

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the deregulation of professions and  
3           occupations; providing a short title; amending s.  
4           287.055, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
5           by the act; amending s. 322.57, F.S.; defining the  
6           term "servicemember"; requiring the Department of  
7           Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to waive certain  
8           commercial driver license requirements for  
9           servicemembers and veterans under certain  
10          circumstances; requiring rulemaking; amending s.  
11          326.004, F.S.; deleting the requirement for a yacht  
12          broker to maintain a separate license for each branch  
13          office; deleting the requirement for the division to  
14          establish a fee; amending s. 447.02, F.S.; conforming  
15          provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss.  
16          447.04, 447.041, 447.045, and 447.06, F.S., relating  
17          to licensure and permit requirements for business  
18          agents, hearings for persons or labor organizations  
19          denied licensure as a business agent, confidential  
20          information obtained during the application process,  
21          and required registration of labor organizations,  
22          respectively; amending s. 447.09, F.S.; deleting  
23          certain prohibited actions relating to the right of  
24          franchise of a member of a labor organization;  
25          repealing ss. 447.12 and 447.16, F.S., relating to

26 registration fees and applicability; amending s.  
27 447.305, F.S.; deleting a provision that requires  
28 notification of registrations and renewals to the  
29 department; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; requiring the  
30 Department of Business and Professional Regulation or  
31 a board to seek reciprocal licensing agreements with  
32 other states under certain circumstances; providing  
33 requirements; creating s. 455.2278, F.S.; providing  
34 definitions; prohibiting the department or a board  
35 from suspending or revoking a person's license solely  
36 on the basis of a delinquency or default in the  
37 payment of his or her student loan; prohibiting the  
38 department or a board from suspending or revoking a  
39 person's license solely on the basis of a default in  
40 satisfying the requirements of his or her work-  
41 conditional scholarship; amending s. 456.072, F.S.;  
42 providing that failing to repay a student loan issued  
43 or guaranteed by the state or the Federal Government  
44 in accordance with the terms of the loan is not  
45 considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal  
46 obligation; repealing s. 456.0721, F.S., relating to  
47 practitioners in default on student loan or  
48 scholarship obligations; amending s. 456.074; removing  
49 the requirements for immediate suspension of a health  
50 care practitioner for default on a specified student

51 loan; amending s. 468.401, F.S.; revising a  
52 definition; amending s. 468.505, F.S.; providing that  
53 certain unlicensed persons are not prohibited or  
54 restricted from his or her practice, services, or  
55 activities in dietetics and nutrition under certain  
56 circumstances; amending s. 468.517, F.S.; providing  
57 that certain unlicensed persons may not practice  
58 dietetics and nutrition for remuneration in certain  
59 licensed healthcare facilities; amending s. 468.524,  
60 F.S.; deleting the time restriction for an employee  
61 leasing company to reapply for licensure; amending s.  
62 468.603, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s.  
63 468.609, F.S.; revising certain experience  
64 requirements for a person to take the examination for  
65 certification; revising the time period a provisional  
66 certificate is valid; amending s. 468.613, F.S.;  
67 providing for waiver of specified requirements for  
68 certification under certain circumstances; amending s.  
69 468.8314, F.S.; requiring an applicant for a license  
70 by endorsement to maintain a specified insurance  
71 policy; requiring the department to certify an  
72 applicant who holds a specified license issued by  
73 another state or territory of the United States under  
74 certain circumstances; amending s. 471.015, F.S.;  
75 revising licensure requirements for engineers who hold

76 | specified licenses in another state; amending s.  
77 | 473.308, F.S.; deleting continuing education  
78 | requirements for license by endorsement for certified  
79 | public accountants; amending s. 474.202, F.S.;  
80 | revising the definition of the term "limited-service  
81 | veterinary medical practice" to include certain  
82 | vaccinations or immunizations; amending s. 474.203,  
83 | F.S.; providing an exemption for a person whose work  
84 | is solely confined to microchip implantation in dogs  
85 | and cats; amending s. 474.207, F.S.; revising  
86 | education requirements for licensure by examination;  
87 | amending s. 474.217, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
88 | Business and Professional Regulation to issue a  
89 | license by endorsement to certain applicants who  
90 | successfully complete a specified examination;  
91 | amending s. 476.114, F.S.; revising training  
92 | requirements for licensure as a barber; amending s.  
93 | 476.144, F.S.; requiring the department to license an  
94 | applicant who is licensed to practice barbering in  
95 | another state; amending s. 477.013, F.S.; revising the  
96 | definition of the term "hair braiding"; repealing s.  
97 | 477.0132, F.S., relating to registration for hair  
98 | braiding, hair wrapping, and body wrapping; amending  
99 | s. 477.0135, F.S.; providing additional exemptions  
100 | from license or registration requirements for

