

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Financial
3 Services; amending s. 17.56, F.S.; requiring the
4 Division of Treasury to maintain certain warrants
5 rather than turning them over to the Division of
6 Accounting and Auditing; amending s. 497.263, F.S.;
7 revising the requirements for cemetery companies
8 licenses; amending s. 497.266, F.S.; conforming
9 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
10 497.376, F.S.; providing requirements for a
11 combination license as funeral director and embalmer;
12 amending s. 497.377, F.S.; revising the requirements
13 for combination funeral director and embalmer
14 internships; amending s. 497.380, F.S.; revising the
15 requirements for a funeral establishment and the
16 requirements and responsibilities of a funeral
17 director in charge; amending s. 497.385, F.S.;
18 revising the requirements for a licensed embalming
19 facility; amending s. 497.452, F.S.; revising the
20 applicability of specified provisions related to
21 cemeteries; amending s. 497.453, F.S.; providing
22 reporting requirements for certain preneed licensees;
23 amending s. 497.458, F.S.; revising the requirements
24 for the disposition of proceeds received on preneed
25 contracts; amending s. 497.464, F.S.; revising the

26 requirements of certain preneed contracts; amending s.
27 497.604, F.S.; revising the requirements for a direct
28 disposal establishment; amending s. 497.606, F.S.;
29 revising the requirements for a cinerator facility;
30 amending s. 633.218, F.S.; deleting a provision that
31 requires the identification of specified buildings or
32 space for firesafety purposes; amending s. 633.306,
33 F.S.; providing standards for fire equipment
34 installation; amending s. 633.312, F.S.; specifying
35 the delivery methods of a firesafety inspection
36 report; requiring the State Fire Marshal to adopt
37 rules; amending s. 633.520, F.S.; requiring the
38 Division of State Fire Marshal to adopt rules to
39 establish cancer prevention best practices; amending
40 s. 626.175, F.S.; revising the requirements for a
41 specified nonrenewable temporary license; revising the
42 types of nonrenewable temporary licenses issued by the
43 Department of Financial Services; amending s. 626.221,
44 F.S.; revising the language relating to an exemption
45 from examination for specified license applicants
46 under certain circumstances; amending s. 626.2815,
47 F.S.; deleting provisions requiring certain licensed
48 customer representatives and insurance agents to
49 complete continuation education courses; amending s.
50 626.321, F.S.; revising the requirements for certain

51 | lines insurance licenses; prohibiting issuance or
52 | reinstatement of certain lines insurance licenses
53 | beginning on a specified date; amending s. 626.471,
54 | F.S.; revising the method of delivery of certain
55 | notice; amending s. 626.536, F.S.; deleting provisions
56 | relating to reporting administrative actions taken
57 | against an insurance agency; amending s. 626.6215,
58 | F.S.; providing additional grounds for which the
59 | department may take specified action against the
60 | license of an insurance agency; amending s. 626.729,
61 | F.S.; redefining the term "industrial fire insurance";
62 | amending ss. 626.8437 and 626.844, F.S.; specifying
63 | grounds for certain administrative actions against
64 | licenses or appointments of specified insurance agents
65 | or agencies; amending s. 626.8732, F.S.; revising the
66 | requirements for nonresident public adjuster's
67 | licenses; amending s. 633.216, F.S.; conforming a
68 | cross-reference; amending s. 627.7015, F.S.; requiring
69 | insurers to report mediation settlements and
70 | settlement amounts to all parties within a certain
71 | timeframe; amending s. 648.49, F.S.; requiring the
72 | department to meet certain requirements when
73 | suspending a person's eligibility to apply for a
74 | license or appointment; revising methods for
75 | reinstatement of a license, an appointment, or certain

76 | eligibility; amending s. 717.123, F.S.; increasing the
 77 | amount that the department may retain from specified
 78 | funds; amending s. 717.124, F.S.; providing
 79 | disbursement processes for unclaimed property claims;
 80 | providing rulemaking authority; repealing ss. 626.521
 81 | and 626.7355, F.S., relating to credit and character
 82 | reports and to a temporary license as customer
 83 | representative pending examination, respectively;
 84 | amending ss. 626.022 and 626.025, F.S.; conforming
 85 | cross-references; providing an effective date.

87 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

89 | Section 1. Section 17.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 90 | read:

91 | 17.56 Division of Treasury to maintain ~~turn over to the~~
 92 | ~~Division of Accounting and Auditing~~ all warrants paid.—The
 93 | Division of Treasury shall maintain ~~turn over to the Division of~~
 94 | ~~Accounting and Auditing~~ all warrants drawn by the Chief
 95 | Financial Officer ~~or the Comptroller~~ and paid by the Division of
 96 | Treasury for 10 years after the date on which a warrant was
 97 | presented for payment. ~~The warrants shall be turned over as soon~~
 98 | ~~as the Division of Treasury shall have recorded such warrants~~
 99 | ~~and charged the same against the accounts upon which such~~
 100 | ~~warrants are drawn.~~

101 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 102 497.263, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

103 497.263 Cemetery companies; license required; licensure
 104 requirements and procedures.—

105 (3) ACTION CONCERNING APPLICATIONS.—If the licensing
 106 authority finds that the applicant meets the criteria
 107 established in subsection (2), the applicant shall be notified
 108 that a license will be issued when all of the following
 109 conditions are satisfied:

110 (a) The establishment of a care and maintenance trust fund
 111 containing not less than \$50,000 has been certified by a trust
 112 company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, a state or national
 113 bank holding trust powers, or a savings and loan association
 114 holding trust powers as provided in s. 497.458, pursuant to a
 115 trust agreement approved by the licensing authority. The \$50,000
 116 required for the care and maintenance trust fund shall be over
 117 and above the \$50,000 net worth required by subsection (2).

