A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the deregulation of professions and occupations; providing a short title; amending s. 20.165, F.S.; renaming the Board of Architecture and Interior Design as the Board of Architecture within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; deleting a provision establishing the Florida Board of Auctioneers; amending s. 287.055, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 326.004, F.S.; deleting the requirement for a yacht broker to maintain a separate license for each branch office; deleting the requirement for the division to establish a fee; amending s. 447.02, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 447.04, F.S., relating to licensure and permit requirements for business agents; repealing s. 447.041, F.S., relating to hearings for persons or labor organizations denied licensure as a business agent; repealing s. 447.045, F.S., relating to confidential information obtained during the application process; repealing s. 447.06, F.S., relating to required registration of labor organizations; amending s. 447.09, F.S.; deleting certain prohibited actions relating to the right of franchise of a member of a labor organization;
repealing s. 447.12, F.S., relating to registration fees; repealing s. 447.16, F.S., relating to applicability; amending s. 447.305, F.S.; deleting a provision that requires notification of registrations and renewals to the department; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or a board to seek reciprocal licensing agreements with other states under certain circumstances; providing requirements; creating s. 455.2278, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting the department or a board from suspending or revoking a person's license solely on the basis of a delinquency or default in the payment of his or her student loan; prohibiting the department or a board from suspending or revoking a person's license solely on the basis of a default in satisfying the requirements of his or her work-conditional scholarship; repealing s. 468.381, F.S., relating to purpose; amending s. 468.382, F.S.; revising definitions; repealing s. 468.384, F.S., relating to the Florida Board of Auctioneers; repealing s. 468.385, F.S., relating to licensure requirements for the practice of auctioneering; repealing s. 468.3851, F.S., relating to licensure renewal; repealing s. 468.3852, F.S., relating to license reactivation; repealing s. 468.3855, F.S.,
relating to training requirements for auctioneer 
apprenticeships; repealing s. 468.386, F.S., relating 
to fees and local licensing requirements; repealing s. 
468.387, F.S., relating to licensure by endorsement; 
amending s. 468.388, F.S.; deleting certain 
requirements relating to auctioneer licenses with 
regard to the conduct of an auction; amending s. 
468.389, F.S.; revising prohibited acts and penalties; 
amending s. 468.391, F.S.; conforming cross- 
references; repealing ss. 468.392, 468.393, 468.394, 
468.395, 468.396, 468.397, 468.398, and 468.399, F.S., 
relating to the Auctioneer Recovery Fund, surcharges 
and assessments on license fees, payment of interest 
earned into the recovery fund, recovery from the 
recovery fund, claims against a single licensee in 
excess of a specified dollar limitation and joinder of 
claims, payment of claims from the recovery fund, 
suspension of a judgment debtor's license, and the 
expenditure of excess funds, respectively; amending s. 
468.401, F.S.; revising definitions; repealing ss. 
468.402, 468.403, 468.404, and 468.405, F.S., relating 
to duties and authority of the Department of Business 
and Professional Regulation with regard to licensure 
of talent agencies, licensure requirements, license 
fees and renewals, and qualification for a talent
agency license, respectively; amending s. 468.406, F.S.; requiring an owner or operator of a talent agency to post an itemized schedule of fees, charges, and commissions in a specified place; repealing s. 468.407, F.S., relating to the form and posting requirements for a license; amending s. 468.408, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; prohibiting certain bonds from being issued or renewed by a bonding agency to an owner or operator of a talent agency unless the bonding agency verifies that each owner or operator has not been convicted of specified crimes; amending s. 468.409, F.S.; deleting a requirement for record inspection; amending s. 468.410, F.S.; deleting a requirement to include specified information in a contract between a talent agency and applicant; amending s. 468.412, F.S.; deleting recordkeeping and posting requirements; amending s. 468.413, F.S.; revising criminal penalties; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 468.414, F.S., relating to the deposit of certain funds in the Professional Regulation Trust Fund; amending s. 468.415, F.S.; prohibiting any agent, owner, or operator who commits sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency from acting as an agent, owner, or operator of a
Florida talent agency; amending s. 468.505, F.S.; providing that certain unlicensed persons are not prohibited or restricted from his or her practice, services, or activities in dietetics and nutrition under certain circumstances; amending 468.524, F.S.; deleting specified exemptions from the time restriction for an employee leasing company to reapply for licensure; amending s. 468.603, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s. 468.609, F.S.; revising certain experience requirements for a person to take the examination for certification; revising the time period a provisional certificate is valid; amending s. 468.613, F.S.; providing for waiver of specified requirements for certification under certain circumstances; amending s. 468.8314, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a license by endorsement to maintain a specified insurance policy; requiring the department to certify an applicant who holds a specified license issued by another state or territory of the United States under certain circumstances; amending s. 469.006, F.S.; providing additional licensure requirements for asbestos abatement consulting or contracting as a partnership, corporation, business trust, or other legal entity; amending s. 469.009, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
act; amending s. 471.015, F.S.; revising licensure
requirements for engineers who hold specified licenses
in another state; amending s. 473.308, F.S.; deleting
continuing education requirements for license by
endorsement for certified public accountants; amending
s. 474.202, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
"limited-service veterinary medical practice" to
include certain vaccinations or immunizations;
amending s. 474.203, F.S.; providing an exemption for
a person whose work is solely confined to microchip
implantation in dogs and cats; amending s. 474.207,
F.S.; revising education requirements for licensure by
examination; amending s. 474.217, F.S.; requiring the
Department of Business and Professional Regulation to
issue a license by endorsement to certain applicants
who successfully complete a specified examination;
amending s. 476.114, F.S.; revising training
requirements for licensure as a barber; amending s.
476.144, F.S.; requiring the department to license an
applicant who is licensed to practice barbering in
another state; amending s. 477.013, F.S.; revising the
definition of the term "hair braiding"; repealing s.
477.0132, F.S., relating to registration for hair
braiding, hair wrapping, and body wrapping; amending
s. 477.0135, F.S.; providing additional exemptions
from license or registration requirements for specified occupations or practices; amending s. 477.019, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 477.0201, F.S.; providing requirements for registration as a specialist; amending s. 477.026, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 477.0263, F.S.; authorizing certain persons to perform specified cosmetology services in a location other than a licensed salon under certain circumstances; amending ss. 477.0265 and 477.029, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.201, F.S.; deleting legislative findings relating to the practice of interior design; amending s. 481.203, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 481.205, F.S.; renaming the Board of Architecture and Interior Design as the Board of Architecture; revising membership of the board; conforming provisions; amending ss. 481.207, 481.209, and 481.213, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 481.2131, F.S.; requiring certain interior designers to include proof of completed specified examination requirements when submitting documents for the issuance of a building permit; providing that a license or registration is not required for specified persons to practice;
amending ss. 481.215 and 481.217, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.219, F.S.; deleting provisions permitting the practice of or offer to practice interior design through certain business organizations; deleting provisions requiring certificates of authorization for certain business organizations offering interior design services to the public; requiring a licensee or applicant in the practice of architecture to qualify a business organization; providing requirements; amending 481.221, F.S.; conforming provisions; requiring a registered architect or a qualifying agent for a business organization to display their license number in specified advertisements; providing an exception; amending ss. 481.222 and 481.223, F.S.; conforming provisions; repealing s. 481.2251, F.S., relating to the practice and regulation of interior design, registration for interior designers, and disciplinary proceedings against registered interior designers; amending ss. 481.229 and 481.231, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 481.303, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term "certificate of authorization"; amending s. 481.310, F.S.; providing that an applicant who holds a specified degree is not required to demonstrate 1 year of practical experience
for licensure; amending s. 481.311, F.S.; requiring the Board of Landscape Architecture to certify an applicant who holds a specified license issued by another state or territory of the United States under certain circumstances; conforming provisions; amending s. 481.313, F.S.; authorizing a landscape architect to receive hour-for-hour credit for certain approved continuing education courses under certain circumstances; 481.317, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 481.319, F.S.; deleting the requirement for a certificate of authorization; authorizing landscape architects to practice through a corporation or partnership; amending s. 481.321, F.S.; requiring a landscape architect to display their certificate number in specified advertisements; amending s. 481.329, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 489.103, F.S.; revising certain contract prices for exemption; amending s. 489.111, F.S.; providing that an applicant who is exempt from a specified examination is eligible for licensure; amending s. 489.113, F.S.; providing that an applicant holding a specified degree does not have to pass a certain examination; amending s. 489.115, F.S.; requiring the Construction Industry Licensing Board to certify any applicant who holds a specified license to practice
contracting issued by another state or territory of the United States under certain circumstances; amending s. 489.511, F.S.; requiring the board to certify any applicant who holds a specified license to practice electrical or alarm system contracting issued by another state or territory of the United States under certain circumstances; amending s. 489.517, F.S.; providing a reduction in certain continuing education hours required for registered contractors; amending s. 489.518, F.S.; requiring a person to have completed a specified amount of training within a certain time period to perform the duties of an alarm system agent; amending s. 492.104, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending 492.108, F.S.; requiring the department to issue a license by endorsement to any applicant who has held a specified license to practice geology in another state, territory, or possession of the United States for a certain period of time; providing that an applicant may take the examination required by the board if they have not met the specified examination requirement; amending s. 492.111, F.S.; deleting the requirements for a certificate of authorization for a professional geologist; amending ss. 492.113 and

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492.115, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 548.003, F.S.; deleting the requirement that the Florida State Boxing Commission adopt rules relating to a knockdown timekeeper; amending s. 548.017, F.S.; deleting the licensure requirement for a timekeeper or announcer; amending s. 553.5141, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 553.74, F.S.; revising the membership and qualifications of the Florida Building Commission; amending ss. 553.79, 558.002, and 559.25, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 823.15, F.S.; authorizing certain persons to implant dogs and cats with specified microchips under certain circumstances; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Occupational Freedom and Opportunity Act."

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 20.165, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.165 Department of Business and Professional Regulation.—There is created a Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
(4)(a) The following boards and programs are established within the Division of Professions:

1. Board of Architecture and Interior Design, created under part I of chapter 481.
2. Florida Board of Auctioneers, created under part VI of chapter 468.
3. Barbers' Board, created under chapter 476.
4. Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, created under part XII of chapter 468.
5. Construction Industry Licensing Board, created under part I of chapter 489.
6. Board of Cosmetology, created under chapter 477.
7. Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, created under part II of chapter 489.
8. Board of Employee Leasing Companies, created under part XI of chapter 468.
9. Board of Landscape Architecture, created under part II of chapter 481.
10. Board of Pilot Commissioners, created under chapter 471.
11. Board of Professional Geologists, created under chapter 492.
12. Board of Veterinary Medicine, created under chapter 310.
14.15. Mold-related services licensing program, created under part XVI of chapter 468.

Section 3. Paragraphs (h) and (k) of subsection (2) of section 287.055, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

287.055 Acquisition of professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, or surveying and mapping services; definitions; procedures; contingent fees prohibited; penalties.—

(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

(h) A "design-build firm" means a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that:

1. Is certified under s. 489.119 to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or

2. Is qualified certified under s. 471.023 to practice or to offer to practice engineering; qualified certified under s. 481.219 to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or qualified certified under s. 481.319 to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.

(k) A "design criteria professional" means a firm that is qualified who holds a current certificate of registration under...
chapter 481 to practice architecture or landscape architecture or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under chapter 471 to practice engineering and who is employed by or under contract to the agency for the providing of professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the design criteria package.

Section 4. Subsection (13) of section 326.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

326.004 Licensing.—

(13) Each broker must maintain a principal place of business in this state and may establish branch offices in the state. A separate license must be maintained for each branch office. The division shall establish by rule a fee not to exceed $100 for each branch office license.

Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 447.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.02 Definitions.—The following terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

(3) The term "department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Section 6. Section 447.04, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 7. Section 447.041, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 8. Section 447.045, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
Section 9.  Section 447.06, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 10.  Subsections (6) and (8) of section 447.09, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

447.09 Right of franchise preserved; penalties.—It shall be unlawful for any person:

(6) To act as a business agent without having obtained and possessing a valid and subsisting license or permit.

(8) To make any false statement in an application for a license.

Section 11.  Section 447.12, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 12.  Section 447.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 13.  Subsection (4) of section 447.305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.305 Registration of employee organization.—

(4) Notification of registrations and renewals of registration shall be furnished at regular intervals by the commission to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Section 14.  Subsection (14) is added to section 455.213, Florida Statutes, to read:

455.213 General licensing provisions.—

(14) The department or a board must enter into a reciprocal licensing agreement with other states if the practice act within the purview of this chapter permits such agreement.

If a reciprocal licensing agreement exists or if the department
or board has determined another state's licensing requirements or examinations to be substantially similar to those under the practice act, the department or board must post on its website which jurisdictions have such reciprocal licensing agreements or substantially similar licenses.

Section 15. Section 455.2278, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

455.2278 Restriction on disciplinary action for student loan default.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Default" means the failure to repay a student loan according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note.

(b) "Delinquency" means the failure to make a student loan payment when it is due.

(c) "Student loan" means a federal-guaranteed or state-guaranteed loan for the purposes of postsecondary education.

(d) "Work-conditional scholarship" means an award of financial aid for a student to further his or her education which imposes an obligation on the student to complete certain work-related requirements to receive or to continue receiving the scholarship.