101 specified occupations or practices; amending s.  
102 477.019, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
103 by the act; amending s. 477.0201, F.S.; providing  
104 requirements for registration as a specialist;  
105 amending s. 477.026, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
106 changes made by the act; amending s. 477.0263, F.S.;  
107 authorizing certain persons to perform specified  
108 cosmetology services in a location other than a  
109 licensed salon under certain circumstances; amending  
110 ss. 477.0265 and 477.029, F.S.; conforming provisions  
111 to changes made by the act; amending s. 481.201, F.S.;  
112 deleting legislative findings relating to the practice  
113 of interior design; amending s. 481.203, F.S.;  
114 revising definitions; amending s. 481.205, F.S.;  
115 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
116 amending s. 481.207, F.S.; revising certain fees for  
117 interior designers; amending s. 481.209, F.S.;  
118 providing requirements for a certificate of  
119 registration and a seal for interior designers;  
120 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
121 amending s. 481.213, F.S.; revising requirements for  
122 certification of licensure by endorsement for certain  
123 licensees to engage in the practice of architecture;  
124 providing that registration is not required for  
125 specified persons to practice; amending s. 481.2131,

126 F.S.; requiring certain interior designers to include  
 127 a specified seal when submitting documents for the  
 128 issuance of a building permit; amending s. 481.215,  
 129 F.S.; revising the number of hours of specified  
 130 courses the board must require for the renewal of a  
 131 license or certificate of registration; authoring  
 132 licensees to complete certain courses online; amending  
 133 s. 481.217, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes  
 134 made by the act; amending s. 481.219, F.S.; deleting  
 135 provisions permitting the practice of or offer to  
 136 practice interior design through certain business  
 137 organizations; deleting provisions requiring  
 138 certificates of authorization for certain business  
 139 organizations offering interior design services to the  
 140 public; requiring a licensee or applicant in the  
 141 practice of architecture to qualify a business  
 142 organization; providing requirements; amending  
 143 481.221, F.S.; requiring registered architects and  
 144 certain business organizations to display their  
 145 license number in specified advertisements; amending  
 146 s. 481.223, F.S.; providing construction; amending s.  
 147 481.2251, F.S.; revising acts that constitute grounds  
 148 for disciplinary actions relating to interior  
 149 designers; amending ss. 481.229 and 481.231, F.S.;  
 150 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;

151 amending s. 481.303, F.S.; deleting the definition of  
152 the term "certificate of authorization"; amending s.  
153 481.310, F.S.; providing that an applicant who holds a  
154 specified degree is not required to demonstrate 1 year  
155 of practical experience for licensure; amending s.  
156 481.311, F.S.; requiring the Board of Landscape  
157 Architecture to certify an applicant who holds a  
158 specified license issued by another state or territory  
159 of the United States under certain circumstances;  
160 conforming provisions; amending s. 481.313, F.S.;  
161 authorizing a landscape architect to receive hour-for-  
162 hour credit for certain approved continuing education  
163 courses under certain circumstances; 481.317, F.S.;  
164 conforming provisions; amending s. 481.319, F.S.;  
165 deleting the requirement for a certificate of  
166 authorization; authorizing landscape architects to  
167 practice through a corporation or partnership;  
168 amending s. 481.321, F.S.; requiring a landscape  
169 architect to display their certificate number in  
170 specified advertisements; amending s. 481.329, F.S.;  
171 conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 489.103,  
172 F.S.; revising certain contract prices for exemption;  
173 amending s. 489.111, F.S.; providing that an applicant  
174 who is exempt from a specified examination is eligible  
175 for licensure; amending s. 489.113, F.S.; providing

176 that an applicant holding a specified degree does not  
177 have to pass a certain examination; amending s.  
178 489.115, F.S.; requiring the Construction Industry  
179 Licensing Board to certify any applicant who holds a  
180 specified license to practice contracting issued by  
181 another state or territory of the United States under  
182 or certain persons licensed by endorsement or  
183 reciprocity under certain circumstances; amending s.  
184 489.511, F.S.; requiring the board to certify as  
185 qualified for certification by endorsement any  
186 applicant who holds a specified license to practice  
187 electrical or alarm system contracting issued by  
188 another state or territory of the United States under  
189 certain circumstances; amending s. 489.517, F.S.;  
190 providing a reduction in certain continuing education  
191 hours required for certain contractors; amending s.  
192 489.518, F.S.; requiring a person to have completed a  
193 specified amount of training within a certain time  
194 period to perform the duties of an alarm system agent;  
195 amending s. 492.104, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
196 changes made by the act; amending 492.108, F.S.;  
197 requiring the department to issue a license by  
198 endorsement to any applicant who has held a specified  
199 license to practice geology in another state,  
200 territory, or possession of the United States for a



201 certain period of time; providing that an applicant  
202 may take the examination required by the board if they  
203 have not met the specified examination requirement;  
204 amending s. 492.111, F.S.; deleting the requirements  
205 for a certificate of authorization for a professional  
206 geologist; amending ss. 492.113 and 492.115, F.S.;  
207 conforming provisions; creating s. 509.102, F.S.;  
208 providing a definition for the term "mobile food  
209 dispensing vehicles"; prohibiting a municipality,  
210 county, or other local governmental entity from  
211 requiring a separate license, registration, or permit  
212 or fee or from operating within the jurisdiction;  
213 providing applicability; amending s. 548.003, F.S.;  
214 deleting the requirement that the Florida State Boxing  
215 Commission adopt rules relating to a knockdown  
216 timekeeper; amending s. 548.017, F.S.; deleting the  
217 licensure requirement for a timekeeper or announcer;  
218 amending s. 553.5141, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
219 changes made by the act; amending s. 553.74, F.S.;  
220 revising the membership and qualifications of the  
221 Florida Building Commission; amending s. 558.002,  
222 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
223 act; amending s. 823.15, F.S.; authorizing certain  
224 persons to implant dogs and cats with specified radio  
225 frequency identification devices under certain

226 |       circumstances; authorizing such persons to contact the  
 227 |       owner of record listed on such devices; providing  
 228 |       effective dates.