118 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 497.266, Florida
 119 Statutes, is amended to read:

120 497.266 Care and maintenance trust fund; remedy of
 121 department for noncompliance.—

122 (1) A ~~No~~ cemetery company may not establish a cemetery, or
 123 operate a cemetery if already established, without providing for
 124 the future care and maintenance of the cemetery, for which a
 125 care and maintenance trust fund shall be established, to be

126 known as "the care and maintenance trust fund of" The
 127 trust fund shall be established with a trust company ~~operating~~
 128 ~~pursuant to chapter 660~~, with a state or national bank holding
 129 trust powers, or with a federal or state savings and loan
 130 association holding trust powers. Trust funds which are with a
 131 state or national bank or savings and loan association licensed
 132 in this state on October 1, 1993, shall remain in force;
 133 however, when the amount of any such trust fund exceeds the
 134 amount that is insured by an agency of the Federal Government,
 135 the cemetery company shall transfer that trust fund to a trust
 136 company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, to a state or
 137 national bank holding trust powers, or to a federal or state
 138 savings and loan association holding trust powers.

139 Section 4. Section 497.376, Florida Statutes, is amended
 140 to read:

141 497.376 License as funeral director and embalmer
 142 permitted.—

143 (1) This chapter does not prohibit a person from holding a
 144 license as an embalmer and a license as a funeral director at
 145 the same time. There may be issued and renewed by the licensing
 146 authority a combination license as both funeral director and
 147 embalmer to persons meeting the separate requirements for both
 148 licenses as set forth in this chapter. The licensing authority
 149 may adopt rules providing procedures for applying for and
 150 renewing such combination license. The licensing authority may

151 by rule establish application, renewal, and other fees for such
 152 combination license, which fees may ~~shall~~ not exceed the sum of
 153 the maximum fees for the separate funeral director and embalmer
 154 license categories as provided in this chapter. A person ~~Persons~~
 155 holding a combination license as a funeral director and an
 156 embalmer is ~~shall be~~ subject to regulation under this chapter
 157 both as a funeral director and an embalmer.

158 (2) Except as provided in s. 497.377, an applicant for a
 159 combination license as both a funeral director and an embalmer
 160 must hold the educational credentials required for licensure of
 161 a funeral director under s. 497.373(1)(d).

162 Section 5. Section 497.377, Florida Statutes, is amended
 163 to read:

164 497.377 Combination funeral directors and embalmers;
 165 ~~Concurrent~~ internships.-

166 (1) The internship requirements ~~requirement~~ for a
 167 combination license as both funeral director and embalmer
 168 ~~embalmers and funeral directors~~ may be served concurrently
 169 pursuant to rules adopted by the licensing authority.

170 (2)(a) An applicant who has not completed the educational
 171 credentials required for a combination license as both funeral
 172 director and embalmer is eligible for licensure as a combination
 173 funeral director and embalmer intern if the applicant:

174 1. Is currently enrolled in and attending a college
 175 accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education

176 (ABFSE) in a course of study in mortuary science accredited by
177 ABFSE.

178 2. Has completed at least 75 percent of the course of
179 study in mortuary science as certified by the college in which
180 the applicant is currently enrolled.

181 3. Has taken and received a passing grade in a college
182 credit course in mortuary law or funeral service law and has
183 taken and received a passing grade in a college credit course in
184 ethics.

185 (b) An application for a combination funeral director and
186 embalmer intern license must include the name and address of the
187 funeral director licensed under s. 497.373 or s. 497.374(1) and
188 the embalmer licensed under s. 497.368 or s. 497.369 under whose
189 supervision the intern will receive training and the name of the
190 licensed funeral establishment at which the training will be
191 conducted.

192 (c) A combination funeral director and embalmer intern may
193 perform only the tasks, functions, and duties relating to
194 funeral directing and embalming which are performed under the
195 direct supervision of a licensed funeral director who has an
196 active, valid license under s. 497.373 or s. 497.374(1) and an
197 embalmer who has an active, valid license under s. 497.368 or s.
198 497.369. However, a combination funeral director and embalmer
199 intern may perform such tasks, functions, and duties under the
200 general supervision of a licensed funeral director and embalmer

201 upon graduation from a college accredited by ABFSE with a degree
202 as specified in s. 497.373(1)(d) and upon passage of the
203 examination required under s. 497.373(2)(b) if the funeral
204 director in charge of the internship training establishment,
205 after 6 months of direct supervision, certifies to the licensing
206 authority that the intern is competent to complete the
207 internship under general supervision.

208 (d)1. A combination funeral director and embalmer intern
209 license expires 1 year after issuance and, except as provided in
210 subparagraph 2., may not be renewed.

211 2. The licensing authority may adopt rules that allow a
212 combination funeral director and embalmer intern to renew her or
213 his combination funeral director and embalmer intern license for
214 an additional 1 year if the combination funeral director and
215 embalmer intern demonstrates her or his failure to complete the
216 internship before expiration of the license due to illness,
217 personal injury, or other substantial hardship beyond her or his
218 reasonable control or demonstrates that she or he has completed
219 the requirements for licensure as a combination funeral director
220 and embalmer but is awaiting the results of a licensure
221 examination.

222 Section 6. Subsection (7) of section 497.380, Florida
223 Statutes, is amended to read:

224 497.380 Funeral establishment; licensure; display of
225 license.-

226 (7) Each licensed funeral establishment shall have a ~~one~~
227 ~~full-time~~ funeral director in charge and shall have a licensed
228 funeral director reasonably available to the public during
229 normal business hours for the establishment. The ~~full-time~~
230 funeral director in charge is responsible for ensuring that the
231 facility, its operation, and all persons employed in the
232 facility comply with all applicable state and federal laws and
233 rules. A funeral director in charge, with appropriate, active
234 licenses, may serve as such for up to a total of four funeral
235 establishments, centralized embalming facilities, direct
236 disposal establishments, or cinerator facilities, as long as the
237 two farthest locations are no more than 75 miles apart, as
238 measured in a straight line. ~~The full-time funeral director in~~
239 ~~charge must have an active license and may not be the full-time~~
240 ~~funeral director in charge of any other funeral establishment or~~
241 ~~of any other direct disposal establishment. Effective October 1,~~
242 ~~2010,~~ The ~~full-time~~ funeral director in charge must hold an
243 active, valid funeral director license and an active, valid
244 embalmer license, or combination license as a funeral director
245 and an embalmer. However, a funeral director may serve as
246 funeral director in charge without an embalmer license or
247 combination license if the establishment does not have an
248 embalming room on site or may continue as the ~~full-time~~ funeral
249 director in charge without an embalmer or combination license
250 if, as of September 30, 2010:

251 (a) The funeral establishment and the funeral director
 252 both have active, valid licenses.