(2) STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT; DELINQUENCY.—The department or a board may not suspend or revoke a license that it has issued to any person who is in default on or delinquent in the payment of his or her student loans solely on the basis of such default or
delinquency.

(3) WORK-CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DEFAULT.—The department or a board may not suspend or revoke a license that it has issued to any person who is in default on the satisfaction of the requirements of his or her work-conditional scholarship solely on the basis of such default.

Section 16. Section 468.381, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 17. Section 468.382, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.382 Definitions.—As used in this act, the term:

(1) Absolute auction" means an auction that requires no minimum opening bid that limits the sale other than to the highest bidder.

(2) "Agricultural product" means the natural products from a farm, nursery, grove, orchard, vineyard, garden, or apiary, including livestock, tobacco, and vegetables and includes those agricultural products as defined in chapter 618.

(3) "Auction business" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation which in the regular course of business arranges, manages, sponsors, advertises, promotes, or carries out auctions, employs auctioneers to conduct auctions in its facilities, or uses or allows the use of its facilities for auctions.

(4) "Auctioneer" means any person who conducts auctions...
within the state licensed pursuant to this part who holds a valid Florida auctioneer license.

(3) "Apprentice" means any person who is being trained as an auctioneer by a licensed auctioneer.

(4) "Board" means the Florida Board of Auctioneers.

(5) "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

(6) "Livestock" means any animal included in the definition of "livestock" by s. 585.01 or s. 588.13.

Section 18. Section 468.384, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 19. Section 468.385, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 20. Section 468.3851, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 21. Section 468.3852, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 22. Section 468.3855, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 23. Section 468.386, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 24. Section 468.387, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 25. Subsections (6) through (11) of section 468.388, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4)
through (9), respectively, and present subsections (3), (4), (5), (9), (10), and (11) are amended to read:

468.388 Conduct of an auction.—

(3) Each auctioneer or auction business shall maintain a record book of all sales. The record book shall be open to inspection by the board at reasonable times.

(4) Each auction must be conducted by an auctioneer who has an active license or by an apprentice who has an active apprentice auctioneer license and who has received prior written sponsor consent. Each auction must be conducted under the auspices of a licensed auction business. Any auctioneer or apprentice auctioneer conducting an auction, and any auction business under whose auspices such auction is held, shall be responsible for determining that any auctioneer, apprentice, or auction business with whom they are associated in conducting such auction has an active Florida auctioneer, apprentice, or auction business license.

(5) The principal auctioneer shall prominently display at the auction site the licenses of the principal auctioneer, the auction business, and any other licensed auctioneers or apprentices who are actively participating in the auction. If such a display is not practicable, then an oral announcement at the beginning of the auction or a prominent written announcement that these licenses are available for inspection at the auction site must be made.
(7) The auction business under which the auction is conducted is responsible for all other aspects of the auction as required by this part board rule. The auction business may delegate in whole, or in part, different aspects of the auction only to the extent that such delegation is permitted by law and that such delegation will not impede the principal auctioneer's ability to ensure the proper conduct of his or her independent responsibility for the auction. The auction business under whose auspices the auction is conducted is responsible for ensuring compliance as required by this part board rule.

(8) (a) When settlement is not made immediately after an auction, all sale proceeds received for another person must be deposited in an escrow or trust account in an insured bank or savings and loan association located in this state within 2 working days after the auction. A maximum of $100 may be kept in the escrow account for administrative purposes.

(b) Each auction business shall maintain, for not less than 2 years, a separate ledger showing the funds held for another person deposited and disbursed by the auction business for each auction. The escrow or trust account must be reconciled monthly with the bank statement. A signed and dated record shall be maintained for a 2-year period and be available for inspection by the department or at the request of the board.

(c) Any interest which accrues to sale proceeds on deposit shall be the property of the seller for whom the funds were
received unless the parties have agreed otherwise by written agreement executed prior to the auction.

(d) Unless otherwise provided by written agreement executed prior to the auction, funds received by an auctioneer or auction business a licensee from the seller or his or her agent for expenses, including advertising, must be expended for the purposes advanced or refunded to the seller at the time of final settlement. Any funds so received shall be maintained in an escrow or trust account in an insured bank or savings and loan association located in this state. However, this does not prohibit advanced payment of a flat fee.

(11)(a) All advertising by an auctioneer or auction business shall include the name and Florida license number of such auctioneer and auction business. The term "advertising" shall not include articles of clothing, directional signs, or other promotional novelty items.

(9)(a) No licensed auctioneer, apprentice, or auction business may disseminate or cause to be disseminated any advertisement or advertising which is false, deceptive, misleading, or untruthful. Any advertisement or advertising shall be deemed to be false, deceptive, misleading, or untruthful if it:

1. Contains misrepresentations of facts.
2. Is misleading or deceptive because, in its content or in the context in which it is presented, it makes only a partial
disclosure of relevant facts.

3. Creates false or unjustified expectations of the services to be performed.

4. Contains any representation or claim which the advertising licensee fails to perform.

5. Fails to include the name and license number of the principal auctioneer and the auction business.

6. Fails to include the name and license number of the sponsor if an apprentice is acting as the principal auctioneer.

4.7. Advertises an auction as absolute without specifying any and all items to be sold with reserve or with minimum bids.

5.8. Fails to include the percentage amount of any buyer's premium or surcharge which is a condition to sale.

(b)(c) The provisions of this subsection apply to media exposure of any nature, regardless of whether it is in the form of paid advertising.

(c)(d) The auction business shall be responsible for the content of all advertising disseminated in preparation for an auction.

Section 26. Section 468.389, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.389 Prohibited acts; penalties.—

(1) The following acts shall be grounds for a civil cause of action for damages against an auctioneer, auction business, or any owner or manager thereof or, in the case of corporate
ownership, any substantial stockholder of the corporation owning
the auction business the disciplinary activities provided in
subsections (2) and (3):

(1)(a) A violation of any law relating to trade or
commerce of this state or of the state in which an auction is
conducted.

(2)(b) Misrepresentation of property for sale at auction
or making false promises concerning the use, value, or condition
of such property by an auctioneer or auction business or by
anyone acting as an agent of or with the consent of the
auctioneer or auction business.

(3)(c) Failure to account for or to pay or return, within
a reasonable time not to exceed 30 days, money or property
belonging to another which has come into the control of an
auctioneer or auction business through an auction.

(4)(d) False, deceptive, misleading, or untruthful
advertising.

(5)(e) Any conduct in connection with a sales transaction
which demonstrates bad faith or dishonesty.

(6)(f) Using or permitting the use of false bidders,
cappers, or shills.

(g) Making any material false statement on a license
application.

(7)(h) Commingling money or property of another person
with his or her own. Every auctioneer and auction business shall
maintain a separate trust or escrow account in an insured bank
or savings and loan association located in this state in which
shall be deposited all proceeds received for another person
through an auction sale.

(8)(i) Refusal or neglect of any auctioneer or other
receiver of public moneys to pay the moneys so received into the
State Treasury at the times and under the regulations prescribed
by law.

(9)(j) Violating a statute or administrative rule
regulating practice under this part or a lawful disciplinary
order of the board or the department.

(k) Having a license to practice a comparable profession
revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against by another state,
territory, or country.

(10)(l) Being convicted or found guilty, regardless of
adjudication, of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly
relates to the practice or the ability to practice the
profession of auctioneering.

(2) When the board finds any person guilty of any of the
prohibited acts set forth in subsection (1), it may enter an
order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

(a) Refusal to certify to the department an application
for licensure.

(b) Revocation or suspension of a license.

(c) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed
$1,000 for each count or separate offense.

(d) Issuance of a reprimand.

(e) Placement of the auctioneer on probation for a period of time and subject to conditions as the board may specify, including requiring the auctioneer to successfully complete the licensure examination.

(f) Requirement that the person in violation make restitution to each consumer affected by that violation. Proof of such restitution shall be a signed and notarized release executed by the consumer or the consumer's estate.

(3)(a) Failure to pay a fine within a reasonable time, as prescribed by board rule, may be grounds for disciplinary action.

(b) The department may file for an injunction or bring any other appropriate civil action against anyone who violates this part.

Section 27. Section 468.391, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.391 Penalty.—Any auctioneer, apprentice, or auction business or any owner or manager thereof, or, in the case of corporate ownership, any substantial stockholder of the corporation owning the auction business, who operates without an active license or violates s. 468.389(3), (5), (6), (7), or (8) s. 468.389(1)(c), (e), (f), (h), or (i) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
Section 28. Section 468.392, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 29. Section 468.393, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 30. Section 468.394, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 31. Section 468.395, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 32. Section 468.396, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 33. Section 468.397, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 34. Section 468.398, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 35. Section 468.399, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 36. Section 468.401, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.401 Regulation of Talent agencies; definitions.—As used in this part, the term or any rule adopted pursuant hereto:

1. "Artist" means a person performing on the professional stage or in the production of television, radio, or motion pictures; a musician or group of musicians; or a model.

2. "Buyer" or "employer" means a person, company,
partnership, or corporation that uses the services of a talent agency to provide artists.

(3) "Compensation" means any one or more of the following:
   (a) Any money or other valuable consideration paid or promised to be paid for services rendered by any person conducting the business of a talent agency under this part;
   (b) Any money received by any person in excess of that which has been paid out by such person for transportation, transfer of baggage, or board and lodging for any applicant for employment; or
   (c) The difference between the amount of money received by any person who furnishes employees, performers, or entertainers for circus, vaudeville, theatrical, or other entertainments, exhibitions, engagements, or performances and the amount paid by him or her to such employee, performer, or entertainer.

(4) "Engagement" means any employment or placement of an artist, where the artist performs in his or her artistic capacity. However, the term "engagement" shall not apply to procuring opera, music, theater, or dance engagements for any organization defined in s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any nonprofit Florida arts organization that has received a grant from the Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State or has participated in the state touring program of the Division of Cultural Affairs.

(5) "Department" means the Department of Business and
(5) "Operator" means the person who is or who will be in actual charge of a talent agency.

(6) "Owner" means any partner in a partnership, member of a firm, or principal officer or officers of a corporation, whose partnership, firm, or corporation owns a talent agency, or any individual who is the sole owner of a talent agency.

(7) "Person" means any individual, company, society, firm, partnership, association, corporation, manager, or any agent or employee of any of the foregoing.

(10) "License" means a license issued by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to carry on the business of a talent agency under this part.

(11) "Licensee" means a talent agency which holds a valid unrevoked and unforfeited license issued under this part.

(8) "Talent agency" means any person who, for compensation, engages in the occupation or business of procuring or attempting to procure engagements for an artist.

Section 37. Section 468.402, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 38. Section 468.403, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 39. Section 468.404, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
Section 40. Section 468.405, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 41. Subsection (1) of section 468.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.406 Fees to be charged by talent agencies; rates; display.—

(1) Each owner or operator of a talent agency shall post in a conspicuous place in each place of business of the agency applicant for a license shall file with the application an itemized schedule of maximum fees, charges, and commissions which it intends to charge and collect for its services. The schedule may thereafter be raised only by filing with the department an amended or supplemental schedule at least 30 days before the change is to become effective. The schedule shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each place of business of the agency and shall be printed in not less than a 30-point boldfaced type, except that an agency that uses written contracts containing maximum fee schedules need not post such schedules.

Section 42. Section 468.407, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 43. Subsection (1) of section 468.408, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.408 Bond required.—

(1) An owner or operator of a There shall be filed with
the department for each talent agency shall obtain a license by
bond in the form of a surety by a reputable company engaged in
the bonding business and authorized to do business in this
state. The bond shall be for the penal sum of $5,000, with one
or more sureties to be approved by the department, and be
conditioned that the owner or operator of the talent agency
applicant conform to and not violate any of the duties, terms,
conditions, provisions, or requirements of this part. Such bond
may not be issued or renewed by the bonding agency unless each
owner or operator of a talent agency submits fingerprints to the
Department of Law Enforcement for a state criminal history
record check and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
national criminal history record check, and the bonding agency
verifies by examination of the criminal history records checks
that each owner or operator has not been convicted of a crime
that would require registration as a sexual offender, as
required in s. 943.0435 or s. 944.607, or as a sexual predator,
as required under s. 775.21.

(a) If any person is aggrieved by the misconduct of any
talent agency, the person may maintain an action in his or her
own name upon the bond of the agency in any court having
jurisdiction of the amount claimed. All such claims shall be
assignable, and the assignee shall be entitled to the same
remedies, upon the bond of the agency or otherwise, as the
person aggrieved would have been entitled to if such claim had
not been assigned. Any claim or claims so assigned may be
enforced in the name of such assignee.

(b) The bonding company shall notify the talent agency
department of any claim against such bond, and a copy of such
notice shall be sent to the talent agency against which the
claim is made.

Section 44. Section 468.409, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

468.409 Records required to be kept.—Each talent agency
shall keep on file the application, registration, or contract of
each artist. In addition, such file must include the name and
address of each artist, the amount of the compensation received,
and all attempts to procure engagements for the artist. No such
agency or employee thereof shall knowingly make any false entry
in applicant files or receipt files. Each card or document in
such files shall be preserved for a period of 1 year after the
date of the last entry thereon. Records required under this
section shall be readily available for inspection by the
department during reasonable business hours at the talent
agency's principal office. A talent agency must provide the
department with true copies of the records in the manner
prescribed by the department.