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

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

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

236 |       287.055 Acquisition of professional architectural,  
 237 | engineering, landscape architectural, or surveying and mapping  
 238 | services; definitions; procedures; contingent fees prohibited;  
 239 | penalties.—

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

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

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

247 |       2. Is qualified ~~certified~~ under s. 471.023 to practice or  
 248 | to offer to practice engineering; qualified ~~certified~~ under s.  
 249 | 481.219 to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or  
 250 | qualified ~~certified~~ under s. 481.319 to practice or to offer to

251 practice landscape architecture.

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

261 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 322.57, Florida  
262 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new subsection  
263 (4) is added to that section, to read:

264 322.57 Tests of knowledge concerning specified vehicles;  
265 endorsement; nonresidents; violations.—

266 (4) (a) As used in this subsection, the term  
267 "servicemember" means a member of any branch of the United  
268 States military or military reserves, the United States Coast  
269 Guard or its reserves, the Florida National Guard, or the  
270 Florida Air National Guard.

271 (b) The department shall waive the requirement to pass the  
272 examination for a commercial driver license for servicemembers  
273 and veterans if:

274 1. The applicant is a veteran who has been honorably  
275 discharged from military service within 1 year before the

276 application.

277 2. The applicant is trained as an Army Motor Transport  
 278 Operator (MOS 88M) or a similar military specialty.

279 3. The applicant has received training to operate large  
 280 trucks in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
 281 Administration.

282 4. The applicant has at least 2 years of experience in the  
 283 military driving vehicles that would require a commercial driver  
 284 license to operate.

285 (c) An applicant must complete all other requirements for  
 286 a commercial driver license within 1 year after receiving a  
 287 waiver under paragraph (b) or the waiver is invalid.

288 (d) The department shall adopt rules to administer this  
 289 subsection.

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

292 326.004 Licensing.—

293 (13) Each broker must maintain a principal place of  
 294 business in this state and may establish branch offices in the  
 295 state. ~~A separate license must be maintained for each branch~~  
 296 ~~office. The division shall establish by rule a fee not to exceed~~  
 297 ~~\$100 for each branch office license.~~

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

300 447.02 Definitions.—The following terms, when used in this

301 chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this  
 302 section:

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

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

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

307 Section 8. Section 447.045, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

308 Section 9. Section 447.06, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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

311 447.09 Right of franchise preserved; penalties.—It shall  
 312 be unlawful for any person:

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

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

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

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

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

321 447.305 Registration of employee organization.—

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

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

328 455.213 General licensing provisions.—

329 (14) The department or a board must enter into a  
330 reciprocal licensing agreement with other states if the practice  
331 act within the purview of this chapter permits such agreement.  
332 If a reciprocal licensing agreement exists or if the department  
333 or board has determined another state's licensing requirements  
334 or examinations to be substantially similar to those under the  
335 practice act, the department or board must post on its website  
336 which jurisdictions have such reciprocal licensing agreements or  
337 substantially similar licenses.

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

340 455.2278 Restriction on disciplinary action for student  
341 loan default.—

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

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

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

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

349 (d) "Work-conditional scholarship" means an award of  
350 financial aid for a student to further his or her education

351 which imposes an obligation on the student to complete certain  
352 work-related requirements to receive or to continue receiving  
353 the scholarship.

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

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

364 Section 16. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
365 456.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

366 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.—

367 (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which  
368 the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be  
369 taken:

370 (k) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation  
371 placed upon a licensee. For purposes of this section, failing to  
372 repay a student loan issued or guaranteed by the state or the  
373 Federal Government in accordance with the terms of the loan is  
374 not ~~or failing to comply with service scholarship obligations~~  
375 ~~shall be~~ considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal

376 obligation, and the minimum disciplinary action imposed shall be  
377 a suspension of the license until new payment terms are agreed  
378 upon or the scholarship obligation is resumed, followed by  
379 probation for the duration of the student loan or remaining  
380 scholarship obligation period, and a fine equal to 10 percent of  
381 the defaulted loan amount. Fines collected shall be deposited  
382 into the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund.