253 (b) The funeral director is currently the full-time
 254 funeral director in charge of the funeral establishment.

255 (c) The name of the funeral director was included, as
 256 required in subsection (4), in the funeral establishment's most
 257 recent application for issuance or renewal of its license or was
 258 included in the establishment's report of change provided under
 259 paragraph (12)(c).

260 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 261 497.385, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

262 497.385 Removal services; refrigeration facilities;
 263 centralized embalming facilities.—In order to ensure that the
 264 removal, refrigeration, and embalming of all dead human bodies
 265 is conducted in a manner that properly protects the public's
 266 health and safety, the licensing authority shall adopt rules to
 267 provide for the licensure of removal services, refrigeration
 268 facilities, and centralized embalming facilities operated
 269 independently of funeral establishments, direct disposal
 270 establishments, and cinerator facilities.

271 (2) CENTRALIZED EMBALMING FACILITIES.—In order to ensure
 272 that all funeral establishments have access to embalming
 273 facilities that comply with all applicable health and safety
 274 requirements, the licensing authority shall adopt rules to
 275 provide for the licensure and operation of centralized embalming

276 facilities and shall require, at a minimum, the following:

277 (b) Each licensed centralized embalming facility shall
278 have at least one ~~full-time~~ embalmer in charge. The ~~full-time~~
279 embalmer in charge must have an active, valid embalmer license
280 or combination license as a funeral director and embalmer and
281 ~~may not be the full-time embalmer in charge, full-time funeral~~
282 ~~director in charge, or full-time direct disposer in charge of~~
283 ~~any other establishment licensed under this chapter.~~ A funeral
284 director in charge, with appropriate, active licenses, may serve
285 as such for up to a total of four funeral establishments,
286 centralized embalming facilities, direct disposal
287 establishments, or cinerator facilities, as long as the two
288 farthest locations are no more than 75 miles apart, as measured
289 in a straight line.

290 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
291 497.452, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (a) of that
292 subsection is republished, to read:

293 497.452 Preneed license required.—

294 (2) (a) No person may receive any funds for payment on a
295 preneed contract who does not hold a valid preneed license.

296 (b) ~~The provisions of~~ Paragraph (a) does ~~de~~ not apply to a
297 trust company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660,~~ to a national
298 or state bank holding trust powers, or to a federal or state
299 savings and loan association having trust powers which company,
300 bank, or association receives any money in trust pursuant to the

301 sale of a preneed contract.

302 Section 9. Subsection (8) of section 497.453, Florida
303 Statutes, is amended to read:

304 497.453 Application for preneed license, procedures and
305 criteria; renewal; reports.—

306 (8) ANNUAL TRUST REPORTS.—

307 (a) On or before April 1 of each year, the preneed
308 licensee shall file in the form prescribed by rule a full and
309 true statement as to the activities of any trust established by
310 it pursuant to this part for the preceding calendar year.

311 (b) Any preneed licensee or group of preneed licensees
312 under common control that in aggregate sold in this state 15,000
313 or more preneed contracts in the preceding year shall
314 additionally comply with this paragraph.

315 1. As to each year, which is referred to in this paragraph
316 as "Year 1," in which any preneed licensee or group of preneed
317 licensees under common control in aggregate sell in this state
318 15,000 or more preneed contracts, the licensee or licensees
319 shall, during the following year, which is referred to in this
320 paragraph as "Year 2":

321 a. Prepare in regard to each such licensee a report of
322 preneed operations in this state in Year 1, on a form prescribed
323 by department rule;

324 b. Cause and pay for the report to be audited by an
325 independent certified public accounting firm concerning the

326 accuracy and fairness of the presentation of the data provided
 327 in the report; and

328 c. By December 31 of Year 2, provide the report to the
 329 division, along with a written and signed opinion of the
 330 certified public accounting firm concerning the accuracy and
 331 fairness of the presentation of the data reported in the report.

332 2. The report required under subparagraph 1. shall be
 333 prepared and submitted using forms and procedures specified by
 334 department rule. The department may adopt rules specifying the
 335 format of, and procedures for, the report and the information to
 336 be included in the report.

337 Section 10. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 338 497.458, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339 497.458 Disposition of proceeds received on contracts.—

340 (1)

341 (c) Such deposits shall be made within 30 days after the
 342 end of the calendar month in which payment is received, under
 343 the terms of a revocable trust instrument entered into with a
 344 trust company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, with a national
 345 or state bank holding trust powers, or with a federal or state
 346 savings and loan association holding trust powers.

347 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 497.464, Florida
 348 Statutes, is amended to read:

349 497.464 Alternative preneed contracts.—

350 (2) The contract must require that a trust be established

351 by the preneed licensee on behalf of, and for the use, benefit,
 352 and protection of, the purchaser and that the trustee must be a
 353 trust company ~~operating pursuant to chapter 660~~, a national or
 354 state bank holding trust powers, or a federal or state savings
 355 and loan association holding trust powers.

356 Section 12. Subsection (8) of section 497.604, Florida
 357 Statutes, is amended to read:

358 497.604 Direct disposal establishments, license required;
 359 licensing procedures and criteria; license renewal; regulation;
 360 display of license.—

361 (8) SUPERVISION OF FACILITIES.—

362 (a) ~~Effective October 1, 2010,~~ Each direct disposal
 363 establishment shall have a ~~one full-time licensed~~ funeral
 364 director ~~acting as the direct disposer~~ in charge, subject to s.
 365 497.380(7). However, a licensed direct disposer may continue
 366 acting as the direct disposer in charge, if, as of September 30,
 367 2010:

368 1. The direct disposal establishment and the licensed
 369 direct disposer both have active, valid licenses.

370 2. The licensed direct disposer is currently acting as the
 371 direct disposer in charge of the direct disposal establishment.

372 3. The name of the licensed direct disposer was included,
 373 as required in paragraph (2)(c), in the direct disposal
 374 establishment's most recent application for issuance or renewal
 375 of its license or was included in the establishment's notice of

376 change provided under subsection (7).