Section 45. Subsection (3) of section 468.410, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

468.410 Prohibition against registration fees; referral.—
(3) A talent agency shall give each applicant a copy of a contract, within 24 hours after the contract's execution, which lists the services to be provided and the fees to be charged. The contract shall state that the talent agency is regulated by the department and shall list the address and telephone number of the department.

Section 46. Subsections (4) through (11) of section 468.412, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) through (10), respectively, and present subsections (2), (3), (4), (6), and (11) of that section are amended to read:

468.412 Talent agency regulations; prohibited acts.—
(2) Each talent agency shall keep records in which shall be entered:
(a) The name and address of each artist employing such talent agency.
(b) The amount of fees received from each such artist.
(c) The employment in which each such artist is engaged at the time of employing such talent agency and the amount of compensation of the artist in such employment, if any, and the employments subsequently secured by such artist during the term of the contract between the artist and the talent agency and the amount of compensation received by the artist pursuant thereto and
(d) Other information which the department may require from time to time.
(3) All books, records, and other papers kept pursuant to this act by any talent agency shall be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of the department and its agents. Each talent agency shall furnish to the department, upon request, a true copy of such books, records, and papers, or any portion thereof, and shall make such reports as the department may prescribe from time to time.

(3)(4) Each talent agency shall post in a conspicuous place in the office of such talent agency a printed copy of this part and of the rules adopted under this part. Such copies shall also contain the name and address of the officer charged with enforcing this part. The department shall furnish to talent agencies printed copies of any statute or rule required to be posted under this subsection.

(5)(6) A no talent agency may not publish or cause to be published any false, fraudulent, or misleading information, representation, notice, or advertisement. All advertisements of a talent agency by means of card, circulars, or signs, and in newspapers and other publications, and all letterheads, receipts, and blanks shall be printed and contain the licensed name, department license number, and address of the talent agency and the words "talent agency." A no talent agency may not give any false information or make any false promises or representations concerning an engagement or employment to any applicant who applies for an engagement or employment.
A talent agency may assign an engagement contract to another talent agency licensed in this state only if the artist agrees in writing to the assignment. The assignment must occur, and written notice of the assignment must be given to the artist, within 30 days after the artist agrees in writing to the assignment.

Section 47. Section 468.413, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.413 Legal requirements; penalties.—
(1) Each of the following acts constitutes a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084:

(a) Owning or operating, or soliciting business as, a talent agency in this state without first procuring a license from the department.

(b) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment.

(2) Each of the following acts constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083:

(a) Relocating a business as a talent agency, or operating under any name other than that designated on the license, unless written notification is given to the department and to the surety or sureties on the original bond, and unless the license is returned to the department for the recording thereon of such
changes.

(b) Assigning or attempting to assign a license issued under this part.

(c) Failing to show on a license application whether or not the agency or any owner of the agency is financially interested in any other business of like nature and, if so, failing to specify such interest or interests.

(a)(d) Failing to maintain the records required by s. 468.409 or knowingly making false entries in such records.

(b)(e) Requiring as a condition to registering or obtaining employment or placement for any applicant that the applicant subscribe to, purchase, or attend any publication, postcard service, advertisement, resume service, photography service, school, acting school, workshop, or acting workshop.

(c)(f) Failing to give each applicant a copy of a contract which lists the services to be provided and the fees to be charged by, which states that the talent agency is regulated by the department, and which lists the address and telephone number of the department.

(d)(g) Failing to maintain a record sheet as required by s. 468.412(1).

(e)(h) Knowingly sending or causing to be sent any artist to a prospective employer or place of business, the character or operation of which employer or place of business the talent agency knows to be in violation of the laws of the United States.
or of this state.

(3) The court may, in addition to other punishment provided for in subsection (2), suspend or revoke the license of any licensee under this part who has been found guilty of any misdemeanor listed in subsection (2).

(2)(4) In the event that the department or any state attorney shall have probable cause to believe that a talent agency or other person has violated any provision of subsection (1), an action may be brought by the department or any state attorney to enjoin such talent agency or any person from continuing such violation, or engaging therein or doing any acts in furtherance thereof, and for such other relief as to the court seems appropriate. In addition to this remedy, the department may assess a penalty against any talent agency or any person in an amount not to exceed $5,000.

Section 48. Section 468.414, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 49. Section 468.415, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.415 Sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency.—The talent agent-artist relationship is founded on mutual trust. Sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency means violation of the talent agent-artist relationship through which the talent agent uses the relationship to induce or attempt to induce the artist to engage or attempt to engage
in sexual activity. Sexual misconduct is prohibited in the operation of a talent agency. If any agent, owner, or operator of a licensed talent agency who commits is found to have committed sexual misconduct in the operation of a talent agency, the agency license shall be permanently revoked. Such agent, owner, or operator shall be permanently prohibited from acting disqualified from present and future licensure as an agent, owner, or operator of a Florida talent agency.

Section 50. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (1) of section 468.505, Florida Statutes, to read:

468.505 Exemptions; exceptions.—

(1) Nothing in this part may be construed as prohibiting or restricting the practice, services, or activities of:

(n) A person who provides information, recommendations, or advice concerning nutrition, or who markets food, food materials, or dietary supplements for remuneration, if that person does not represent himself or herself as a dietitian, licensed dietitian, registered dietitian, licensed nutritionist, nutrition counselor, or licensed nutrition counselor, or use any word, letter, symbol, or insignia indicating or implying that he or she is a dietitian, nutritionist, or nutrition counselor.

Section 51. Subsection (4) of section 468.524, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.524 Application for license.—
(4) An applicant or licensee is ineligible to reapply for a license for a period of 1 year following final agency action on the denial or revocation of a license applied for or issued under this part. This time restriction does not apply to administrative denials or revocations entered because:

(a) The applicant or licensee has made an inadvertent error or omission on the application;

(b) The experience documented to the board was insufficient at the time of the previous application; or

(c) The department is unable to complete the criminal background investigation because of insufficient information from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any other applicable law enforcement agency;

(d) The applicant or licensee has failed to submit required fees; or

(e) An applicant or licensed employee leasing company has been deemed ineligible for a license because of the lack of good moral character of an individual or individuals when such individual or individuals are no longer employed in a capacity that would require their licensing under this part.

Section 52. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section 468.603, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.603 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(5) "Categories of building code inspectors" include the
following:

(f) "Residential One and two family dwelling inspector" means a person who is qualified to inspect and determine that one-family, two-family, or three-family residences not exceeding two habitable stories above no more than one uninhabitable story and accessory use structures in connection therewith are constructed in accordance with the provisions of the governing building, plumbing, mechanical, accessibility, and electrical codes.

Section 53. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 468.609, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

468.609 Administration of this part; standards for certification; additional categories of certification.—

(2) A person may take the examination for certification as a building code inspector or plans examiner pursuant to this part if the person:

(c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the following criteria:

1. Demonstrates 5 years' combined experience in the field of construction or a related field, building code inspection, or plans review corresponding to the certification category sought;

2. Demonstrates a combination of postsecondary education in the field of construction or a related field and experience
which totals \( \frac{3}{4} \) years, with at least 1 year of such total being experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans review;

3. Demonstrates a combination of technical education in the field of construction or a related field and experience which totals \( \frac{3}{4} \) years, with at least 1 year of such total being experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans review;

4. Currently holds a standard certificate issued by the board or a firesafety inspector license issued pursuant to chapter 633, has a minimum of 3 years' verifiable full-time experience in inspection or plan review, and has satisfactorily completed a building code inspector or plans examiner training program that provides at least 100 hours but not more than 200 hours of cross-training in the certification category sought. The board shall establish by rule criteria for the development and implementation of the training programs. The board shall accept all classroom training offered by an approved provider if the content substantially meets the intent of the classroom component of the training program;

5. Demonstrates a combination of the completion of an approved training program in the field of building code inspection or plan review and a minimum of 2 years' experience in the field of building code inspection, plan review, fire code inspections and fire plans review of new buildings as a
firesafety inspector certified under s. 633.216, or construction. The approved training portion of this requirement shall include proof of satisfactory completion of a training program that provides at least 200 hours but not more than 300 hours of cross-training that is approved by the board in the chosen category of building code inspection or plan review in the certification category sought with at least 20 hours but not more than 30 hours of instruction in state laws, rules, and ethics relating to professional standards of practice, duties, and responsibilities of a certificateholder. The board shall coordinate with the Building Officials Association of Florida, Inc., to establish by rule the development and implementation of the training program. However, the board shall accept all classroom training offered by an approved provider if the content substantially meets the intent of the classroom component of the training program;

6. Currently holds a standard certificate issued by the board or a firesafety inspector license issued pursuant to chapter 633 and:

a. Has at least 4½ years' verifiable full-time experience as an inspector or plans examiner in a standard certification category currently held or has a minimum of 4½ years' verifiable full-time experience as a firesafety inspector licensed pursuant to chapter 633.

b. Has satisfactorily completed a building code inspector
or plans examiner classroom training course or program that
provides at least 200 but not more than 300 hours in the
certification category sought, except for one-family and two-
family dwelling training programs, which must provide at least
500 but not more than 800 hours of training as prescribed by the
board. The board shall establish by rule criteria for the
development and implementation of classroom training courses and
programs in each certification category; or

7.a. Has completed a 4-year internship certification
program as a building code inspector or plans examiner while
employed full-time by a municipality, county, or other
governmental jurisdiction, under the direct supervision of a
certified building official. Proof of graduation with a related
vocational degree or college degree or of verifiable work
experience may be exchanged for the internship experience
requirement year-for-year, but may reduce the requirement to no
less than 1 year.

b. Has passed an examination administered by the
International Code Council in the certification category sought.
Such examination must be passed before beginning the internship
certification program.

c. Has passed the principles and practice examination
before completing the internship certification program.

d. Has passed a board-approved 40-hour code training
course in the certification category sought before completing
the internship certification program.

e. Has obtained a favorable recommendation from the
supervising building official after completion of the internship
certification program.

(7)(a) The board shall provide for the issuance of
provisional certificates valid for 2 years, as specified
by board rule, to any building code inspector or plans examiner
who meets the eligibility requirements described in subsection
(2) and any newly employed or promoted building code
administrator who meets the eligibility requirements described
in subsection (3). The provisional license may be renewed by the
board for just cause; however, a provisional license is not
valid for longer than 3 years.

Section 54. Section 468.613, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

468.613 Certification by endorsement.—The board shall
examine other certification or training programs, as applicable,
upon submission to the board for its consideration of an
application for certification by endorsement. The board shall
waive its examination, qualification, education, or training
requirements, to the extent that such examination,
qualification, education, or training requirements of the
applicant are determined by the board to be comparable with
those established by the board. The board shall waive its
examination, qualification, education, or training requirements
if an applicant for certification by endorsement is at least 18 years of age; is of good moral character; has held a valid building administrator, inspector, plans examiner, or the equivalent, certification issued by another state or territory of the United States for at least 10 years before the date of application; and has successfully passed an applicable examination administered by the International Codes Council. Such application must be submitted to the board while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

Section 55. Subsection (3) of section 468.8314, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.8314 Licensure.—

(3) The department shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement an applicant who is of good moral character as determined in s. 468.8313, who maintains an insurance policy as required by s. 468.8322, and who:

(a) Holds a valid license to practice home inspection services in another state or territory of the United States, whose educational requirements are substantially equivalent to those required by this part; and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by this part; or

(b) Has held a valid license to practice home inspection services in another state or territory of the United States, whose educational requirements are substantially equivalent to those required by this part; and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by this part; or
services issued by another state or territory of the United States for at least 10 years before the date of application. Such application must be submitted to the department while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

Section 56. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (2), subsection (3), paragraph (b) of subsection (4), and subsection (6) of section 469.006, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

469.006  Licensure of business organizations; qualifying agents.—

(2) (a) If the applicant proposes to engage in consulting or contracting as a partnership, corporation, business trust, or other legal entity, or in any name other than the applicant's legal name, the legal entity must apply for licensure through a qualifying agent or the individual applicant must qualify for licensure under the business organization fictitious name.

(e) A The license, when issued upon application of a business organization, must be in the name of the qualifying agent business organization, and the name of the business organization qualifying agent must be noted on the license thereon. If there is a change in any information that is required to be stated on the application, the qualifying agent business organization shall, within 45 days after such change occurs, mail the correct information to the department.

(3) The qualifying agent must be licensed under this
chapter in order for the business organization to be qualified licensed in the category of the business conducted for which the qualifying agent is licensed. If any qualifying agent ceases to be affiliated with such business organization, the agent shall so inform the department. In addition, if such qualifying agent is the only licensed individual affiliated with the business organization, the business organization shall notify the department of the termination of the qualifying agent and has shall have 60 days after from the date of termination of the qualifying agent's affiliation with the business organization in which to employ another qualifying agent. The business organization may not engage in consulting or contracting until a qualifying agent is employed, unless the department has granted a temporary nonrenewable license to the financially responsible officer, the president, the sole proprietor, a partner, or, in the case of a limited partnership, the general partner, who assumes all responsibilities of a primary qualifying agent for the entity. This temporary license only allows shall only allow the entity to proceed with incomplete contracts.