383 Section 17. Section 456.0721, Florida Statutes, is  
384 repealed.

385 Section 18. Subsection (4) of section 456.074, Florida  
386 Statutes, is amended to read:

387 456.074 Certain health care practitioners; immediate  
388 suspension of license.-

389 ~~(4) Upon receipt of information that a Florida-licensed~~  
390 ~~health care practitioner has defaulted on a student loan issued~~  
391 ~~or guaranteed by the state or the Federal Government, the~~  
392 ~~department shall notify the licensee by certified mail that he~~  
393 ~~or she shall be subject to immediate suspension of license~~  
394 ~~unless, within 45 days after the date of mailing, the licensee~~  
395 ~~provides proof that new payment terms have been agreed upon by~~  
396 ~~all parties to the loan. The department shall issue an emergency~~  
397 ~~order suspending the license of any licensee who, after 45 days~~  
398 ~~following the date of mailing from the department, has failed to~~  
399 ~~provide such proof. Production of such proof shall not prohibit~~  
400 ~~the department from proceeding with disciplinary action against~~



401 ~~the licensee pursuant to s. 456.073.~~

402 Section 19. Subsection (8) of section 468.401, Florida  
403 Statutes, is amended to read:

404 468.401 Regulation of talent agencies; definitions.—As  
405 used in this part or any rule adopted pursuant hereto:

406 (8) "Artist" means a person under the age of 18 performing  
407 on the professional stage or in the production of television,  
408 radio, or motion pictures; a musician or group of musicians; or  
409 a model.

410 Section 20. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (1) of  
411 section 468.505, Florida Statutes, to read:

412 468.505 Exemptions; exceptions.—

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

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

423 Section 21. Paragraphs (c) through (g) of subsection (1)  
424 of section 468.517, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
425 paragraphs (d) through (h), respectively, and a new paragraph

426 (c) is added to that subsection, to read:  
 427 468.517 Prohibitions; penalties.—  
 428 (1) A person may not knowingly:  
 429 (c) Engage in dietetics and nutrition practice or  
 430 nutrition counseling for remuneration in a hospital licensed  
 431 under chapter 395, a nursing home licensed under part II of  
 432 chapter 400, an assisted living facility licensed under chapter  
 433 429, or a continuing care facility certified under chapter 651  
 434 without a license under this part or under an exemption or  
 435 exception provided in s. 468.505(1)(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (h),  
 436 (i), (k), (l), or (m).

437 Section 22. Subsection (4) of section 468.524, Florida  
 438 Statutes, is amended to read:

439 468.524 Application for license.—

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

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

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

449 ~~(c) The department is unable to complete the criminal~~  
 450 ~~background investigation because of insufficient information~~

451 ~~from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Federal~~  
452 ~~Bureau of Investigation, or any other applicable law enforcement~~  
453 ~~agency;~~

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

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

461 Section 23. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section  
462 468.603, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

463 468.603 Definitions.—As used in this part:

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

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

474 Section 24. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
475 (a) of subsection (7) of section 468.609, Florida Statutes, are

476 amended to read:

477 468.609 Administration of this part; standards for  
478 certification; additional categories of certification.—

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

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

484 1. Demonstrates 4 ~~5~~ years' combined experience in the  
485 field of construction or a related field, building code  
486 inspection, or plans review corresponding to the certification  
487 category sought;

488 2. Demonstrates a combination of postsecondary education  
489 in the field of construction or a related field and experience  
490 which totals 3 ~~4~~ years, with at least 1 year of such total being  
491 experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans  
492 review;

493 3. Demonstrates a combination of technical education in  
494 the field of construction or a related field and experience  
495 which totals 3 ~~4~~ years, with at least 1 year of such total being  
496 experience in construction, building code inspection, or plans  
497 review;

498 4. Currently holds a standard certificate issued by the  
499 board or a firesafety inspector license issued pursuant to  
500 chapter 633, with ~~has~~ a minimum of 3 years' verifiable full-time

501 | experience in firesafety inspection or firesafety plan review,  
502 | and has satisfactorily completed a building code inspector or  
503 | plans examiner training program that provides at least 100 hours  
504 | but not more than 200 hours of cross-training in the  
505 | certification category sought. The board shall establish by rule  
506 | criteria for the development and implementation of the training  
507 | programs. The board shall accept all classroom training offered  
508 | by an approved provider if the content substantially meets the  
509 | intent of the classroom component of the training program;

510 |         5. Demonstrates a combination of the completion of an  
511 | approved training program in the field of building code  
512 | inspection or plan review and a minimum of 2 years' experience  
513 | in the field of building code inspection, plan review, fire code  
514 | inspections and fire plans review of new buildings as a  
515 | firesafety inspector certified under s. 633.216, or  
516 | construction. The approved training portion of this requirement  
517 | shall include proof of satisfactory completion of a training  
518 | program that provides at least 200 hours but not more than 300  
519 | hours of cross-training that is approved by the board in the  
520 | chosen category of building code inspection or plan review in  
521 | the certification category sought with at least 20 hours but not  
522 | more than 30 hours of instruction in state laws, rules, and  
523 | ethics relating to professional standards of practice, duties,  
524 | and responsibilities of a certificateholder. The board shall  
525 | coordinate with the Building Officials Association of Florida,

526 Inc., to establish by rule the development and implementation of  
527 the training program. However, the board shall accept all  
528 classroom training offered by an approved provider if the  
529 content substantially meets the intent of the classroom  
530 component of the training program;

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

534 a. Has at least 4 ~~5~~ years' verifiable full-time experience  
535 as an inspector or plans examiner in a standard certification  
536 category currently held or has a minimum of 4 ~~5~~ years'  
537 verifiable full-time experience as a firesafety inspector  
538 licensed pursuant to chapter 633.