377 (b) The ~~licensed~~ funeral director in charge or ~~licensed~~
 378 direct disposer in charge of a direct disposal establishment
 379 must be reasonably available to the public during normal
 380 business hours for the establishment ~~and may be in charge of~~
 381 ~~only one direct disposal establishment~~. The ~~licensed~~ funeral
 382 director in charge or ~~licensed~~ direct disposer in charge of the
 383 establishment is responsible for making sure the facility, its
 384 operations, and all persons employed in the facility comply with
 385 all applicable state and federal laws and rules. A funeral
 386 director in charge, with appropriate, active licenses, may serve
 387 as such for up to a total of four funeral establishments,
 388 centralized embalming facilities, direct disposal
 389 establishments, or cinerator facilities, as long as the two
 390 farthest locations are no more than 75 miles apart, as measured
 391 in a straight line.

392 Section 13. Subsection (8) of section 497.606, Florida
 393 Statutes, is amended to read:

394 497.606 Cinerator facility, licensure required; licensing
 395 procedures and criteria; license renewal; regulation.—

396 (8) SUPERVISION OF FACILITIES.—Each cinerator facility
 397 shall have a ~~one full-time licensed~~ direct disposer in charge or
 398 a ~~licensed~~ funeral director in charge for that facility. ~~Such~~
 399 ~~person may be in charge of only one facility.~~ Such ~~licensed~~
 400 funeral director in charge or ~~licensed~~ direct disposer in charge

401 shall be responsible for making sure the facility, its
402 operations, and all persons employed in the facility comply with
403 all applicable state and federal laws and rules. A funeral
404 director in charge, with appropriate, active licenses, may serve
405 as such for up to a total of four funeral establishments,
406 centralized embalming facilities, direct disposal
407 establishments, or cinerator facilities, as long as the two
408 farthest locations are no more than 75 miles apart, as measured
409 in a straight line.

410 Section 14. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
411 633.218, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (a)
412 through (e) of that subsection are republished, to read:

413 633.218 Inspections of state buildings and premises; tests
414 of firesafety equipment; building plans to be approved.—

415 (1) (a) It is the duty of the State Fire Marshal and her or
416 his agents to inspect, or cause to be inspected, each state-
417 owned building on a recurring basis established by rule, and to
418 ensure that high-hazard occupancies are inspected at least
419 annually, for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be
420 corrected any conditions liable to cause fire or endanger life
421 from fire and any violation of the firesafety standards for
422 state-owned buildings, this chapter, or the rules adopted
423 pursuant hereto. The State Fire Marshal shall, within 7 days
424 following an inspection, submit a report of such inspection to
425 the head of the state agency responsible for the building.

426 (b) Except as provided in s. 255.45, the department head
 427 is responsible for ensuring that deficiencies noted in the
 428 inspection are corrected as soon as practicable.

429 (c) Each department shall, in its annual budget proposal,
 430 include requests for sufficient funds to correct any firesafety
 431 deficiencies noted by the State Fire Marshal.

432 (d) Each department shall, in its annual budget proposal
 433 and for all proposals for new construction or renovations to
 434 existing structures, include requests for sufficient funds to
 435 pay for any charges or fees imposed by the State Fire Marshal
 436 for review of plans, renovations, occupancy, or inspections,
 437 whether recurring or high hazard.

438 (e) For purposes of this section:

439 1.a. The term "high-hazard occupancy" means any building
 440 or structure:

441 (I) That contains combustible or explosive matter or
 442 flammable conditions dangerous to the safety of life or
 443 property;

444 (II) At which persons receive educational instruction;

445 (III) At which persons reside, excluding private
 446 dwellings; or

447 (IV) Containing three or more floor levels.

448 b. As used in this subparagraph, the phrase "building or
 449 structure":

450 (I) Includes, but is not limited to, all hospitals and

451 residential health care facilities, nursing homes and other
452 adult care facilities, correctional or detention facilities,
453 public schools, public lodging establishments, migrant labor
454 camps, residential child care facilities, and self-service
455 gasoline stations.

456 (II) Does not include any residential condominium where
457 the declaration of condominium or the bylaws provide that the
458 rental of units shall not be permitted for less than 90 days.

459 2. The term "state-owned building" includes private
460 correctional facilities as defined under s. 944.710(3).

461 ~~(f) A state-owned building or state-leased building or~~
462 ~~space shall be identified through use of the United States~~
463 ~~National Grid Coordinate System.~~

464 Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
465 633.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

466 633.306 Requirements for installation, inspection, and
467 maintenance of fire suppression equipment.—

468 (1) The requirements for installation of fire
469 extinguishers and preengineered systems are as follows:

470 (c) Equipment shall be installed in accordance with the
471 applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association
472 and the manufacturer's drawings and specifications, using only
473 components and parts specified by the manufacturer or listed as
474 equal parts by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such
475 as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or Factory Mutual

476 Laboratories, Inc.

477 Section 16. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 633.312,
478 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6),
479 respectively, subsection (3) is amended, and a new subsection
480 (4) is added to that section, to read:

481 633.312 Inspection of fire control systems, fire hydrants,
482 and fire protection systems.—

483 (3) (a) The inspecting contractor shall provide to the
484 building owner or hydrant owner and the local authority having
485 jurisdiction a copy of the applicable summary inspection report
486 established under this chapter. The local authority having
487 jurisdiction may accept inspection reports by United States
488 mail, by hand delivery, by electronic submission, or through a
489 third-party vendor that collects the reports on behalf of the
490 local authority having jurisdiction.

491 (b) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules to implement
492 a uniform submission procedure to be used by all local
493 authorities having jurisdiction and third-party vendors when
494 collecting inspection reports. The uniform submission procedure
495 must have a standardized format for a uniform summary report and
496 for the collection of the address of the building or hydrant,
497 the name of the company and person conducting the inspection,
498 the date of the inspection, and a brief summary of each
499 deficiency, critical deficiency, noncritical deficiency, or
500 impairment. The uniform submission procedure must allow a

501 contractor to attach additional documents to the submission,
502 including a physical copy of the contractor's detailed
503 inspection report. A contractor's detailed inspection report is
504 not required to follow the uniform summary report format, and
505 the uniform submission procedure may not require a contractor to
506 enter specific information contained within the detailed
507 inspection report.