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(b) Upon a favorable determination by the department, after investigation of the financial responsibility, credit, and business reputation of the qualifying agent and the new business organization, the department shall issue, without any examination, a new license in the qualifying agent's business
organization's name, and the name of the business organization qualifying agent shall be noted thereon.

(6) Each qualifying agent shall pay the department an amount equal to the original fee for licensure of a new business organization, if the qualifying agent for a business organization desires to qualify additional business organizations. The department shall require the agent to present evidence of supervisory ability and financial responsibility of each such organization. Allowing a licensee to qualify more than one business organization must be conditioned upon the licensee showing that the licensee has both the capacity and intent to adequately supervise each business organization. The department may not limit the number of business organizations that the licensee may qualify except upon the licensee's failure to provide such information as is required under this subsection or upon a finding that the such information or evidence supplied is incomplete or unpersuasive in showing the licensee's capacity and intent to comply with the requirements of this subsection. A qualification for an additional business organization may be revoked or suspended upon a finding by the department that the licensee has failed in the licensee's responsibility to adequately supervise the operations of the business organization. Failure to adequately supervise the operations of a business organization
is shall be grounds for denial to qualify additional business organizations.

Section 57. Subsection (1) of section 469.009, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

469.009 License revocation, suspension, and denial of issuance or renewal.—

(1) The department may revoke, suspend, or deny the issuance or renewal of a license; reprimand, censure, or place on probation any contractor, consultant, or financially responsible officer, or business organization; require financial restitution to a consumer; impose an administrative fine not to exceed $5,000 per violation; require continuing education; or assess costs associated with any investigation and prosecution if the contractor or consultant, or business organization or officer or agent thereof, is found guilty of any of the following acts:

(a) Willfully or deliberately disregarding or violating the health and safety standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Construction Safety Act, the National Emission Standards for Asbestos, the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Abatement Projects Worker Protection Rule, the Florida Statutes or rules promulgated thereunder, or any ordinance enacted by a political subdivision of this state.

(b) Violating any provision of chapter 455.

(c) Failing in any material respect to comply with the
provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated hereunder.

(d) Acting in the capacity of an asbestos contractor or asbestos consultant under any license issued under this chapter except in the name of the licensee as set forth on the issued license.

(e) Proceeding on any job without obtaining all applicable approvals, authorizations, permits, and inspections.

(f) Obtaining a license by fraud or misrepresentation.

(g) Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting or the ability to practice asbestos consulting or contracting.

(h) Knowingly violating any building code, lifesafety code, or county or municipal ordinance relating to the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.

(i) Performing any act which assists a person or entity in engaging in the prohibited unlicensed practice of asbestos consulting or contracting, if the licensee knows or has reasonable grounds to know that the person or entity was unlicensed.

(j) Committing mismanagement or misconduct in the practice of contracting that causes financial harm to a customer.

  1. Valid liens have been recorded against the property of
a contractor's customer for supplies or services ordered by the
contractor for the customer's job; the contractor has received
funds from the customer to pay for the supplies or services; and
the contractor has not had the liens removed from the property,
by payment or by bond, within 75 days after the date of such
liens;

2. The contractor has abandoned a customer's job and the
percentage of completion is less than the percentage of the
total contract price paid to the contractor as of the time of
abandonment, unless the contractor is entitled to retain such
funds under the terms of the contract or refunds the excess
funds within 30 days after the date the job is abandoned; or

3. The contractor's job has been completed, and it is
shown that the customer has had to pay more for the contracted
job than the original contract price, as adjusted for subsequent
change orders, unless such increase in cost was the result of
circumstances beyond the control of the contractor, was the
result of circumstances caused by the customer, or was otherwise
permitted by the terms of the contract between the contractor
and the customer.

(k) Being disciplined by any municipality or county for an
act or violation of this chapter.

(l) Failing in any material respect to comply with the
provisions of this chapter, or violating a rule or lawful order
of the department.
(m) Abandoning an asbestos abatement project in which the asbestos contractor is engaged or under contract as a contractor. A project may be presumed abandoned after 20 days if the contractor terminates the project without just cause and without proper notification to the owner, including the reason for termination; if the contractor fails to reasonably secure the project to safeguard the public while work is stopped; or if the contractor fails to perform work without just cause for 20 days.

(n) Signing a statement with respect to a project or contract falsely indicating that the work is bonded; falsely indicating that payment has been made for all subcontracted work, labor, and materials which results in a financial loss to the owner, purchaser, or contractor; or falsely indicating that workers' compensation and public liability insurance are provided.

(o) Committing fraud or deceit in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.

(p) Committing incompetency or misconduct in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.

(q) Committing gross negligence, repeated negligence, or negligence resulting in a significant danger to life or property in the practice of asbestos consulting or contracting.

(r) Intimidating, threatening, coercing, or otherwise discouraging the service of a notice to owner under part I of
chapter 713 or a notice to contractor under chapter 255 or part I of chapter 713.

(s) Failing to satisfy, within a reasonable time, the terms of a civil judgment obtained against the licensee, or the business organization qualified by the licensee, relating to the practice of the licensee's profession.

For the purposes of this subsection, construction is considered to be commenced when the contract is executed and the contractor has accepted funds from the customer or lender.

Section 58. Subsection (5) of section 471.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

471.015 Licensure.—

(5)(a) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the fundamentals examination when such applicant has held a valid professional engineer's license in another state for 10 15 years and has had 20 years of continuous professional-level engineering experience.

(b) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the fundamentals examination and the principles and practices examination when such applicant has held a valid professional engineer's license in another state for 15 25 years and has had 30 years of continuous professional-level
Section 59. Subsection (7) of section 473.308, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

473.308 Licensure.—
(7) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement an applicant who:

(a) Is not licensed and has not been licensed in another state or territory and who has met the requirements of this section for education, work experience, and good moral character and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by s. 473.306; or and

2. Has completed such continuing education courses as the board deems appropriate, within the limits for each applicable 2-year period as set forth in s. 473.312, but at least such courses as are equivalent to the continuing education requirements for a Florida certified public accountant licensed in this state during the 2 years immediately preceding her or his application for licensure by endorsement; or

(b)1.a. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting issued by another state or territory of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were substantially equivalent to the licensure criteria that existed in this state at the time the license was issued;

2.b. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting
issued by another state or territory of the United States but
the criteria for issuance of such license did not meet the
requirements of subparagraph 1. sub-subparagraph a.; has met the
requirements of this section for education, work experience, and
good moral character; and has passed a national, regional,
state, or territorial licensing examination that is
substantially equivalent to the examination required by s.
473.306; or

3. c. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting
issued by another state or territory of the United States for at
least 10 years before the date of application; has passed a
national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination
that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by
s. 473.306; and has met the requirements of this section for
good moral character. and

2. Has completed continuing education courses that are
equivalent to the continuing education requirements for a
Florida certified public accountant licensed in this state
during the 2 years immediately preceding her or his application
for licensure by endorsement.

Section 60. Subsection (6) of section 474.202, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

474.202 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:
(6) "Limited-service veterinary medical practice" means
offering or providing veterinary services at any location that
has a primary purpose other than that of providing veterinary medical service at a permanent or mobile establishment permitted by the board; provides veterinary medical services for privately owned animals that do not reside at that location; operates for a limited time; and provides limited types of veterinary medical services, including vaccinations or immunizations against disease, preventative procedures for parasitic control, and microchip implantation.

Section 61. Subsection (9) is added to section 474.203, Florida Statutes, to read:

474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter does not apply to:

(9) An employee, agent, or contractor of a public or private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane organization or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision whose work is confined solely to microchip implantation for dogs and cats in accordance with s. 823.15.

For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (4) are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized by the laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal supplies.

Section 62. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 474.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.207 Licensure by examination.—
(2) The department shall license each applicant who the board certifies has:

(b) 1. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education; or

2. Graduated from a college of veterinary medicine listed in the American Veterinary Medical Association Roster of Veterinary Colleges of the World and obtained a certificate from the Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates or the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence.

The department shall not issue a license to any applicant who is under investigation in any state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia for an act which would constitute a violation of this chapter until the investigation is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been terminated, at which time the provisions of s. 474.214 shall apply.

Section 63. Subsection (1) of section 474.217, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

474.217 Licensure by endorsement.—

(1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting a fee set by the board, demonstrates to the board that she or he:

(a) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of
the board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the
practice of veterinary medicine in this state; and
(b)1. Either Holds, and has held for the 3 years
immediately preceding the application for licensure, a valid,
active license to practice veterinary medicine in another state
of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a territory
of the United States, provided that the applicant has
successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other
examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the
examination required by the board requirements for licensure in
the issuing state, district, or territory are equivalent to or
more stringent than the requirements of this chapter; or
2. Meets the qualifications of s. 474.207(2)(b) and has
successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other
examination which is equivalent to or more stringent than the
examination given by the department and has passed the board's
clinical competency examination or another clinical competency
examination specified by rule of the board.

Section 64. Subsection (2) of section 476.114, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

476.114 Examination; prerequisites.—
(2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by
examination to practice barbering if the applicant:
(a) Is at least 16 years of age;
(b) Pays the required application fee; and
(c)1. Holds an active valid license to practice barbering in another state, has held the license for at least 1 year, and does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided for in s. 476.144(5); or

2. Has received a minimum of 600 1,200 hours of training in sanitation, safety, and laws and rules, as established by the board, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly related to the practice of barbering at one of the following:

   a. A school of barbering licensed pursuant to chapter 1005;

   b. A barbering program within the public school system; or

   c. A government-operated barbering program in this state.

The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the required examination after the completion of a minimum of 400 1,000 actual school hours. If the person passes the examination, she or he shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the person fails the examination, she or he shall not be qualified to take the examination again until the completion of the full requirements provided by this section.

Section 65. Subsection (5) of section 476.144, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

476.144 Licensure.—
The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by endorsement as a barber in this state an applicant who holds a current active license to practice barbering in another state. The board shall adopt rules specifying procedures for the licensure by endorsement of practitioners desiring to be licensed in this state who hold a current active license in another state or country and who have met qualifications substantially similar to, equivalent to, or greater than the qualifications required of applicants from this state.

Section 66. Subsection (9) of section 477.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.013 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

(9) "Hair braiding" means the weaving or interweaving of natural human hair or commercial hair, including the use of hair extensions or wefts, for compensation without cutting, coloring, permanent waving, relaxing, removing, or chemical treatment and does not include the use of hair extensions or wefts.

Section 67. Section 477.0132, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 68. Subsections (7) through (11) are added to section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, to read:

477.0135 Exemptions.—

(7) A license or registration is not required for a person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding as defined in s. 477.013(9).
(8) A license or registration is not required for a person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair wrapping as defined in s. 477.013(10).

(9) A license or registration is not required for a person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to body wrapping as defined in s. 477.013(12).

(10) A license or registration is not required for a person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to applying polish to fingernails and toenails.

(11) A license or registration is not required for a person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to makeup application.

Section 69. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 477.019, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure; supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing education.—

(6) The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by endorsement as a cosmetologist in this state an applicant who holds a current active license to practice cosmetology in another state. The board may not require proof of educational hours if the license was issued in a state that requires 1,200 or more hours of prelicensure education and passage of a written examination. This subsection does not apply to applicants who received their license in another state through an
The board shall prescribe by rule continuing education requirements intended to ensure protection of the public through updated training of licensees and registered specialists, not to exceed 10 hours biennially, as a condition for renewal of a license or registration as a specialist under this chapter. Continuing education courses shall include, but not be limited to, the following subjects as they relate to the practice of cosmetology: human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome; Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations; workers' compensation issues; state and federal laws and rules as they pertain to cosmetologists, cosmetology, salons, specialists, specialty salons, and booth renters; chemical makeup as it pertains to hair, skin, and nails; and environmental issues. Courses given at cosmetology conferences may be counted toward the number of continuing education hours required if approved by the board.

Any person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping is exempt from the continuing education requirements of this subsection.

The board may, by rule, require any licensee in violation of a continuing education requirement to take a refresher course or refresher course and examination in addition
to any other penalty. The number of hours for the refresher course may not exceed 48 hours.

Section 70. Subsection (1) of section 477.0201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.0201 Specialty registration; qualifications; registration renewal; endorsement.—

(1) Any person is qualified for registration as a specialist in any one or more of the specialty practice practices within the practice of cosmetology under this chapter who:

(a) Is at least 16 years of age or has received a high school diploma.

(b) Has received a certificate of completion for:

1. 150 hours of training, as established by the board, which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to practice specialties as defined in s. 477.013(6)(a) and (b); specialty pursuant to s. 477.013(6)

2. 165 hours of training, as established by the board, which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to practice the specialty as defined in s. 477.013(6)(c); or

3. 300 hours of training, as established by the board, which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to practice the specialties as defined in s. 477.013(6)(a)–(c).

(c) The certificate of completion specified in paragraph (b) must be from one of the following:
1. A school licensed pursuant to s. 477.023.
2. A school licensed pursuant to chapter 1005 or the equivalent licensing authority of another state.
3. A specialty program within the public school system.
4. A specialty division within the Cosmetology Division of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, provided the training programs comply with minimum curriculum requirements established by the board.