539 b. Has satisfactorily completed a building code inspector  
540 or plans examiner classroom training course or program that  
541 provides at least 200 but not more than 300 hours in the  
542 certification category sought, except for one-family and two-  
543 family dwelling training programs, which must provide at least  
544 500 but not more than 800 hours of training as prescribed by the  
545 board. The board shall establish by rule criteria for the  
546 development and implementation of classroom training courses and  
547 programs in each certification category; or

548 7.a. Has completed a 4-year internship certification  
549 program as a building code inspector or plans examiner while  
550 employed full-time by a municipality, county, or other

551 governmental jurisdiction, under the direct supervision of a  
552 certified building official. Proof of graduation with a related  
553 vocational degree or college degree or of verifiable work  
554 experience may be exchanged for the internship experience  
555 requirement year-for-year, but may reduce the requirement to no  
556 less than 1 year.

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

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

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

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

569 (7) (a) The board shall provide for the issuance of  
570 provisional certificates valid for 2 years ~~1 year~~, as specified  
571 by board rule, to any building code inspector or plans examiner  
572 who meets the eligibility requirements described in subsection  
573 (2) and any newly employed or promoted building code  
574 administrator who meets the eligibility requirements described  
575 in subsection (3). The provisional license may be renewed by the

576 board for just cause; however, a provisional license is not  
577 valid for longer than 3 years.

578 Section 25. Section 468.613, Florida Statutes, is amended  
579 to read:

580 468.613 Certification by endorsement.—The board shall  
581 examine other certification or training programs, as applicable,  
582 upon submission to the board for its consideration of an  
583 application for certification by endorsement. The board shall  
584 waive its examination, qualification, education, or training  
585 requirements, to the extent that such examination,  
586 qualification, education, or training requirements of the  
587 applicant are determined by the board to be comparable with  
588 those established by the board. The board shall waive its  
589 examination, qualification, education, or training requirements  
590 if an applicant for certification by endorsement is at least 18  
591 years of age; is of good moral character; has held a valid  
592 building administrator, inspector, plans examiner, or the  
593 equivalent, certification issued by another state or territory  
594 of the United States for at least 10 years before the date of  
595 application; and has successfully passed an applicable  
596 examination administered by the International Codes Council.  
597 Such application must be submitted to the board while the  
598 applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or  
599 within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

600 Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 468.8314, Florida



601 Statutes, is amended to read:

602 468.8314 Licensure.—

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

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

614 (b) Has held a valid license to practice home inspection  
 615 services issued by another state or territory of the United  
 616 States for at least 10 years before the date of application.  
 617 Such application must be submitted to the department while the  
 618 applicant holds a valid license in another state or territory or  
 619 within 2 years after the expiration of such license.

620 Section 27. Subsection (5) of section 471.015, Florida  
 621 Statutes, is amended to read:

622 471.015 Licensure.—

623 (5) (a) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks  
 624 licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially  
 625 equivalent to the fundamentals examination when such applicant

626 has held a valid professional engineer's license in another  
 627 state for 10 15 years and has had 20 years of continuous  
 628 ~~professional-level engineering experience.~~

629 (b) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks  
 630 licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially  
 631 equivalent to the fundamentals examination and the principles  
 632 and practices examination when such applicant has held a valid  
 633 professional engineer's license in another state for 15 ~~25~~ years  
 634 and has had 30 years of continuous professional-level  
 635 engineering experience.

636 Section 28. Subsection (7) of section 473.308, Florida  
 637 Statutes, is amended to read:

638 473.308 Licensure.—

639 (7) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by  
 640 endorsement an applicant who:

641 (a) ~~1.~~ Is not licensed and has not been licensed in another  
 642 state or territory and who has met the requirements of this  
 643 section for education, work experience, and good moral character  
 644 and has passed a national, regional, state, or territorial  
 645 licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the  
 646 examination required by s. 473.306; or ~~and~~

647 ~~2. Has completed such continuing education courses as the~~  
 648 ~~board deems appropriate, within the limits for each applicable~~  
 649 ~~2-year period as set forth in s. 473.312, but at least such~~  
 650 ~~courses as are equivalent to the continuing education~~

651 ~~requirements for a Florida certified public accountant licensed~~  
652 ~~in this state during the 2 years immediately preceding her or~~  
653 ~~his application for licensure by endorsement; or~~

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

659 2.b. Holds a valid license to practice public accounting  
660 issued by another state or territory of the United States but  
661 the criteria for issuance of such license did not meet the  
662 requirements of subparagraph 1. ~~sub-subparagraph a.~~; has met the  
663 requirements of this section for education, work experience, and  
664 good moral character; and has passed a national, regional,  
665 state, or territorial licensing examination that is  
666 substantially equivalent to the examination required by s.  
667 473.306; or

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

675 ~~2. Has completed continuing education courses that are~~

676 ~~equivalent to the continuing education requirements for a~~  
677 ~~Florida certified public accountant licensed in this state~~  
678 ~~during the 2 years immediately preceding her or his application~~  
679 ~~for licensure by endorsement.~~

680 Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 474.202, Florida  
681 Statutes, is amended to read:

682 474.202 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

683 (6) "Limited-service veterinary medical practice" means  
684 offering or providing veterinary services at any location that  
685 has a primary purpose other than that of providing veterinary  
686 medical service at a permanent or mobile establishment permitted  
687 by the board; provides veterinary medical services for privately  
688 owned animals that do not reside at that location; operates for  
689 a limited time; and provides limited types of veterinary medical  
690 services, including vaccinations or immunizations against  
691 disease, preventative procedures for parasitic control, and  
692 microchip implantation.