508 (4) The maintenance of fire hydrant and fire protection
509 systems as well as corrective actions on deficient systems is
510 the responsibility of the owner of the system or hydrant.
511 Equipment requiring periodic testing or operation to ensure its
512 maintenance shall be tested or operated as specified in the Fire
513 Prevention Code, Life Safety Code, National Fire Protection
514 Association standards, or as directed by the appropriate
515 authority, provided that such appropriate authority may not
516 require a sprinkler system not required by the Fire Prevention
517 Code, Life Safety Code, or National Fire Protection Association
518 standards to be removed regardless of its condition. This
519 section does not prohibit governmental entities from inspecting
520 and enforcing firesafety codes.

521 Section 17. Section 633.520, Florida Statutes, is amended
522 to read:

523 633.520 Safety; firefighter employer responsibilities.—

524 (1) ~~Every~~ firefighter employer shall furnish and use
525 safety devices and safeguards, adopt and use methods and

526 processes reasonably adequate to render such an employment and
527 place of employment safe, and do every other thing reasonably
528 necessary to protect the lives, health, and safety of such
529 firefighter employees. As used in this section, the terms "safe"
530 and "safety," as applied to any employment or place of
531 employment, mean such freedom from danger as is reasonably
532 necessary for the protection of the lives, health, and safety of
533 firefighter employees, including conditions and methods of
534 sanitation and hygiene. Safety devices and safeguards required
535 to be furnished by the firefighter employer by this section or
536 by the division under authority of this section do not include
537 personal apparel and protective devices that replace personal
538 apparel normally worn by firefighter employees during regular
539 working hours.

540 (2) The division shall adopt rules to establish employers'
541 cancer prevention best practices related to personal protective
542 equipment, decontamination, fire suppression equipment, and fire
543 stations.

544 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 626.175, Florida
545 Statutes, is amended to read:

546 626.175 Temporary licensing.—

547 (1) The department may issue a nonrenewable temporary
548 license for a period not to exceed 6 months authorizing
549 appointment of a general lines insurance agent, ~~or~~ a life agent,
550 or a personal lines ~~an industrial fire or burglary~~ agent,

551 subject to the conditions described in this section. The fees
552 paid for a temporary license and appointment shall be as
553 specified in s. 624.501. Fees paid are ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ refunded
554 after a temporary license has been issued.

555 (a) An applicant for a temporary license must be:

556 1. A natural person at least 18 years of age.

557 2. A United States citizen or legal alien who possesses
558 work authorization from the United States Bureau of Citizenship
559 and Immigration Services.

560 (b)1. In the case of a general lines agent, the department
561 may issue a temporary license to an employee, a family member, a
562 business associate, or a personal representative of a licensed
563 general lines agent for the purpose of continuing or winding up
564 the business affairs of the agent or agency in the event the
565 licensed agent has died or become unable to perform his or her
566 duties because of military service or illness or other physical
567 or mental disability, subject to the following conditions:

568 a. No other individual connected with the agent's business
569 may be licensed as a general lines agent.

570 b. The proposed temporary licensee shall be qualified for
571 a regular general lines agent license under this code except as
572 to residence, examination, education, or experience.

573 c. Application for the temporary license shall have been
574 made by the applicant upon statements and affidavit filed with
575 the department on forms prescribed and furnished by the

576 department.

577 d. Under a temporary license and appointment, the licensee
578 may ~~shall~~ not represent any insurer not last represented by the
579 agent being replaced and may ~~shall~~ not be licensed or appointed
580 as to any additional kind, line, or class of insurance other
581 than those covered by the last existing agency appointments of
582 the replaced agent. If an insurer withdraws from the agency
583 during the temporary license period, the temporary licensee may
584 be appointed by another similar insurer but only for the period
585 remaining under the temporary license.

586 2. A regular general lines agent license may be issued to
587 a temporary licensee upon meeting the qualifications for a
588 general lines agent license under s. 626.731.

589 (c) In the case of a life agent, the department may issue
590 a temporary license:

591 1. To the executor or administrator of the estate of a
592 deceased individual licensed and appointed as a life agent at
593 the time of death;

594 2. To a surviving next of kin of the deceased individual,
595 if no administrator or executor has been appointed and
596 qualified; however, any license and appointment under this
597 subparagraph shall be canceled upon issuance of a license to an
598 executor or administrator under subparagraph 1.; or

599 3. To an individual otherwise qualified to be licensed as
600 an agent who has completed the educational or training

601 requirements prescribed in s. 626.7851 and who is appointed ~~has~~
 602 ~~successfully sat for the required examination prior to~~
 603 ~~termination of such 6-month period. The department may issue~~
 604 ~~this temporary license only in the case of a life agent to~~
 605 represent an insurer of the industrial or ordinary-combination
 606 class solely for the purpose of collecting premiums and
 607 servicing in-force policies. Such licensee may not directly or
 608 indirectly solicit, negotiate, or effect contracts of insurance.

609 (d) In the case of a personal lines ~~limited license~~
 610 ~~authorizing appointment as an industrial fire or burglary agent,~~
 611 the department may issue a temporary license:

612 1. To the executor or administrator of the estate of a
 613 deceased individual licensed and appointed as a personal lines
 614 agent at the time of death;

615 2. To a surviving next of kin of the deceased individual,
 616 if no administrator or executor has been appointed and
 617 qualified. Any license and appointment under this subparagraph
 618 shall be canceled upon issuance of a license to an executor or
 619 administrator under subparagraph 1.; or

620 3. To an individual otherwise qualified to be licensed as
 621 an agent who has completed the educational or training
 622 requirements prescribed in s. 626.732 and who is appointed to
 623 represent an insurer of the industrial or ordinary-combination
 624 class solely for the purpose of collecting premiums and
 625 servicing in-force policies. Such licensee may not directly or

626 indirectly solicit, negotiate, or effect contracts of insurance
627 ~~has successfully sat for the required examination prior to~~
628 ~~termination of the 6-month period.~~

629 Section 19. Subsection (1) and paragraph (e) of subsection
630 (2) of section 626.221, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

631 626.221 Examination requirement; exemptions.—

632 (1) The department may ~~shall~~ not issue any license as
633 agent or adjuster to any individual who has not qualified for,
634 taken, and passed to the satisfaction of the department a
635 written examination of the scope prescribed in s. 626.241.

636 (2) However, an examination is not necessary for any of
637 the following:

638 (e) An applicant who has been licensed as an all-lines
639 adjuster and appointed as an independent adjuster or company
640 employee adjuster and who files ~~if~~ an application for an all-
641 lines adjuster license licensure is filed with the department
642 within 48 months after ~~following~~ the date of cancellation or
643 expiration of the prior appointment.