Section 71. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 477.026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.026 Fees; disposition.—
(1) The board shall set fees according to the following schedule:
(f) For hair braiders, hair wrappers, and body wrappers, fees for registration shall not exceed $25.

Section 72. Subsection (4) of section 477.0263, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

477.0263 Cosmetology services to be performed in licensed salon; exceptions.—
(4) Pursuant to rules adopted by the board, any cosmetology or specialty service may be performed in a location other than a licensed salon when the service is performed in connection with a special event and is performed by a person who is employed by a licensed salon and who holds the proper license.
or specialty registration. An appointment for the performance of any such service in a location other than a licensed salon must be made through a licensed salon. 

(5) Any person who holds the proper license may perform hair shampooing, hair cutting, hair arranging, nail polish removal, nail filing, nail buffing, and nail cleansing services in a location other than a licensed salon.

Section 73. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 477.0265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.0265  Prohibited acts.—
(1) It is unlawful for any person to:
(f) Advertise or imply that skin care services or body wrapping, as performed under this chapter, have any relationship to the practice of massage therapy as defined in s. 480.033(3), except those practices or activities defined in s. 477.013.

Section 74. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 477.029, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

477.029  Penalty.—
(1) It is unlawful for any person to:
(a) Hold himself or herself out as a cosmetologist or specialist, hair wrapper, hair braider, or body wrapper unless duly licensed or registered, or otherwise authorized, as provided in this chapter.

Section 75. Section 481.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
481.201 Purpose.—The primary legislative purpose for enacting this part is to ensure that every architect practicing in this state meets minimum requirements for safe practice. It is the legislative intent that architects who fall below minimum competency or who otherwise present a danger to the public shall be prohibited from practicing in this state. The Legislature further finds that it is in the interest of the public to limit the practice of interior design to interior designers or architects who have the design education and training required by this part or to persons who are exempted from the provisions of this part.

Section 76. Section 481.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.203 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(1) "Architect" or "registered architect" means a natural person who is licensed under this part to engage in the practice of architecture.

(2) "Architecture" means the rendering or offering to render services in connection with the design and construction of a structure or group of structures which have as their principal purpose human habitation or use, and the utilization of space within and surrounding such structures. These services include planning, providing preliminary study designs, drawings and specifications, job-site inspection, and administration of construction contracts.
"Board" means the Board of Architecture and Interior Design.

"Business organization" means a partnership, a limited liability company, a corporation, or an individual operating under a fictitious name. "Certificate of authorization" means a certificate issued by the department to a corporation or partnership to practice architecture or interior design.

"Certificate of registration" means a license issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the practice of architecture or interior design.

"Common area" means an area that is held out for use by all tenants or owners in a multiple-unit dwelling, including, but not limited to, a lobby, elevator, hallway, laundry room, clubhouse, or swimming pool.

"Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

"Diversified interior design experience" means experience which substantially encompasses the various elements of interior design services set forth under the definition of "interior design" in subsection (10).

"Interior decorator services" includes the selection or assistance in selection of surface materials, window treatments, wallcoverings, paint, floor coverings, surface-mounted lighting, surface-mounted fixtures, and loose
furnishings not subject to regulation under applicable building codes.

(10) "Interior design" means designs, consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior elements of a building or structure. "Interior design" includes, but is not limited to, reflected ceiling plans, space planning, furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural elements within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings. "Interior design" specifically excludes the design of or the responsibility for architectural and engineering work, except for specification of fixtures and their location within interior spaces. As used in this subsection, "architectural and engineering interior construction relating to the building systems" includes, but is not limited to, construction of structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems, or construction which materially affects lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems.

(9) "Registered interior designer" or "interior designer" means a natural person who is licensed under this part.
(11) "Nonstructural element" means an element which does not require structural bracing and which is something other than a load-bearing wall, load-bearing column, or other load-bearing element of a building or structure which is essential to the structural integrity of the building.

(12) "Reflected ceiling plan" means a ceiling design plan which is laid out as if it were projected downward and which may include lighting and other elements.

(13) "Responsible supervising control" means the exercise of direct personal supervision and control throughout the preparation of documents, instruments of service, or any other work requiring the seal and signature of a licensee under this part.

(14) "Space planning" means the analysis, programming, or design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space layouts and final planning.

(15) "Townhouse" is a single-family dwelling unit not exceeding three stories in height which is constructed in a series or group of attached units with property lines separating such units. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate building and shall be separated from adjoining townhouses by the use of separate exterior walls meeting the requirements for zero clearance from property lines as required by the type of construction and fire protection requirements; or shall be
separated by a party wall; or may be separated by a single wall meeting the following requirements:

(a) Such wall shall provide not less than 2 hours of fire resistance. Plumbing, piping, ducts, or electrical or other building services shall not be installed within or through the 2-hour wall unless such materials and methods of penetration have been tested in accordance with the Standard Building Code.

(b) Such wall shall extend from the foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing, and the underside of the roof shall have at least 1 hour of fire resistance for a width not less than 4 feet on each side of the wall.

(c) Each dwelling unit sharing such wall shall be designed and constructed to maintain its structural integrity independent of the unit on the opposite side of the wall.

Section 77. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 481.205, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

481.205 Board of Architecture and Interior Design.—

(1) The Board of Architecture and Interior Design is created within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The board shall consist of seven members. Five members must be registered architects who have been engaged in the practice of architecture for at least 5 years; three members must be registered interior designers who have been offering interior design services for at least 5 years and who are not also registered architects; and two members must be
laypersons who are not, and have never been, architects, interior designers, or members of any closely related profession or occupation. At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.

(3)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 455.225, 455.228, and 455.32, the duties and authority of the department to receive complaints and investigate and discipline persons licensed under this part, including the ability to determine legal sufficiency and probable cause; to initiate proceedings and issue final orders for summary suspension or restriction of a license pursuant to s. 120.60(6); to issue notices of noncompliance, notices to cease and desist, subpoenas, and citations; to retain legal counsel, investigators, or prosecutorial staff in connection with the licensed practice of architecture and interior design; and to investigate and deter the unlicensed practice of architecture and interior design as provided in s. 455.228 are delegated to the board. All complaints and any information obtained pursuant to an investigation authorized by the board are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) as provided in s. 455.225(2) and (10).

Section 78. Section 481.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.207 Fees.—The board, by rule, may establish separate fees for architects and interior designers, to be paid for applications, examination, reexamination, licensing and renewal,
delinquency, reinstatement, and recordmaking and recordkeeping. The examination fee shall be in an amount that covers the cost of obtaining and administering the examination and shall be refunded if the applicant is found ineligible to sit for the examination. The application fee is nonrefundable. The fee for initial application and examination for architects and interior designers may not exceed $775 plus the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards or the National Council of Interior Design Qualifications, respectively, or similar national organizations. The biennial renewal fee for architects may not exceed $200. The biennial renewal fee for interior designers may not exceed $500. The delinquency fee may not exceed the biennial renewal fee established by the board for an active license. The board shall establish fees that are adequate to ensure the continued operation of the board and to fund the proportionate expenses incurred by the department which are allocated to the regulation of architects and interior designers. Fees shall be based on department estimates of the revenue required to implement this part and the provisions of law with respect to the regulation of architects and interior designers.

Section 79. Section 481.209, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.209 Examinations.
A person desiring to be licensed as a registered architect by initial examination shall apply to the department, complete the application form, and remit a nonrefundable application fee. The department shall license any applicant who the board certifies:

(a) has passed the licensure examination prescribed by board rule;
and

(b) is a graduate of a school or college of architecture with a program accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board.

(2) A person desiring to be licensed as a registered interior designer shall apply to the department for licensure. The department shall administer the licensure examination for interior designers to each applicant who has completed the application form and remitted the application and examination fees specified in s. 481.207 and who the board certifies:

(a) is a graduate from an interior design program of 5 years or more and has completed 1 year of diversified interior design experience;

(b) is a graduate from an interior design program of 4 years or more and has completed 2 years of diversified interior design experience;

(c) has completed at least 3 years in an interior design curriculum and has completed 3 years of diversified interior design experience; or
(d) Is a graduate from an interior design program of at least 2 years and has completed 4 years of diversified interior design experience.

Subsequent to October 1, 2000, for the purpose of having the educational qualification required under this subsection accepted by the board, the applicant must complete his or her education at a program, school, or college of interior design whose curriculum has been approved by the board as of the time of completion. Subsequent to October 1, 2003, all of the required amount of educational credits shall have been obtained in a program, school, or college of interior design whose curriculum has been approved by the board, as of the time each educational credit is gained. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review and approval of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design and courses of interior design study based on a review and inspection by the board of the curriculum of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design in the United States, including those programs, schools, and colleges accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review and approval of diversified interior design experience required by this subsection.

Section 80. Subsections (1) through (4) of section 481.213, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

481.213 Licensure.—
(1) The department shall license any applicant who the board certifies is qualified for licensure and who has paid the initial licensure fee. Licensure as an architect under this section shall be deemed to include all the rights and privileges of licensure as an interior designer under this section.

(2) The board shall certify for licensure by examination any applicant who passes the prescribed licensure examination and satisfies the requirements of ss. 481.209 and 481.211, for architects, or the requirements of s. 481.209, for interior designers.

(3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement as an architect or as an interior designer an applicant who:

(a) Qualifies to take the prescribed licensure examination, and has passed the prescribed licensure examination or a substantially equivalent examination in another jurisdiction, as set forth in s. 481.209 for architects or interior designers, as applicable, and has satisfied the internship requirements set forth in s. 481.211 for architects;

(b) Holds a valid license to practice architecture or interior design issued by another jurisdiction of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were substantially equivalent to the licensure criteria that existed in this state at the time the license was issued; provided, however, that an applicant who has been licensed for use of the
title "interior design" rather than licensed to practice
interior design shall not qualify hereunder; or

(c) Has passed the prescribed licensure examination and
holds a valid certificate issued by the National Council of
Architectural Registration Boards, and holds a valid license to
practice architecture issued by another state or jurisdiction of
the United States.

(4) The board may refuse to certify any applicant who has
violated any of the provisions of s. 481.223, or s. 481.225, or
s. 481.2251, as applicable.

Section 81. Section 481.2131, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

481.2131 Interior design; practice requirements;
disclosure of compensation for professional services.—

(1) A registered interior designer is authorized to
perform "interior design" as defined in s. 481.203. Interior
design documents prepared by a registered interior designer
shall contain a statement that the document is not an
architectural or engineering study, drawing, specification, or
design and is not to be used for construction of any load-
bearing columns, load-bearing framing or walls of structures, or
issuance of any building permit, except as otherwise provided by
law. Interior design documents that are prepared in accordance
with the Florida Building Code and sealed by an a registered
interior designer must may, if required by a permitting body, be
accepted by the permitting body be submitted for the issuance of a building permit for interior construction excluding design of any structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems or that materially affect lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems. Interior design documents submitted for the issuance of a building permit by an individual performing interior design services who is not a licensed architect must include written proof that such individual has successfully passed the qualification examination prescribed by either the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications or the California Council for Interior Design Certification, or that such individual held a license to practice interior design from the department. All drawings, plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by the interior designer and filed for public record shall bear the signature of the interior designer who prepared or approved the document and the date on which they were signed. The signature and date shall be evidence of the authenticity of that to which they are affixed. Final plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by an interior designer may be transmitted electronically and may be
electronically signed by the interior designer.

(2) A license or registration is not required for a person whose occupation or practice is confined to interior design or interior decorator services. An interior designer shall, before entering into a contract, verbal or written, clearly determine the scope and nature of the project and the method or methods of compensation. The interior designer may offer professional services to the client as a consultant, specifier, or supplier on the basis of a fee, percentage, or markup. The interior designer shall have the responsibility of fully disclosing to the client the manner in which all compensation is to be paid. Unless the client knows and agrees, the interior designer shall not accept any form of compensation from a supplier of goods and services in cash or in kind.

Section 82. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 481.215, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

481.215 Renewal of license.—

(3) A license renewal may not be issued to an architect or an interior designer by the department until the licensee submits proof satisfactory to the department that, during the 2 years before prior to application for renewal, the licensee participated per biennium in not less than 20 hours of at least 50 minutes each per biennium of continuing education approved by the board. The board shall approve only continuing education that builds upon the basic knowledge of architecture.
or interior design. The board may make exception from the
requirements of continuing education in emergency or hardship
cases.

(5) The board shall require, by rule adopted pursuant to
ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, a specified number of hours in
specialized or advanced courses, approved by the Florida
Building Commission, on any portion of the Florida Building
Code, adopted pursuant to part IV of chapter 553, relating to
the licensee's respective area of practice.

Section 83. Subsection (1) of section 481.217, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

481.217 Inactive status.—

(1) The board may prescribe by rule continuing education
requirements as a condition of reactivating a license. The rules
may not require more than one renewal cycle of continuing
education to reactivate a license for a registered architect or
interior designer. For interior design, the board may approve
only continuing education that builds upon the basic knowledge
of interior design.

Section 84. Section 481.219, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

481.219 Qualification of business organizations
certification of partnerships, limited liability companies, and
corporations.—

(1) A licensee may The practice of or the offer to
practice architecture or interior design by licensees through a qualified business organization that offers architectural or interior design services to the public, or by a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural or interior design services to the public, or by a qualified business organization that offers architectural or interior design services to the public through licensees under this part as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is permitted, subject to the provisions of this section.