693 Section 30. Subsection (9) is added to section 474.203,  
694 Florida Statutes, to read:

695 474.203 Exemptions.—This chapter does not apply to:

696 (9) An employee, agent, or contractor of a public or  
697 private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control  
698 agency operated by a humane organization or by a county,  
699 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision whose  
700 work is confined solely to the implantation of a radio frequency

701 identification device microchip for dogs and cats in accordance  
 702 with s. 823.15.

703  
 704 For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt  
 705 pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (4)  
 706 are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized by the  
 707 laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal supplies.

708 Section 31. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
 709 474.207, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

710 474.207 Licensure by examination.—

711 (2) The department shall license each applicant who the  
 712 board certifies has:

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

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

721  
 722 The department shall not issue a license to any applicant who is  
 723 under investigation in any state or territory of the United  
 724 States or in the District of Columbia for an act which would  
 725 constitute a violation of this chapter until the investigation

726 is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been terminated,  
 727 at which time the provisions of s. 474.214 shall apply.

728 Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 474.217, Florida  
 729 Statutes, is amended to read:

730 474.217 Licensure by endorsement.—

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

735 (a) Has demonstrated, in a manner designated by rule of  
 736 the board, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
 737 practice of veterinary medicine in this state; and

738 (b)1. ~~Either~~ Holds, and has held for the 3 years  
 739 immediately preceding the application for licensure, a valid,  
 740 active license to practice veterinary medicine in another state  
 741 of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a territory  
 742 of the United States, provided that the applicant has  
 743 successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
 744 examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
 745 examination required by the board ~~requirements for licensure in~~  
 746 ~~the issuing state, district, or territory are equivalent to or~~  
 747 ~~more stringent than the requirements of this chapter; or~~

748 2. Meets the qualifications of s. 474.207(2)(b) and has  
 749 successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
 750 examination which is equivalent to or more stringent than the

751 examination given by the department and has passed the board's  
 752 clinical competency examination or another clinical competency  
 753 examination specified by rule of the board.

754 Section 33. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (2) of  
 755 section 476.114, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

756 476.114 Examination; prerequisites.—

757 (2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by  
 758 examination to practice barbering if the applicant:

759 (a) Is at least 16 years of age;

760 (b) Pays the required application fee; and

761 (c)1. Holds an active valid license to practice barbering  
 762 in another state, has held the license for at least 1 year, and  
 763 does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided for in  
 764 s. 476.144(5); or

765 2. Has received a minimum of 900 ~~1,200~~ hours of training  
 766 in sanitation, safety, and laws and rules, as established by the  
 767 board, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the  
 768 equivalent of completion of services directly related to the  
 769 practice of barbering at one of the following:

770 a. A school of barbering licensed pursuant to chapter  
 771 1005;

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

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

774

775 The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school

776 or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the  
 777 required examination after the completion of a minimum of 600  
 778 ~~1,000~~ actual school hours. If the person passes the examination,  
 779 she or he shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the  
 780 person fails the examination, she or he shall not be qualified  
 781 to take the examination again until the completion of the full  
 782 requirements provided by this section.

783 Section 34. Subsection (5) of section 476.144, Florida  
 784 Statutes, is amended to read:

785 476.144 Licensure.—

786 (5) The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by  
 787 endorsement as a barber in this state an applicant who holds a  
 788 current active license to practice barbering in another state.

789 The board shall adopt rules specifying procedures for the  
 790 licensure by endorsement of practitioners desiring to be  
 791 licensed in this state who hold a current active license in  
 792 another ~~state or~~ country and who have met qualifications  
 793 substantially similar to, equivalent to, or greater than the  
 794 qualifications required of applicants from this state.

795 Section 35. Subsection (9) of section 477.013, Florida  
 796 Statutes, is amended to read:

797 477.013 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

798 (9) "Hair braiding" means the weaving or interweaving of  
 799 natural human hair or commercial hair, including the use of hair  
 800 extensions or wefts, for compensation without cutting, coloring,



801 permanent waving, relaxing, removing, or chemical treatment ~~and~~  
802 ~~does not include the use of hair extensions or wefts.~~

803 Section 36. Section 477.0132, Florida Statutes, is  
804 repealed.

805 Section 37. Subsections (7) through (11) are added to  
806 section 477.0135, Florida Statutes, to read:

807 477.0135 Exemptions.—

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

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

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

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

820 (11) A license or registration is not required for a  
821 person whose occupation or practice is confined solely to makeup  
822 application, which includes, but is not limited to, application  
823 of makeup primer, face paint, lipstick, eyeliner, eye shadow,  
824 foundation, rouge or cheek color, mascara, strip lashes,  
825 individual lashes, face powder, corrective stick, and makeup

826 remover; but does not include manual or chemical exfoliation,  
 827 semi-permanent lash application, lash or brow tinting, or hair  
 828 removal.