644 Section 20. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
645 626.2815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

646 626.2815 Continuing education requirements.—

647 (3) Each licensee except a title insurance agent must
648 complete a 5-hour update course every 2 years which is specific
649 to the license held by the licensee. The course must be
650 developed and offered by providers and approved by the

651 department. The content of the course must address all lines of
652 insurance for which examination and licensure are required and
653 include the following subject areas: insurance law updates,
654 ethics for insurance professionals, disciplinary trends and case
655 studies, industry trends, premium discounts, determining
656 suitability of products and services, and other similar
657 insurance-related topics the department determines are relevant
658 to legally and ethically carrying out the responsibilities of
659 the license granted. A licensee who holds multiple insurance
660 licenses must complete an update course that is specific to at
661 least one of the licenses held. Except as otherwise specified,
662 any remaining required hours of continuing education are
663 elective and may consist of any continuing education course
664 approved by the department under this section.

665 (d) An individual who holds a license as a customer
666 representative, ~~limited customer representative, motor vehicle~~
667 ~~physical damage and mechanical breakdown insurance agent, or an~~
668 ~~industrial fire insurance or burglary insurance agent~~ and who is
669 not a licensed life or health agent, must also complete a
670 minimum of 5 hours of continuing education courses every 2
671 years.

672 Section 21. Paragraphs (b) and (f) of subsection (1) of
673 section 626.321, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

674 626.321 Limited licenses.—

675 (1) The department shall issue to a qualified applicant a

676 | license as agent authorized to transact a limited class of
 677 | business in any of the following categories of limited lines
 678 | insurance:

679 | (b) Industrial fire insurance or burglary insurance.—
 680 | License covering only industrial fire insurance or burglary
 681 | insurance. ~~The applicant for such a license must pass a written~~
 682 | ~~examination covering such insurance.~~ A licensee under this
 683 | paragraph may not hold a license as an agent for any other or
 684 | additional kind or class of insurance coverage except for life
 685 | insurance and health insurance. Effective July 1, 2019, all
 686 | licensees holding such limited license and appointment may renew
 687 | the license and appointment, but no new or additional licenses
 688 | may be issued pursuant to this paragraph, and a licensee whose
 689 | limited license under this paragraph has been terminated,
 690 | suspended, or revoked may not have such license reinstated.

691 | (f) Crop hail and multiple-peril crop insurance.—License
 692 | for insurance covering crops subject to unfavorable weather
 693 | conditions, fire or lightning ~~lightening~~, flood, hail, insect
 694 | infestation, disease, or other yield-reducing conditions or
 695 | perils which is provided by the private insurance market, or
 696 | which is subsidized by the Federal Group Insurance Corporation
 697 | including multi-peril crop insurance. Notwithstanding any other
 698 | provision of law, the limited license may be issued to a bona
 699 | fide salaried employee of an association chartered under the
 700 | Farm Credit Act of 1971, 12 U.S.C. ss. 2001 et seq., ~~who~~

701 ~~satisfactorily completes the examination prescribed by the~~
702 ~~department pursuant to s. 626.241(5).~~ The agent must be
703 appointed by, and his or her limited license requested by, a
704 licensed general lines agent. All business transacted by the
705 agent must be on behalf of, in the name of, and countersigned by
706 the agent by whom he or she is appointed. Sections 626.561 and
707 626.748, relating to records, apply to all business written
708 pursuant to this section. The licensee may be appointed by and
709 licensed for only one general lines agent or agency.

710 Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 626.471, Florida
711 Statutes, is amended to read:

712 626.471 Termination of appointment.—

713 (1) Subject to an appointee's contract rights, an
714 appointing entity may terminate its appointment of any appointee
715 at any time. Except when termination is upon a ground which
716 would subject the appointee to suspension or revocation of his
717 or her license and appointment under s. 626.611 or s. 626.621,
718 and except as provided by contract between the appointing entity
719 and the appointee, the appointing entity shall give at least 60
720 days' advance written notice of its intention to terminate such
721 appointment to the appointee, either by delivering the notice
722 ~~delivery thereof~~ to the appointee in person, or by sending it
723 via electronic mail or mailing it, postage prepaid, addressed to
724 the appointee at his or her last e-mail or mailing address of
725 record with the appointing entity. ~~Notice so mailed shall be~~

726 ~~deemed to have been given when deposited in a United States~~
 727 ~~Postal Service mail depository.~~

728 Section 23. Section 626.536, Florida Statutes, is amended
 729 to read:

730 626.536 Reporting of administrative actions.—Within 30
 731 days after the final disposition of an administrative action
 732 taken against a licensee ~~or insurance agency~~ by a governmental
 733 agency or other regulatory agency in this or any other state or
 734 jurisdiction relating to the business of insurance, the sale of
 735 securities, or activity involving fraud, dishonesty,
 736 trustworthiness, or breach of a fiduciary duty, the licensee ~~or~~
 737 ~~insurance agency~~ must submit a copy of the order, consent to
 738 order, or other relevant legal documents to the department. The
 739 department may adopt rules to administer this section.

740 Section 24. Subsection (7) is added to section 626.6215,
 741 Florida Statutes, to read:

742 626.6215 Grounds for discretionary refusal, suspension, or
 743 revocation of insurance agency license.—The department may, in
 744 its discretion, deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to continue the
 745 license of any insurance agency if it finds, as to any insurance
 746 agency or as to any majority owner, partner, manager, director,
 747 officer, or other person who manages or controls such insurance
 748 agency, that any one or more of the following applicable grounds
 749 exist:

750 (7) If a license to practice or to conduct any regulated

751 profession, business, or vocation has been denied, suspended, or
752 revoked or has had any other adverse administrative action taken
753 against it by this state, any other state, any nation, any
754 possession or district of the United States, any court, or any
755 lawful agency thereof.

