rules of

1897 | the State Board of Education and the district school board in

1898 | fulfilling the requirements of law.

1899 | (p) The study of Hispanic contributions to the United

1900 | States.

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1901 (q) The study of women's contributions to the United
 1902 States.

1903 (r) The nature and importance of free enterprise to the
 1904 United States economy.

1905 (s) A character-development program in the elementary
 1906 schools, similar to Character First or Character Counts, which
 1907 is secular in nature. Beginning in school year 2004-2005, the
 1908 character-development program shall be required in kindergarten
 1909 through grade 12. Each district school board shall develop or
 1910 adopt a curriculum for the character-development program that
 1911 shall be submitted to the department for approval. The
 1912 character-development curriculum shall stress the qualities of
 1913 patriotism; responsibility; citizenship; kindness; respect for
 1914 authority, life, liberty, and personal property; honesty;
 1915 charity; self-control; racial, ethnic, and religious tolerance;
 1916 and cooperation. The character-development curriculum for grades
 1917 9 through 12 shall, at a minimum, include instruction on
 1918 developing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, organization
 1919 skills, and research skills; creating a resume; developing and
 1920 practicing the skills necessary for employment interviews;
 1921 conflict resolution, workplace ethics, and workplace law;
 1922 managing stress and expectations; and developing skills that
 1923 enable students to become more resilient and self-motivated.

1924 (t) In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that
 1925 veterans and Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our

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1926 | country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
 1927 | instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day,
 1928 | Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day. Members of the instructional
 1929 | staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
 1930 | Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

1931 |
 1932 | The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
 1933 | and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection. A
 1934 | character development program that incorporates the values of
 1935 | the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
 1936 | offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
 1937 | other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
 1938 | initiative meets the requirements of paragraphs (s) and (t).

1939 | Section 52. Subsection (4) of section 1012.55, Florida
 1940 | Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection
 1941 | (1) of that section, to read:

1942 | 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

1943 | (1)

1944 | (e)1. The department shall issue a 3-year temporary
 1945 | certificate in educational leadership under s. 1012.56(7) to an
 1946 | individual who:

1947 | a. Earned a passing score on the Florida Educational
 1948 | Leadership Examination.

1949 | b. Served as a commissioned or noncommissioned military
 1950 | officer in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years.

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1951 c. Was honorably discharged or has retired from the United
 1952 States Armed Forces.

1953 d. Is employed full time in a position for which an
 1954 educator certificate is required in a Florida public school,
 1955 state-supported school, or nonpublic school that has a Level II
 1956 program under s. 1012.562.

1957 2. A Level II program under s. 1012.562 must accept an
 1958 applicant who holds a temporary certificate under subparagraph
 1959 1. The department shall issue a permanent certification as a
 1960 school principal to an individual who holds a temporary
 1961 certificate under subparagraph 1. and successfully completes the
 1962 Level II program.

1963 (4) A commissioned or noncommissioned military officer who
 1964 is an instructor of junior reserve officer training shall be
 1965 exempt from requirements for teacher certification, except for
 1966 the background screening pursuant to s. 1012.32, if he or she
 1967 meets the following qualifications:

1968 (a) Is retired from active military duty, pursuant to
 1969 chapter 102 of Title 10 U.S.C.

1970 (b) Satisfies criteria established by the appropriate
 1971 military service for certification by the service as a junior
 1972 reserve officer training instructor.

1973 (c) Has an exemplary military record.

1974
 1975 If such instructor is assigned instructional duties other than

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1976 junior reserve officer training, he or she shall hold the
 1977 certificate required by law and rules of the state board for the
 1978 type of service rendered. An instructor of junior reserve
 1979 officer training under this subsection may receive funding
 1980 through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program
 1981 under s. 1012.71.

1982 Section 53. Subsection (7) of section 1012.56, Florida
 1983 Statutes, is amended to read:

1984 1012.56 Educator certification requirements.—

1985 (7) TYPES AND TERMS OF CERTIFICATION.—

1986 (a) The Department of Education shall issue a professional
 1987 certificate for a period not to exceed 5 years to any applicant
 1988 who fulfills one of the following:

1989 1. Meets all the requirements outlined in subsection (2).

1990 2. For a professional certificate covering grades 6
 1991 through 12:

1992 a. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h).