829 Section 38. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 477.019,  
 830 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

831 477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure;  
 832 supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing  
 833 education.—

834 (6) The board shall certify as qualified for licensure by  
 835 endorsement as a cosmetologist in this state an applicant who  
 836 holds a current active license to practice cosmetology in  
 837 another state. ~~The board may not require proof of educational~~  
 838 ~~hours if the license was issued in a state that requires 1,200~~  
 839 ~~or more hours of prelicensure education and passage of a written~~  
 840 ~~examination. This subsection does not apply to applicants who~~  
 841 ~~received their license in another state through an~~  
 842 ~~apprenticeship program.~~

843 (7) (a) The board shall prescribe by rule continuing  
 844 education requirements intended to ensure protection of the  
 845 public through updated training of licensees and registered  
 846 specialists, not to exceed 10 ~~16~~ hours biennially, as a  
 847 condition for renewal of a license or registration as a  
 848 specialist under this chapter. Continuing education courses  
 849 shall include, but not be limited to, the following subjects as  
 850 they relate to the practice of cosmetology: human

851 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome;  
852 Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations;  
853 workers' compensation issues; state and federal laws and rules  
854 as they pertain to cosmetologists, cosmetology, salons,  
855 specialists, specialty salons, and booth renters; chemical  
856 makeup as it pertains to hair, skin, and nails; and  
857 environmental issues. Courses given at cosmetology conferences  
858 may be counted toward the number of continuing education hours  
859 required if approved by the board.

860 ~~(b) Any person whose occupation or practice is confined~~  
861 ~~solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping is~~  
862 ~~exempt from the continuing education requirements of this~~  
863 ~~subsection.~~

864 (b)(e) The board may, by rule, require any licensee in  
865 violation of a continuing education requirement to take a  
866 refresher course or refresher course and examination in addition  
867 to any other penalty. The number of hours for the refresher  
868 course may not exceed 48 hours.

869 Section 39. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (1) of  
870 section 477.0201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

871 477.0201 Specialty registration; qualifications;  
872 registration renewal; endorsement.—

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

876 | who:

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

879 |       (b) Has received a certificate of completion for: ~~in a~~

880 |       1. 180 hours of training, as established by the board,

881 | which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to

882 | practice specialties as defined in s. 477.013(6) (a) and (b);

883 | ~~specialty pursuant to s. 477.013(6)~~

884 |       2. 220 hours of training, as established by the board,

885 | which shall focus primarily on sanitation and safety, to

886 | practice the specialty as defined in s. 477.013(6) (c); or

887 |       3. 400 hours of training or the number of hours of

888 | training required to maintain minimum Pell Grant requirements,

889 | as established by the board, which shall focus primarily on

890 | sanitation and safety, to practice the specialties as defined in

891 | s. 477.013(6).

892 |       (c) The certificate of completion specified in paragraph

893 | (b) must be from one of the following:

894 |       1. A school licensed pursuant to s. 477.023.

895 |       2. A school licensed pursuant to chapter 1005 or the

896 | equivalent licensing authority of another state.

897 |       3. A specialty program within the public school system.

898 |       4. A specialty division within the Cosmetology Division of

899 | the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, provided the

900 | training programs comply with minimum curriculum requirements

901 established by the board.

902 Section 40. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section  
903 477.026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

904 477.026 Fees; disposition.—

905 (1) The board shall set fees according to the following  
906 schedule:

907 ~~(f) For hair braiders, hair wrappers, and body wrappers,~~  
908 ~~fees for registration shall not exceed \$25.~~

909 Section 41. Subsection (4) of section 477.0263, Florida  
910 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that  
911 section, to read:

912 477.0263 Cosmetology services to be performed in licensed  
913 salon; exceptions.—

914 (4) Pursuant to rules adopted by the board, any  
915 cosmetology or specialty service may be performed in a location  
916 other than a licensed salon when the service is performed in  
917 connection with a special event and is performed by a person ~~who~~  
918 ~~is employed by a licensed salon and~~ who holds the proper license  
919 or specialty registration. ~~An appointment for the performance of~~  
920 ~~any such service in a location other than a licensed salon must~~  
921 ~~be made through a licensed salon.~~

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

926 Section 42. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section  
 927 477.0265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

928 477.0265 Prohibited acts.—

929 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:

930 (f) Advertise or imply that skin care services ~~or body~~  
 931 ~~wrapping~~, as performed under this chapter, have any relationship  
 932 to the practice of massage therapy as defined in s. 480.033(3),  
 933 except those practices or activities defined in s. 477.013.

934 Section 43. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 935 477.029, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

936 477.029 Penalty.—

937 (1) It is unlawful for any person to:

938 (a) Hold himself or herself out as a cosmetologist or  
 939 ~~specialist, hair wrapper, hair braider, or body wrapper~~ unless  
 940 duly licensed or registered, or otherwise authorized, as  
 941 provided in this chapter.