756 Section 25. Section 626.729, Florida Statutes, is amended
757 to read:

758 626.729 "Industrial fire insurance" defined.—For the
759 purposes of this code, "industrial fire insurance" is insurance
760 against loss by fire of either buildings and other structures or
761 contents, which may include extended coverage; windstorm
762 insurance; basic limits owners, landlords, or tenants liability
763 insurance with single limits of \$25,000; comprehensive personal
764 liability insurance with a single limit of \$25,000; or burglary
765 insurance, under which the premiums are collected quarterly or
766 more often and the face amount of the insurance provided by the
767 policy on one risk is not more than \$50,000, including the
768 contents of such buildings and other structures, ~~and the insurer~~
769 ~~issuing such policy is operating under a system of collecting a~~
770 ~~debit by its agents. A temporary license for an industrial fire~~
771 ~~or burglary agent issued pursuant to s. 626.175 shall be solely~~
772 ~~for the purpose of collecting premiums and servicing in-force~~
773 ~~policies, and such licensee shall not directly or indirectly~~
774 ~~solicit, negotiate, or effect contracts of insurance.~~

775 Section 26. Subsection (9) of section 626.8437, Florida

776 Statutes, is amended to read:

777 626.8437 Grounds for denial, suspension, revocation, or
 778 refusal to renew license or appointment.—The department shall
 779 deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew or continue the
 780 license or appointment of any title insurance agent or agency,
 781 and it shall suspend or revoke the eligibility to hold a license
 782 or appointment of such person, if it finds that as to the
 783 applicant, licensee, appointee, or any principal thereof, any
 784 one or more of the following grounds exist:

785 (9) Willful failure to comply with, or willful violation
 786 of, any proper order or rule of the department or willful
 787 violation of any provision of the Florida Insurance Code ~~this~~
 788 ~~act~~.

789 Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 626.844, Florida
 790 Statutes, is amended to read:

791 626.844 Grounds for discretionary refusal, suspension, or
 792 revocation of license or appointment.—The department may, in its
 793 discretion, deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew or
 794 continue the license or appointment of any title insurance agent
 795 or agency, and it may suspend or revoke the eligibility to hold
 796 a license or appointment of any such title insurance agent or
 797 agency if it finds that as to the applicant or licensee or
 798 appointee, or any principal thereof, any one or more of the
 799 following grounds exist under circumstances for which such
 800 denial, suspension, revocation, or refusal is not mandatory

801 under s. 626.8437:

802 (2) Violation of any provision of the Florida Insurance
 803 Code ~~this act~~ in the course of dealing under the license or
 804 appointment.

805 Section 28. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and paragraphs
 806 (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of section 626.8732, Florida
 807 Statutes, are amended to read:

808 626.8732 Nonresident public adjuster's qualifications,
 809 bond.—

810 (1) The department shall, upon application therefor, issue
 811 a license to an applicant for a nonresident public adjuster's
 812 license upon determining that the applicant has paid the
 813 applicable license fees required under s. 624.501 and:

814 (e) Has been licensed and employed as a public adjuster in
 815 the applicant's state of residence on a continual basis for the
 816 past 6 months ~~year~~, or, if the applicant's state of residence
 817 does not issue licenses to individuals who act as public
 818 adjusters, the applicant has been licensed and employed as a
 819 resident insurance company or independent adjuster, or employed
 820 as a public adjuster, in his or her state of residence or any
 821 other state on a continual basis for the past year.

822 (2) The applicant shall furnish the following with his or
 823 her application:

824 (b) If currently licensed as a resident public adjuster in
 825 the applicant's state of residence, a certificate or letter of

826 authorization from the licensing authority of the applicant's
827 state of residence, stating that the applicant holds a current
828 or comparable license to act as a public adjuster and has held
829 the license continuously for the past 6 months ~~year~~. The
830 certificate or letter of authorization must be signed by the
831 insurance commissioner or his or her deputy or the appropriate
832 licensing official and must disclose whether the adjuster has
833 ever had any license or eligibility to hold any license
834 declined, denied, suspended, revoked, or placed on probation or
835 whether an administrative fine or penalty has been levied
836 against the adjuster and, if so, the reason for the action.

837 (c) If the applicant's state of residence does not require
838 licensure as a public adjuster and the applicant has been
839 licensed as a resident insurance adjuster in his or her state of
840 residence or any other state, a certificate or letter of
841 authorization from the licensing authority stating that the
842 applicant holds or has held a license to act as such an
843 insurance adjuster and has held the license continuously for the
844 past 6 months ~~year~~. The certificate or letter of authorization
845 must be signed by the insurance commissioner or his or her
846 deputy or the appropriate licensing official and must disclose
847 whether or not the adjuster has ever had any license or
848 eligibility to hold any license declined, denied, suspended,
849 revoked, or placed on probation or whether an administrative
850 fine or penalty has been levied against the adjuster and, if so,

851 the reason for the action.

852 Section 29. Subsection (1) of section 633.216, Florida
853 Statutes, is amended to read:

854 633.216 Inspection of buildings and equipment; orders;
855 firesafety inspection training requirements; certification;
856 disciplinary action.—The State Fire Marshal and her or his
857 agents or persons authorized to enforce laws and rules of the
858 State Fire Marshal shall, at any reasonable hour, when the State
859 Fire Marshal has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of
860 this chapter or s. 509.215, or a rule adopted thereunder, or a
861 minimum firesafety code adopted by the State Fire Marshal or a
862 local authority, may exist, inspect any and all buildings and
863 structures which are subject to the requirements of this chapter
864 or s. 509.215 and rules adopted thereunder. The authority to
865 inspect shall extend to all equipment, vehicles, and chemicals
866 which are located on or within the premises of any such building
867 or structure.

868 (1) Each county, municipality, and special district that
869 has firesafety enforcement responsibilities shall employ or
870 contract with a firesafety inspector. Except as provided in s.
871 633.312(2), ~~and~~ (3), and (4), the firesafety inspector must
872 conduct all firesafety inspections that are required by law. The
873 governing body of a county, municipality, or special district
874 that has firesafety enforcement responsibilities may provide a
875 schedule of fees to pay only the costs of inspections conducted

876 | pursuant to this subsection and related administrative expenses.
 877 | Two or more counties, municipalities, or special districts that
 878 | have firesafety enforcement responsibilities may jointly employ
 879 | or contract with a firesafety inspector.