1993 b. Holds a master's or higher degree in the area of
 1994 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

1995 c. Teaches a high school course in the subject of the
 1996 advanced degree.

1997 d. Is rated highly effective as determined by the
 1998 teacher's performance evaluation under s. 1012.34, based in part
 1999 on student performance as measured by a statewide, standardized
 2000 assessment or an Advanced Placement, Advanced International

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2001 Certificate of Education, or International Baccalaureate
 2002 examination.
 2003 e. Achieves a passing score on the Florida professional
 2004 education competency examination required by state board rule.
 2005 3. Meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) (a)-(h) and
 2006 completes a professional preparation and education competence
 2007 program approved by the department pursuant to paragraph (8) (c).
 2008 An applicant who completes the program and is rated highly
 2009 effective as determined by his or her performance evaluation
 2010 under s. 1012.34 is not required to take or achieve a passing
 2011 score on the professional education competency examination in
 2012 order to be awarded a professional certificate.
 2013 (b) The department shall issue a temporary certificate to
 2014 any applicant who completes the requirements outlined in
 2015 paragraphs (2) (a)-(f) and completes the subject area content
 2016 requirements specified in state board rule or demonstrates
 2017 mastery of subject area knowledge pursuant to subsection (5) and
 2018 holds an accredited degree or a degree approved by the
 2019 Department of Education at the level required for the subject
 2020 area specialization in state board rule.
 2021 (c) The department shall issue one nonrenewable 2-year
 2022 temporary certificate and one nonrenewable 5-year professional
 2023 certificate to a qualified applicant who holds a bachelor's
 2024 degree in the area of speech-language impairment to allow for
 2025 completion of a master's degree program in speech-language

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2026 | impairment.

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2028 | Each temporary certificate is valid for 3 school fiscal years

2029 | and is nonrenewable. However, the requirement in paragraph

2030 | (2) (g) must be met within 1 calendar year of the date of

2031 | employment under the temporary certificate. Individuals who are

2032 | employed under contract at the end of the 1 calendar year time

2033 | period may continue to be employed through the end of the school

2034 | year in which they have been contracted. A school district shall

2035 | not employ, or continue the employment of, an individual in a

2036 | position for which a temporary certificate is required beyond

2037 | this time period if the individual has not met the requirement

2038 | of paragraph (2) (g). At least 1 year before an individual's

2039 | temporary certificate is set to expire, the department shall

2040 | electronically notify the individual of the date on which his or

2041 | her certificate will expire and provide a list of each method by

2042 | which the qualifications for a professional certificate can be

2043 | completed. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to

2044 | allow the department to extend the validity period of a

2045 | temporary certificate for 2 years when the requirements for the

2046 | professional certificate, not including the requirement in

2047 | paragraph (2) (g), were not completed due to the serious illness

2048 | or injury of the applicant, the military service of an

2049 | applicant's spouse, or other extraordinary extenuating

2050 | circumstances. The rules must authorize the department to extend

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2051 the validity period of a temporary certificate ~~or~~ for 1 year if
 2052 the ~~temporary~~ certificateholder is rated effective or highly
 2053 effective based solely on a student learning growth formula
 2054 approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s.
 2055 1012.34(8). The department shall reissue the temporary
 2056 certificate for 2 additional years upon approval by the
 2057 Commissioner of Education. A written request for reissuance of
 2058 the certificate shall be submitted by the district school
 2059 superintendent, the governing authority of a university lab
 2060 school, the governing authority of a state-supported school, or
 2061 the governing authority of a private school.

2062 Section 54. Subsection (3) is added to section 1012.59,
 2063 Florida Statutes, to read:

2064 1012.59 Certification fees.—

2065 (3) The State Board of Education shall waive initial
 2066 general knowledge, professional education, and subject area
 2067 examination fees and certification fees for:

2068 (a) A member of the United States Armed Forces or a
 2069 reserve component thereof who is serving or has served on active
 2070 duty or the spouse of such a member.

2071 (b) The surviving spouse of a member of the United States
 2072 Armed Forces or a reserve component thereof who was serving on
 2073 active duty at the time of death.

2074 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States
 2075 Armed Forces or a veteran of a reserve component thereof who

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2076 | served on active duty and the spouse or surviving spouse of such
2077 | a veteran.

2078 | Section 55. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.