(2) If a licensee or an applicant proposes to engage in the practice of architecture as a business organization, the licensee or applicant shall qualify the business organization upon approval of the board. For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or person practicing under a fictitious name, offering architectural services to the public jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing architecture in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required to be certified under this section. Certification under this subsection to offer architectural services shall include all the rights and privileges of certification under subsection (3) to offer interior design services.

(3)(a) A business organization may not engage in the practice of architecture unless its qualifying agent is a registered architect under this part. A qualifying agent who
terminates an affiliation with a qualified business organization shall immediately notify the department of such termination. If such qualifying agent is the only qualifying agent for that business organization, the business organization must be qualified by another qualifying agent within 60 days after the termination. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the business organization may not engage in the practice of architecture until it is qualified by another qualifying agent.

(b) In the event a qualifying agent ceases employment with a qualified business organization, the executive director or the chair of the board may authorize another registered architect employed by the business organization to temporarily serve as its qualifying agent for a period of no more than 60 days. The business organization is not authorized to operate beyond such period under this chapter absent replacement of the qualifying agent who has ceased employment.

(c) A qualifying agent shall notify the department in writing before engaging in the practice of architecture in her or his own name or in affiliation with a different business organization, and she or he or such business organization shall supply the same information to the department as required of applicants under this part.

(3) For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or person operating under a
fictitious name, offering interior design services to the public jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing interior design in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required to be certified under this section.

(4) All final construction documents and instruments of service which include drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other papers or documents that involve the practice of architecture which are prepared or approved for the use of the business organization, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership and filed for public record within the state must bear the signature and seal of the licensee who prepared or approved them and the date on which they were sealed.

(5) All drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other papers or documents prepared or approved for the use of the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership by an interior designer in her or his professional capacity and filed for public record within the state shall bear the signature and seal of the licensee who prepared or approved them and the date on which they were sealed.

(6) The department shall issue a certificate of authorization to any applicant who the board certifies as qualified for a certificate of authorization and who has paid the fee set in s. 481.207.

(7) The board shall allow a licensee or certify an
applicant to qualify one or more business organizations qualified for a certificate of authorization to offer architectural or interior design services, or to use a fictitious name to offer such services, if provided that:

(a) one or more of the principal officers of the corporation or limited liability company, or one or more partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership who act in its behalf in this state as architects, are registered as provided by this part;

(b) One or more of the principal officers of the corporation or one or more partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation, limited liability company, or partnership who act in its behalf in this state as interior designers, are registered as provided by this part.

(8) The department shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of certificates of authorization.

(9) The department shall renew a certificate of authorization upon receipt of the renewal application and biennial renewal fee.

(6) Each qualifying agent who qualifies a business organization partnership, limited liability company, and corporation certified under this section shall notify the department within 30 days after of any change in the information
contained in the application upon which the qualification certification is based. Any registered architect or interior designer who qualifies the business organization shall ensure corporation, limited liability company, or partnership as provided in subsection (7) shall be responsible for ensuring responsible supervising control of projects of the business organization entity and shall notify the department of the upon termination of her or his employment with a business organization qualified partnership, limited liability company, or corporation certified under this section shall notify the department of the termination within 30 days after such termination.

(7) (11) A business organization is not No corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees, or officers by reason of its compliance with this section. However, except as provided in s. 558.0035, the architect who signs and seals the construction documents and instruments of service is shall be liable for the professional services performed, and the interior designer who signs and seals the interior design drawings, plans, or specifications shall be liable for the professional services performed.

(12) Disciplinary action against a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall be administered in the same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action.
against a registered architect or interior designer, respectively.

(8)(13) Nothing in this section may not shall be construed to mean that a certificate of registration to practice architecture or interior design must shall be held by a business organization corporation, limited liability company, or partnership. Nothing in this section does not prohibit a business organization from offering prohibits corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships from joining together to offer architectural or engineering, interior design, surveying and mapping, and landscape architectural services, or any combination of such services, to the public if the business organization, provided that each corporation, limited liability company, or partnership otherwise meets the requirements of law.

(14) Corporations, limited liability companies, or partnerships holding a valid certificate of authorization to practice architecture shall be permitted to use in their title the term "interior designer" or "registered interior designer."

Section 85. Subsections (4), (6), (8), (10), (11), and (12) of section 481.221, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8), respectively, and present subsections (3), (5), (7), (9), (10), (11), and (12) of that section are amended to read:

481.221 Seals; display of certificate number; permitting
requirements.—

(3) The board shall adopt a rule prescribing the distinctly different seals to be used by registered interior designers holding valid certificates of registration. Each registered interior designer shall obtain a seal as prescribed by the board, and all drawings, plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by the registered interior designer and being filed for public record shall bear the signature and seal of the registered interior designer who prepared or approved the document and the date on which they were sealed. The signature, date, and seal shall be evidence of the authenticity of that to which they are affixed. Final plans, specifications, or reports prepared or issued by a registered interior designer may be transmitted electronically and may be signed by the registered interior designer, dated, and sealed electronically with the seal in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006.

(5) No registered interior designer shall affix, or permit to be affixed, her or his seal or signature to any plan, specification, drawing, or other document which depicts work which she or he is not competent or licensed to perform.

(7) No registered interior designer shall affix her or his signature or seal to any plans, specifications, or other documents which were not prepared by her or him or under her or his responsible supervising control or by another registered
interior designer and reviewed, approved, or modified and
adopted by her or him as her or his own work according to rules
adopted by the board.

(9) Studies, drawings, specifications, and other related
documents prepared by a registered interior designer in
providing interior design services shall be of a sufficiently
high standard to clearly and accurately indicate all essential
parts of the work to which they refer.

(6) Each registered architect must or interior
designer, and each corporation, limited liability company, or
partnership holding a certificate of authorization, shall
include her or his license its certificate number in any
newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used
by the registered licensee architect, interior designer,
corporation, limited liability company, or partnership. Each
business organization must include the license number of the
registered architect who serves as the qualifying agent for that
business organization in any newspaper, telephone directory, or
other advertising medium used by the business organization. A
business organization is not required to display the license
digits of other registered architects employed by the business
organization. A corporation, limited liability company, or
partnership is not required to display the certificate number of
individual registered architects or interior designers employed
by or working within the corporation, limited liability company.
or partnership.

(7)(11) When the certificate of registration of a registered architect or interior designer has been revoked or suspended by the board, the registered architect or interior designer shall surrender her or his seal to the secretary of the board within a period of 30 days after the revocation or suspension has become effective. If the certificate of the registered architect or interior designer has been suspended for a period of time, her or his seal shall be returned to her or him upon expiration of the suspension period.

(8)(12) A person may not sign and seal by any means any final plan, specification, or report after her or his certificate of registration has expired or is suspended or revoked. A registered architect or interior designer whose certificate of registration is suspended or revoked shall, within 30 days after the effective date of the suspension or revocation, surrender her or his seal to the executive director of the board and confirm in writing to the executive director the cancellation of the registered architect's or interior designer's electronic signature in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006. When a registered architect's or interior designer's certificate of registration is suspended for a period of time, her or his seal shall be returned upon expiration of the period of suspension.

Section 86. Section 481.222, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

481.222 Architects performing building code inspection services.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is currently licensed to practice as an architect under this part may provide building code inspection services described in s. 468.603(5) and (8) to a local government or state agency upon its request, without being certified by the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board under part XII of chapter 468. With respect to the performance of such building code inspection services, the architect is subject to the disciplinary guidelines of this part and s. 468.621(1)(c)-(h).

Any complaint processing, investigation, and discipline that arise out of an architect's performance of building code inspection services shall be conducted by the Board of Architecture and Interior Design rather than the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board. An architect may not perform plans review as an employee of a local government upon any job that the architect or the architect's company designed.

Section 87. Section 481.223, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.223 Prohibitions; penalties; injunctive relief.—

(1) A person may not knowingly:

(a) Practice architecture unless the person is an architect or a registered architect; however, a licensed
architect who has been licensed by the board and who chooses to
relinquish or not to renew his or her license may use the title
"Architect, Retired" but may not otherwise render any
architectural services.

(b) Practice interior design unless the person is a
registered interior designer unless otherwise exempted herein;
however, an interior designer who has been licensed by the board
and who chooses to relinquish or not to renew his or her license
may use the title "Interior Designer, Retired" but may not
otherwise render any interior design services.

(b)(c) Use the name or title "architect," or "registered
architect," or "interior designer," or "registered interior
designer," or words to that effect, when the person is not then
the holder of a valid license issued pursuant to this part.

(c)(d) Present as his or her own the license of another.

(d)(e) Give false or forged evidence to the board or a
member thereof.

(e)(f) Use or attempt to use an architect or interior
designer license that has been suspended, revoked, or placed on
inactive or delinquent status.

(f)(g) Employ unlicensed persons to practice architecture
or interior design.

(g)(h) Conceal information relative to violations of this
part.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of subsection
(1) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(3)(a) Notwithstanding chapter 455 or any other law to the
contrary, an affected person may maintain an action for
injunctive relief to restrain or prevent a person from violating
paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph (1)(b), or paragraph (1)(c). The
prevailing party is entitled to actual costs and attorney's
fees.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, the term "affected
person" means a person directly affected by the actions of a
person suspected of violating paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph
(1)(b), or paragraph (1)(c) and includes, but is not limited to,
the department, any person who received services from the
alleged violator, or any private association composed primarily
of members of the profession the alleged violator is practicing
or offering to practice or holding himself or herself out as
qualified to practice.

Section 88. Section 481.2251, Florida Statutes, is
repealed.

Section 89. Subsections (5) through (8) of section
481.229, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.—

(5)(a) Nothing contained in this part shall prevent a
registered architect or a partnership, limited liability
company, or corporation holding a valid certificate of
authorization to provide architectural services from performing any interior design service or from using the title "interior designer" or "registered interior designer."

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, all persons licensed as architects under this part shall be qualified for interior design licensure upon submission of a completed application for such license and a fee not to exceed $30. Such persons shall be exempt from the requirements of s. 481.209(2). For architects licensed as interior designers, satisfaction of the requirements for renewal of licensure as an architect under s. 481.215 shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements for renewal of licensure as an interior designer under that section. Complaint processing, investigation, or other discipline-related legal costs related to persons licensed as interior designers under this paragraph shall be assessed against the architects' account of the Regulatory Trust Fund.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, any corporation, partnership, or person operating under a fictitious name which holds a certificate of authorization to provide architectural services shall be qualified, without fee, for a certificate of authorization to provide interior design services upon submission of a completed application therefor. For corporations, partnerships, and persons operating under a fictitious name which hold a certificate of authorization to provide interior design services, satisfaction of the
requirements for renewal of the certificate of authorization to
provide architectural services under s. 481.219 shall be deemed
to satisfy the requirements for renewal of the certificate of
authorization to provide interior design services under that
section.

(6) This part shall not apply to:

(a) A person who performs interior design services or
interior decorator services for any residential application,
provided that such person does not advertise as, or represent
himself or herself as, an interior designer. For purposes of
this paragraph, "residential applications" includes all types of
residences, including, but not limited to, residence buildings,
single-family homes, multifamily homes, townhouses, apartments,
condominiums, and domestic outbuildings appurtenant to one-
family or two-family residences. However, "residential
applications" does not include common areas associated with
instances of multiple-unit dwelling applications.

(b) An employee of a retail establishment providing
"interior decorator services" on the premises of the retail
establishment or in the furtherance of a retail sale or
prospective retail sale, provided that such employee does not
advertise as, or represent himself or herself as, an interior
designer.

(7) Nothing in this part shall be construed as authorizing
or permitting an interior designer to engage in the business of,
or to act as, a contractor within the meaning of chapter 489, unless registered or certified as a contractor pursuant to chapter 489.

(5) (8) A manufacturer of commercial food service equipment or the manufacturer's representative, distributor, or dealer or an employee thereof, who prepares designs, specifications, or layouts for the sale or installation of such equipment is exempt from licensure as an architect or interior designer, if:

(a) The designs, specifications, or layouts are not used for construction or installation that may affect structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems.

(b) The designs, specifications, or layouts do not materially affect lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety protection, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, and emergency ingress or egress systems.

(c) Each design, specification, or layout document prepared by a person or entity exempt under this subsection contains a statement on each page of the document that the designs, specifications, or layouts are not architectural or interior design, or engineering designs, specifications, or layouts and not used for construction unless reviewed and approved by a licensed architect or engineer.

Section 90. Subsection (1) of section 481.231, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
481.231 Effect of part locally.—

(1) Nothing in this part does not shall be construed to repeal, amend, limit, or otherwise affect any specific provision of any local building code or zoning law or ordinance that has been duly adopted, now or hereafter enacted, which is more restrictive, with respect to the services of registered architects or registered interior designers, than the provisions of this part; provided, however, that a licensed architect shall be deemed licensed as an interior designer for purposes of offering or rendering interior design services to a county, municipality, or other local government or political subdivision.

Section 91. Section 481.303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.303 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Board" means the Board of Landscape Architecture.