880 | Section 30. Subsection (5) of section 627.7015, Florida
 881 | Statutes, is amended to read:

882 | 627.7015 Alternative procedure for resolution of disputed
 883 | property insurance claims.—

884 | (5) All statements made and documents produced at a
 885 | mediation conference shall be deemed to be settlement
 886 | negotiations in anticipation of litigation within the scope of
 887 | s. 90.408. The insurer must report the settlement obtained
 888 | through mediation, including the settlement amount, to all
 889 | parties within 10 days after the conclusion of the mediation
 890 | conference. All parties to the mediation must negotiate in good
 891 | faith and must have the authority to immediately settle the
 892 | claim. Mediators are deemed to be agents of the department and
 893 | shall have the immunity from suit provided in s. 44.107.

894 | Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 648.49, Florida
 895 | Statutes, is amended to read:

896 | 648.49 Duration of suspension or revocation.—

897 | (1) The department shall, in its order suspending a
 898 | license or appointment or in its order suspending the
 899 | eligibility of a person to hold or apply for a license or
 900 | appointment, specify the period during which the suspension is

901 to be in effect, but such period may not exceed 2 years. The
 902 license, or appointment, or and eligibility to hold or apply for
 903 a license or appointment remains ~~shall remain~~ suspended during
 904 the period so specified, subject, however, to any rescission or
 905 modification of the order by the department, or modification or
 906 reversal thereof by the court, before the ~~prior to~~ expiration of
 907 the suspension period. A license or appointment that ~~which~~ has
 908 been suspended may not be reinstated, nor shall the eligibility
 909 to hold such license or appointment be reinstated, except upon
 910 the filing and approval of an application ~~request~~ for such
 911 reinstatement, but the department may not approve an application
 912 for ~~grant~~ such reinstatement if it finds that the circumstances
 913 for which the license or appointment was suspended still exist
 914 or are likely to recur. In each case involving suspension, the
 915 department has the discretion to require the former licensee to
 916 successfully complete a basic certification course in the
 917 criminal justice system, consisting of not less than 80 hours
 918 approved by the department.

919 Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 717.123, Florida
 920 Statutes, is amended to read:

921 717.123 Deposit of funds.—

922 (1) All funds received under this chapter, including the
 923 proceeds from the sale of unclaimed property under s. 717.122,
 924 shall forthwith be deposited by the department in the Unclaimed
 925 Property Trust Fund. The department shall retain, from funds

926 received under this chapter, an amount not exceeding \$30 ~~\$15~~
927 million from which the department shall make prompt payment of
928 claims allowed by the department and shall pay the costs
929 incurred by the department in administering and enforcing this
930 chapter. All remaining funds received by the department under
931 this chapter shall be deposited by the department into the State
932 School Fund.

933 Section 33. Subsection (8) of section 717.124, Florida
934 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), and a new subsection
935 (8) and subsections (9) and (10) are added to that section, to
936 read:

937 717.124 Unclaimed property claims.—

938 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
939 the department may develop and implement an identification
940 verification and disbursement process by which an account valued
941 at \$2,000 or less, after being received by the department and
942 added to the unclaimed property database, may be disbursed to an
943 apparent owner after the department has verified that the
944 apparent owner is living and that the apparent owner's current
945 address is correct. The department shall include with the
946 payment a notification and explanation of the dollar amount, the
947 source, and the property type of each account included in the
948 disbursement. The department may adopt rules to implement this
949 subsection.

950 (9) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this

951 chapter, the department may develop and implement a verification
952 and disbursement process by which an account, after being
953 received by the department and added to the unclaimed property
954 database, for which the apparent owner entity is:

955 1. A state agency in this state or a subdivision or
956 successor agency thereof;

957 2. A county government in this state or a subdivision
958 thereof;

959 3. A public school district in this state or a subdivision
960 thereof;

961 4. A municipality in this state or a subdivision thereof;

962 or

963 5. A special taxing district or authority in this state,

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965 may be disbursed to the apparent owner entity or successor

966 entity. The department shall include with the payment a

967 notification and explanation of the dollar amount, the source,

968 and the property type of each account included in the

969 disbursement.

970 (b) The department may adopt rules to implement this

971 subsection.

972 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,

973 the department may develop a process by which a registered

974 claimant's representative or a buyer of unclaimed property may

975 electronically submit to the department an electronic image of a

976 completed claim and claims-related documents pursuant to this
977 chapter, including a limited power of attorney or purchase
978 agreement that has been manually signed and dated by a claimant
979 or seller pursuant to s. 717.135 or s. 717.1351, after the
980 claimant's representative or the buyer of unclaimed property
981 receives the original documents provided by the claimant or the
982 seller for any claim. Each claim filed by a registered
983 claimant's representative or a buyer of unclaimed property must
984 include a statement by the claimant's representative or the
985 buyer of unclaimed property attesting that all documents are
986 true copies of the original documents and that all original
987 documents are physically in the possession of the claimant's
988 representative or the buyer of unclaimed property. All original
989 documents must be kept in the original form, by claim number,
990 under the secure control of the claimant's representative or the
991 buyer of unclaimed property and must be available for inspection
992 by the department in accordance with s. 717.1315. The department
993 may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

994 Section 34. Section 626.521, Florida Statutes, is
995 repealed.

996 Section 35. Section 626.7355, Florida Statutes, is
997 repealed.

998 Section 36. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
999 626.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1000 626.022 Scope of part.—

1001 (1) This part applies as to insurance agents, service
 1002 representatives, adjusters, and insurance agencies; as to any
 1003 and all kinds of insurance; and as to stock insurers, mutual
 1004 insurers, reciprocal insurers, and all other types of insurers,
 1005 except that:

1006 (a) It does not apply as to reinsurance, except that ss.
 1007 626.011-626.022, ss. 626.112-626.181, ss. 626.191-626.211, ss.
 1008 626.291-626.301, s. 626.331, ss. 626.342-626.511 ~~ss. 626.342-~~
 1009 ~~626.521~~, ss. 626.541-626.591, and ss. 626.601-626.711 shall
 1010 apply as to reinsurance intermediaries as defined in s.
 1011 626.7492.

1012 Section 37. Subsection (4) of section 626.025, Florida
 1013 Statutes, is amended to read:

1014 626.025 Consumer protections.—To transact insurance,
 1015 agents shall comply with consumer protection laws, including the
 1016 following, as applicable:

1017 (4) The submission of credit and character reports, as
 1018 required by s. 626.171 ~~or s. 626.521~~.

1019 Section 38. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.