(2) "Certificate of registration" means a license issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the practice of landscape architecture.

(3) "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

(4) "Certificate of authorization" means a license issued by the department to a corporation or partnership to engage in the practice of landscape architecture.

(5) "Landscape architecture" means professional
services, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Consultation, investigation, research, planning, design, preparation of drawings, specifications, contract documents and reports, responsible construction supervision, or landscape management in connection with the planning and development of land and incidental water areas, including the use of Florida-friendly landscaping as defined in s. 373.185, where, and to the extent that, the dominant purpose of such services or creative works is the preservation, conservation, enhancement, or determination of proper land uses, natural land features, ground cover and plantings, or naturalistic and aesthetic values;

(b) The determination of settings, grounds, and approaches for and the siting of buildings and structures, outdoor areas, or other improvements;

(c) The setting of grades, shaping and contouring of land and water forms, determination of drainage, and provision for storm drainage and irrigation systems where such systems are necessary to the purposes outlined herein; and

(d) The design of such tangible objects and features as are necessary to the purpose outlined herein.

(5) "Landscape design" means consultation for and preparation of planting plans drawn for compensation, including specifications and installation details for plant materials, soil amendments, mulches, edging, gravel, and other similar
materials. Such plans may include only recommendations for the
classical placement of tangible objects for landscape design
projects. Construction documents, details, and specifications
for tangible objects and irrigation systems shall be designed or
approved by licensed professionals as required by law.

(6) "Registered landscape architect" means a person who
holds a license to practice landscape architecture in this state
under the authority of this act.

Section 92. Section 481.310, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

481.310 Practical experience requirement.—Beginning
October 1, 1990, every applicant for licensure as a registered
landscape architect shall demonstrate, prior to licensure, 1
year of practical experience in landscape architectural work. An
applicant who holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's
degree in landscape architecture is not required to demonstrate
1 year of practical experience in landscape architectural work
to obtain licensure. The board shall adopt rules providing
standards for the required experience. An applicant who
qualifies for examination pursuant to s. 481.309(1)(b)1. may
obtain the practical experience after completing the required
professional degree. Experience used to qualify for examination
pursuant to s. 481.309(1)(b)2. may not be used to satisfy the
practical experience requirement under this section.

Section 93. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 481.311,
Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5), respectively, and subsection (3) and present subsection (4) of that section are amended, to read:

481.311  Licensure.—
(3)  The board shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement an applicant who:

(a)  Qualifies to take the examination as set forth in s. 481.309; and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial licensing examination which is substantially equivalent to the examination required by s. 481.309; or

(b)  Holds a valid license to practice landscape architecture issued by another state or territory of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were substantially identical to the licensure criteria which existed in this state at the time the license was issued; or

(c)  Has held a valid license to practice landscape architecture in another state or territory of the United States for at least 10 years before the date of application and has successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the examination required by the board, subject to subsection (5). An applicant who has met the requirements to be qualified for a license by endorsement except for successful completion of an examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the examination required by the board may take the examination
required by the board without completing additional education requirements. Such application must be submitted to the board while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

(4) The board shall certify as qualified for a certificate of authorization any applicant corporation or partnership who satisfies the requirements of s. 481.319.

Section 94. Subsection (4) of section 481.313, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.313 Renewal of license.—

(4) The board, by rule adopted pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, shall establish criteria for the approval of continuing education courses and providers, and shall by rule establish criteria for accepting alternative nonclassroom continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis. A landscape architect shall receive hour-for-hour credit for attending continuing education courses approved by the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System or another nationally recognized clearinghouse for continuing education that relate to and increase the basic knowledge of landscape architecture, as determined by the board, if such landscape architect submits proof satisfactory to the board that such course was approved by the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System or another nationally recognized clearinghouse for continuing
education, the syllabus or outline for such course, and attendance of such course.

Section 95. Subsection (2) of section 481.317, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.317 Temporary certificates.—
(2) Upon approval by the board and payment of the fee set in s. 481.307, the department shall grant a temporary certificate of authorization for work on one specified project in this state for a period not to exceed 1 year to an out-of-state corporation, partnership, or firm, provided one of the principal officers of the corporation, one of the partners of the partnership, or one of the principals in the fictitiously named firm has obtained a temporary certificate of registration in accordance with subsection (1).

Section 96. Section 481.319, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.319 Corporate and partnership practice of landscape architecture; certificate of authorization.—
(1) The practice of or offer to practice landscape architecture by registered landscape architects registered under this part through a corporation or partnership offering landscape architectural services to the public, or through a corporation or partnership offering landscape architectural services to the public through individual registered landscape architects as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is
permitted, subject to the provisions of this section, if:

(a) One or more of the principal officers of the corporation, or partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the corporation or partnership who act in its behalf as landscape architects in this state are registered landscape architects; and

(b) One or more of the officers, one or more of the directors, one or more of the owners of the corporation, or one or more of the partners of the partnership is a registered landscape architect; and

(c) The corporation or partnership has been issued a certificate of authorization by the board as provided herein.

(2) All documents involving the practice of landscape architecture which are prepared for the use of the corporation or partnership shall bear the signature and seal of a registered landscape architect. A landscape architect applying to practice in the name of a corporation must file with the department the names and addresses of all officers and board members of the corporation, including the principal officer or officers, duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state and, also, of all individuals duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by the corporation in this state. A landscape architect applying to
practice in the name of a partnership must shall file with the department the names and addresses of all partners of the partnership, including the partner or partners duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state and, also, of an individual or individuals duly registered to practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by said partnership in this state.

(4) Each landscape architect qualifying a partnership or corporation licensed under this part must shall notify the department within 1 month after any change in the information contained in the application upon which the license is based. Any landscape architect who terminates her or his employment with a partnership or corporation licensed under this part shall notify the department of the termination within 1 month after such termination.

(5) Disciplinary action against a corporation or partnership shall be administered in the same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action against a registered landscape architect.

(5)(6) Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a registered landscape architect practices landscape architecture through a corporation or partnership as provided in this section does not relieve the landscape architect from personal liability for her or his professional acts.
Section 97. Subsection (5) of section 481.321, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.321 Seals; display of certificate number.—

(5) Each registered landscape architect and each corporation or partnership holding a certificate of authorization shall include her or his certificate number in any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium used by the registered landscape architect, corporation, or partnership. A corporation or partnership must not be required to display the certificate numbers of at least one officer, director, owner, or partner who is an individual registered landscape architect employed by or practicing with the corporation or partnership.

Section 98. Subsection (5) of section 481.329, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

481.329 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.—

(5) This part does not prohibit any person from engaging in the practice of landscape design, as defined in s. 481.303(7), or from submitting for approval to a governmental agency planting plans that are independent of, or a component of, construction documents that are prepared by a Florida-registered professional. Persons providing landscape design services shall not use the title, term, or designation "landscape architect," "landscape architectural," "landscape architecture," "L.A.,” "landscape engineering," or any
description tending to convey the impression that she or he is a landscape architect unless she or he is registered as provided in this part.

Section 99. Subsection (9) of section 489.103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.103  Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:

(9) Any work or operation of a casual, minor, or inconsequential nature in which the aggregate contract price for labor, materials, and all other items is less than $2,500 $1,000, but this exemption does not apply:

(a) If the construction, repair, remodeling, or improvement is a part of a larger or major operation, whether undertaken by the same or a different contractor, or in which a division of the operation is made in contracts of amounts less than $2,500 $1,000 for the purpose of evading this part or otherwise.

(b) To a person who advertises that he or she is a contractor or otherwise represents that he or she is qualified to engage in contracting.

Section 100. Subsection (2) of section 489.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.111  Licensure by examination.—

(2) A person shall be eligible for licensure by examination if the person:

(a) Is 18 years of age;
(b) Is of good moral character; and
(c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the following criteria:

1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited 4-year college in the appropriate field of engineering, architecture, or building construction and has 1 year of proven experience in the category in which the person seeks to qualify. For the purpose of this part, a minimum of 2,000 person-hours shall be used in determining full-time equivalency. An applicant who is exempt from passing an examination as provided in s. 489.113(1) is eligible for a license under this section.

2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active experience as a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of a mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible to a superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent, provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience shall be as a foreman.

3. Has a combination of not less than 1 year of experience as a foreman and not less than 3 years of credits for any accredited college-level courses; has a combination of not less than 1 year of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year of experience as a foreman, and not less than 2 years of credits for any accredited college-level courses; or has a combination
of not less than 2 years of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year of experience as a foreman, and not less than 1 year of credits for any accredited college-level courses. All junior college or community college-level courses shall be considered accredited college-level courses.

4.a. An active certified residential contractor is eligible to receive a certified building contractor license after passing or having previously passed the building contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

b. An active certified residential contractor is eligible to receive a certified general contractor license after passing or having previously passed the general contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

c. An active certified building contractor is eligible to receive a certified general contractor license after passing or having previously passed the general contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

5.a. An active certified air-conditioning Class C contractor is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning
Class B contractor license after passing or having previously passed the air-conditioning Class B contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

b. An active certified air-conditioning Class C contractor is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning Class A contractor license after passing or having previously passed the air-conditioning Class A contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

c. An active certified air-conditioning Class B contractor is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning Class A contractor license after passing or having previously passed the air-conditioning Class A contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

6.a. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor is eligible to receive a certified residential swimming pool contractor license after passing or having previously passed the residential swimming pool contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

b. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor

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is eligible to receive a certified commercial swimming pool contractor license after passing or having previously passed take the swimming pool commercial contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

c. An active certified residential swimming pool contractor is eligible to receive a certified commercial swimming pool contractor license after passing or having previously passed take the commercial swimming pool contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven experience in the classification in which he or she is certified.

d. An applicant is eligible to receive a certified swimming pool/spa servicing contractor license after passing or having previously passed take the swimming pool/spa servicing contractors' examination if he or she has satisfactorily completed 60 hours of instruction in courses related to the scope of work covered by that license and approved by the Construction Industry Licensing Board by rule and has at least 1 year of proven experience related to the scope of work of such a contractor.

Section 101. Subsection (1) of section 489.113, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.113 Qualifications for practice; restrictions.—

(1) Any person who desires to engage in contracting on a
statewide basis shall, as a prerequisite thereto, establish his
or her competency and qualifications to be certified pursuant to
this part. To establish competency, a person shall pass the
appropriate examination approved by the board and certified by
the department. If an applicant has received a baccalaureate
degree from an accredited 4-year college in building
construction, or a related degree as approved by the board by
rule, such applicant is not required to pass such examination.

Any person who desires to engage in contracting on other than a
statewide basis shall, as a prerequisite thereto, be registered
pursuant to this part, unless exempted by this part.

Section 102. Subsection (3) of section 489.115, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

489.115 Certification and registration; endorsement;
reciprocity; renewals; continuing education.—
(3) The board shall certify as qualified for certification
by endorsement any applicant who:
(a) Meets the requirements for certification as set forth
in this section; has passed a national, regional, state, or
United States territorial licensing examination that is
substantially equivalent to the examination required by this
part; and has satisfied the requirements set forth in s.
489.111;
(b) Holds a valid license to practice contracting issued
by another state or territory of the United States, if the
criteria for issuance of such license were substantially
equivalent to Florida's current certification criteria; or

(c) Holds a valid, current license to practice contracting
issued by another state or territory of the United States, if
the state or territory has entered into a reciprocal agreement
with the board for the recognition of contractor licenses issued
in that state, based on criteria for the issuance of such
licenses that are substantially equivalent to the criteria for
certification in this state; or

(d) Has held a valid license to practice contracting
issued by another state or territory for at least 10 years
before the date of application and is applying for the same or
similar license in this state, subject to subsections (5)-(9).

The board may consider whether such applicant has had a license
to practice contracting revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted
against by the licensing authority of another state, territory,
or country. Such application must be submitted to the board
while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or
territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such
license.

Section 103. Subsection (5) of section 489.511, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

489.511 Certification; application; examinations;
endorsement.—

(5) The board shall certify as qualified for certification
by endorsement any individual applying for certification who:

(a) Meets the requirements for certification as set forth in this section; has passed a national, regional, state, or United States territorial licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by this part; and has satisfied the requirements set forth in s. 489.521; or

(b) Holds a valid license to practice electrical or alarm system contracting issued by another state or territory of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license was substantially equivalent to the certification criteria that existed in this state at the time the certificate was issued; or

(c) Has held a valid license to practice electrical or alarm system contracting issued by another state or territory for at least 10 years before the date of application and is applying for the same or similar license in this state, subject to ss. 489.510 and 489.521(3)(a), and subparagraph (1)(b)1. Such application must be submitted to the board while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

Section 104. Subsection (3) and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 489.517, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

489.517 Renewal of certificate or registration; continuing education.—
(3) Each certificateholder or registrant shall provide proof, in a form established by rule of the board, that the certificateholder or registrant has completed at least 14 classroom hours of at least 50 minutes each of continuing education courses during each biennium since the issuance or renewal of the certificate or registration. The board shall by rule establish criteria for the approval of continuing education courses and providers and may by rule establish criteria for accepting alternative nonclassroom continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis.

(4) Of the 14 classroom hours of continuing education required, at least 1 hour must be on technical subjects, 1 hour on workers' compensation, 1 hour on workplace safety, 1 hour on business practices, and for alarm system contractors and electrical contractors engaged in alarm system contracting, 2 hours on false alarm prevention.

Section 105. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 489.518, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.518 Alarm system agents.—

(1) A licensed electrical or alarm system contractor may not employ a person to perform the duties of a burglar alarm system agent unless the person:

(b) Has successfully completed a minimum of 14 hours of training within 90 days after employment, to include basic alarm
system electronics in addition to related training including CCTV and access control training, with at least 2 hours of training in the prevention of false alarms. Such training shall be from a board-approved provider, and the employee or applicant for employment shall provide proof of successful completion to the licensed employer. The board shall by rule establish criteria for the approval of training courses and providers and may by rule establish criteria for accepting alternative nonclassroom education on an hour-for-hour basis. The board shall approve providers that conduct training in other than the English language. The board shall establish a fee for the approval of training providers or courses, not to exceed $60. Qualified employers may conduct training classes for their employees, with board approval.

Section 106. Section 492.104, Florida Statutes, is amended, to read:

492.104 Rulemaking authority.—The Board of Professional Geologists has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this chapter. Every licensee shall be governed and controlled by this chapter and the rules adopted by the board. The board is authorized to set, by rule, fees for application, examination, certificate of authorization, late renewal, initial licensure, and license renewal. These fees may not exceed the cost of implementing the application, examination, initial licensure, and license renewal or other
administrative process and shall be established as follows:

(1) The application fee shall not exceed $150 and shall be nonrefundable.

(2) The examination fee shall not exceed $250, and the fee may be apportioned to each part of a multipart examination. The examination fee shall be refundable in whole or part if the applicant is found to be ineligible to take any portion of the licensure examination.

(3) The initial license fee shall not exceed $100.

(4) The biennial renewal fee shall not exceed $150.

(5) The fee for a certificate of authorization shall not exceed $350 and the fee for renewal of the certificate shall not exceed $350.

(5)(6) The fee for reactivation of an inactive license may shall not exceed $50.

(6)(7) The fee for a provisional license may shall not exceed $400.

(7)(8) The fee for application, examination, and licensure for a license by endorsement is shall be as provided in this section for licenses in general.

Section 107. Subsection (1) of section 492.108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

492.108 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fees.—

(1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting
an application fee, has been certified by the board that he or
she:

(a) Has met the qualifications for licensure in s.
492.105(1)(b)-(e) and:

1. (b) Is the holder of an active license in good standing
in a state, trust, territory, or possession of the United
States.

2. (c) Was licensed through written examination in at least
one state, trust, territory, or possession of the United States,
the examination requirements of which have been approved by the
board as substantially equivalent to or more stringent than
those of this state, and has received a score on such
examination which is equal to or greater than the score required
by this state for licensure by examination.

3. (d) Has taken and successfully passed the laws and rules
portion of the examination required for licensure as a
professional geologist in this state.

(b) Has held a valid license to practice geology in
another state, trust, territory, or possession of the United
States for at least 10 years before the date of application and
has successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other
examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the
examination required by the department. If such applicant has
met the requirements for a license by endorsement except
successful completion of an examination that is equivalent to or
more stringent than the examination required by the board, such applicant may take the examination required by the board. Such application must be submitted to the board while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

Section 108. Section 492.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

492.111 Practice of professional geology by a firm, corporation, or partnership; certificate of authorization.—The practice of, or offer to practice, professional geology by individual professional geologists licensed under the provisions of this chapter through a firm, corporation, or partnership offering geological services to the public through individually licensed professional geologists as agents, employees, officers, or partners thereof is permitted subject to the provisions of this chapter, if provided that:

(1) At all times that it offers geological services to the public, the firm, corporation, or partnership is qualified by having on file with the department the name and license number of one or more individuals who hold a current, active license as a professional geologist in the state and are serving as a geologist of record for the firm, corporation, or partnership. A geologist of record may be any principal officer or employee of such firm or corporation, or any partner or employee of such partnership, who holds a current, active license as a
professional geologist in this state, or any other Florida-licensed professional geologist with whom the firm, corporation, or partnership has entered into a long-term, ongoing relationship, as defined by rule of the board, to serve as one of its geologists of record. It shall be the responsibility of the firm, corporation, or partnership and the geologist of record to notify the department of any changes in the relationship or identity of that geologist of record within 30 days after such change.

(2) The firm, corporation, or partnership has been issued a certificate of authorization by the department as provided in this chapter. For purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required of any firm, corporation, partnership, association, or person practicing under a fictitious name and offering geological services to the public; except that, when an individual is practicing professional geology in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required to obtain a certificate of authorization under this section. Such certificate of authorization shall be renewed every 2 years.

(2)(3) All final geological papers or documents involving the practice of the profession of geology which have been prepared or approved for the use of such firm, corporation, or partnership, for delivery to any person for public record with the state, shall be dated and bear the signature and seal of the
professional geologist or professional geologists who prepared
or approved them.

(3) Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a licensed professional geologist practices through a corporation or partnership does not relieve the registrant from personal liability for negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by her or him. The partnership and all partners are jointly and severally liable for the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by their agents, employees, or partners while acting in a professional capacity. Any officer, agent, or employee of a corporation is personally liable and accountable only for negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by her or him or committed by any person under her or his direct supervision and control, while rendering professional services on behalf of the corporation. The personal liability of a shareholder of a corporation, in her or his capacity as shareholder, may be no greater than that of a shareholder-employee of a corporation incorporated under chapter 607. The corporation is liable up to the full value of its property for any negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by any of its officers, agents, or employees while they are engaged on behalf of the corporation in the rendering of professional services.

(5) The firm, corporation, or partnership desiring a certificate of authorization shall file with the department an
application therefor, upon a form to be prescribed by the department, accompanied by the required application fee.

(6) The department may refuse to issue a certificate of authorization if any facts exist which would entitle the department to suspend or revoke an existing certificate of authorization or if the department, after giving persons involved a full and fair hearing, determines that any of the officers or directors of said firm or corporation, or partners of said partnership, have violated the provisions of s. 492.113.

Section 109. Subsection (4) of section 492.113, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

492.113 Disciplinary proceedings.—

(4) The department shall reissue the license of a disciplined professional geologist or business upon certification by the board that the disciplined person has complied with all of the terms and conditions set forth in the final order.

Section 110. Section 492.115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

492.115 Roster of licensed professional geologists.—A roster showing the names and places of business or residence of all licensed professional geologists and all properly qualified firms, corporations, or partnerships practicing holding certificates of authorization to practice professional geology in the state shall be prepared annually by the department. A
copy of this roster must be made available to shall be
obtainable by each licensed professional geologist and each
firm, corporation, or partnership qualified by a professional
geologist holding a certificate of authorization, and copies
thereof shall be placed on file with the department.

Section 111. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section
548.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

548.003 Florida State Boxing Commission.—
(2) The Florida State Boxing Commission, as created by
subsection (1), shall administer the provisions of this chapter.
The commission has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss.
120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this
chapter and to implement each of the duties and responsibilities
conferred upon the commission, including, but not limited to:

(i) Designation and duties of a knockdown timekeeper.

Section 112. Subsection (1) of section 548.017, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

548.017 Participants, managers, and other persons required
to have licenses.—
(1) A participant, manager, trainer, second, timekeeper,
referee, judge, announcer, physician, matchmaker, or promoter
must be licensed before directly or indirectly acting in such
capacity in connection with any match involving a participant. A
physician approved by the commission must be licensed pursuant
to chapter 458 or chapter 459, must maintain an unencumbered
license in good standing, and must demonstrate satisfactory
medical training or experience in boxing, or a combination of
both, to the executive director before working as the ringside
physician.

Section 113. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
553.5141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.5141  Certifications of conformity and remediation
plans.—

(1) For purposes of this section:
(d) "Qualified expert" means:
1. An engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 471.
2. A certified general contractor licensed pursuant to
chapter 489.
3. A certified building contractor licensed pursuant to
chapter 489.
4. A building code administrator licensed pursuant to
chapter 468.
5. A building inspector licensed pursuant to chapter 468.
6. A plans examiner licensed pursuant to chapter 468.
7. An interior designer who has passed the qualification
examination prescribed by either the National Council for
Interior Design Qualifications or the California Council for
Interior Design Certification or who was licensed as an interior
designer by the Department of Business and Professional
Regulation licensed pursuant to chapter 481.
8. An architect licensed pursuant to chapter 481.

9. A landscape architect licensed pursuant to chapter 481.

10. Any person who has prepared a remediation plan related to a claim under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 12182, that has been accepted by a federal court in a settlement agreement or court proceeding, or who has been qualified as an expert in Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 12182, by a federal court.

Section 114. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (1) of section 553.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.74 Florida Building Commission.—

(1) The Florida Building Commission is created and located within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for administrative purposes. Members are appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The commission is composed of 19 members, consisting of the following members:

(a) One architect licensed under chapter 481 with at least 5 years of experience in the design and construction of buildings designated for Group E or Group I occupancies by the Florida Building Code registered to practice in this state and actively engaged in the profession. The American Institute of Architects, Florida Section, is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(b) One structural engineer registered to practice in this

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state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida Engineering Society is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(c) One air-conditioning contractor, or mechanical contractor, or mechanical engineer certified to do business in this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida Air Conditioning Contractors Association, the Florida Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association, and the Mechanical Contractors Association of Florida, and the Florida Engineering Society are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(d) One electrical contractor or electrical engineer certified to do business in this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida Association of Electrical Contractors, and the National Electrical Contractors Association, Florida Chapter, and the Florida Engineering Society are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(e) One member from fire protection engineering or technology who is actively engaged in the profession. The Florida Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers and the Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(f) One certified general contractor or one certified building contractor certified to do business in this state and...
actively engaged in the profession. The Associated Builders and Contractors of Florida, the Florida Associated General Contractors Council, the Florida Home Builders Association, and the Union Contractors Association are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(f) One plumbing contractor licensed to do business in this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(g) One roofing or sheet metal contractor certified to do business in this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal, and Air Conditioning Contractors Association and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(h) One certified residential contractor licensed to do business in this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida Home Builders Association is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(i) Three members who are municipal, county, or district codes enforcement officials, one of whom is also a fire official. The Building Officials Association of Florida and the Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(k) One member who represents the Department of Financial
(l) One member who is a county codes enforcement official.

The Building Officials Association of Florida is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(j) One member of a Florida-based organization of persons with disabilities or a nationally chartered organization of persons with disabilities with chapters in this state which complies with or is certified to be compliant with the requirements of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, as amended.

(k) One member of the manufactured buildings industry who is licensed to do business in this state and is actively engaged in the industry. The Florida Manufactured Housing Association is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(o) One mechanical or electrical engineer registered to practice in this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida Engineering Society is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(p) One member who is a representative of a municipality or a charter county. The Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(q) One member of the building products manufacturing industry who is authorized to do business in this state and is
actively engaged in the industry. The Florida Building Material
Association, the Florida Concrete and Products Association, and
the Fenestration Manufacturers Association are encouraged to
recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(m) One member who is a representative of the building
owners and managers industry who is actively engaged in
commercial building ownership or management. The Building Owners
and Managers Association is encouraged to recommend a list of
candidates for consideration.

(n) One member who is a representative of the insurance
industry. The Florida Insurance Council is encouraged to
recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(t) One member who is a representative of public
education.

(o) One member who is a swimming pool contractor
licensed to do business in this state and actively engaged in
the profession. The Florida Swimming Pool Association and the
United Pool and Spa Association are encouraged to recommend a
list of candidates for consideration.

(p) One member who is a representative of the green
building industry and who is a third-party commission agent, a
Florida board member of the United States Green Building Council
or Green Building Initiative, a professional who is accredited
under the International Green Construction Code (IGCC), or a
professional who is accredited under Leadership in Energy and
Environmental Design (LEED).

(q) One member who is a representative of a natural gas distribution system and who is actively engaged in the distribution of natural gas in this state. The Florida Natural Gas Association is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(x) One member who is a representative of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Energy. The Commissioner of Agriculture is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(y) One member who shall be the chair.

Section 115. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 553.79, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.79 Permits; applications; issuance; inspections.—

(5) The architect or engineer of record may act as the special inspector provided she or he is on the Board of Professional Engineers' or the Board of Architecture's Architectural and Interior Design's list of persons qualified to be special inspectors. School boards may utilize employees as special inspectors provided such employees are on one of the professional licensing board's list of persons qualified to be special inspectors.

Section 116. Subsection (7) of section 558.002, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
558.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(7) "Design professional" means a person, as defined in s. 1.01, who is licensed in this state as an architect, interior designer, a landscape architect, an engineer, a surveyor, or a geologist.

Section 117. Subsection (3) of section 559.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

559.25 Exemptions.—The provisions of this part shall not apply to or affect the following persons:

(3) Duly licensed auctioneers, selling at auction.

Section 118. Subsection (5) is added to section 823.15, Florida Statutes, to read:

823.15 Dogs and cats released from animal shelters or animal control agencies; sterilization requirement.—

(5) Employees, agents, or contractors of a public or private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control agency operated by a humane organization or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision may implant dogs and cats with radio frequency identification microchip as part of their work with such public or private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control agency.

Section 119. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.