942 Section 44. Section 481.201, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 943 to read:

944 481.201 Purpose.—The primary legislative purpose for  
 945 enacting this part is to ensure that every architect practicing  
 946 in this state meets minimum requirements for safe practice. It  
 947 is the legislative intent that architects who fall below minimum  
 948 competency or who otherwise present a danger to the public shall  
 949 be prohibited from practicing in this state. ~~The Legislature~~  
 950 ~~further finds that it is in the interest of the public to limit~~

951 ~~the practice of interior design to interior designers or~~  
952 ~~architects who have the design education and training required~~  
953 ~~by this part or to persons who are exempted from the provisions~~  
954 ~~of this part.~~

955 Section 45. Section 481.203, Florida Statutes, is amended  
956 to read:

957 481.203 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

958 (1)~~(3)~~ "Architect" or "registered architect" means a  
959 natural person who is licensed under this part to engage in the  
960 practice of architecture.

961 (2)~~(6)~~ "Architecture" means the rendering or offering to  
962 render services in connection with the design and construction  
963 of a structure or group of structures which have as their  
964 principal purpose human habitation or use, and the utilization  
965 of space within and surrounding such structures. These services  
966 include planning, providing preliminary study designs, drawings  
967 and specifications, job-site inspection, and administration of  
968 construction contracts.

969 (3)~~(1)~~ "Board" means the Board of Architecture and  
970 Interior Design.

971 (4) "Business organization" means a partnership, a limited  
972 liability company, a corporation, or an individual operating  
973 under a fictitious name.

974 ~~(5)~~ "Certificate of authorization" means a certificate  
975 issued by the department to a corporation or partnership to

976 | ~~practice architecture or interior design.~~

977 |       (5)~~(4)~~ "Certificate of registration" means a license  
978 | issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the  
979 | practice of architecture or interior design.

980 |       (6)~~(13)~~ "Common area" means an area that is held out for  
981 | use by all tenants or owners in a multiple-unit dwelling,  
982 | including, but not limited to, a lobby, elevator, hallway,  
983 | laundry room, clubhouse, or swimming pool.

984 |       (7)~~(2)~~ "Department" means the Department of Business and  
985 | Professional Regulation.

986 |       (8)~~(14)~~ "Diversified interior design experience" means  
987 | experience which substantially encompasses the various elements  
988 | of interior design services set forth under the definition of  
989 | "interior design" in subsection (10)~~(8)~~.

990 |       (9)~~(15)~~ "Interior decorator services" includes the  
991 | selection or assistance in selection of surface materials,  
992 | window treatments, wallcoverings, paint, floor coverings,  
993 | surface-mounted lighting, surface-mounted fixtures, and loose  
994 | furnishings not subject to regulation under applicable building  
995 | codes.

996 |       (10)~~(8)~~ "Interior design" means designs, consultations,  
997 | studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design  
998 | construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior  
999 | elements of a building or structure. "Interior design" includes,  
1000 | but is not limited to, reflected ceiling plans, space planning,



1001 furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural elements  
 1002 within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings. "Interior  
 1003 design" specifically excludes the design of or the  
 1004 responsibility for architectural and engineering work, except  
 1005 for specification of fixtures and their location within interior  
 1006 spaces. As used in this subsection, "architectural and  
 1007 engineering interior construction relating to the building  
 1008 systems" includes, but is not limited to, construction of  
 1009 structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning,  
 1010 ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems, or  
 1011 construction which materially affects lifesafety systems  
 1012 pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated  
 1013 separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts  
 1014 in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural  
 1015 elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency  
 1016 ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems.

1017 (11)~~(10)~~ "Nonstructural element" means an element which  
 1018 does not require structural bracing and which is something other  
 1019 than a load-bearing wall, load-bearing column, or other load-  
 1020 bearing element of a building or structure which is essential to  
 1021 the structural integrity of the building.

1022 (12)~~(11)~~ "Reflected ceiling plan" means a ceiling design  
 1023 plan which is laid out as if it were projected downward and  
 1024 which may include lighting and other elements.

1025 (13)~~(9)~~ "Registered interior designer" ~~or "interior~~

1026 ~~designer"~~ means a natural person who holds a valid certificate  
1027 of registration to practice interior design ~~is licensed under~~  
1028 ~~this part.~~

1029 (14)~~(16)~~ "Responsible supervising control" means the  
1030 exercise of direct personal supervision and control throughout  
1031 the preparation of documents, instruments of service, or any  
1032 other work requiring the seal and signature of a licensee under  
1033 this part.

1034 (15)~~(12)~~ "Space planning" means the analysis, programming,  
1035 or design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space  
1036 layouts and final planning.

1037 (16)~~(7)~~ "Townhouse" is a single-family dwelling unit not  
1038 exceeding three stories in height which is constructed in a  
1039 series or group of attached units with property lines separating  
1040 such units. Each townhouse shall be considered a separate  
1041 building and shall be separated from adjoining townhouses by the  
1042 use of separate exterior walls meeting the requirements for zero  
1043 clearance from property lines as required by the type of  
1044 construction and fire protection requirements; or shall be  
1045 separated by a party wall; or may be separated by a single wall  
1046 meeting the following requirements:

1047 (a) Such wall shall provide not less than 2 hours of fire  
1048 resistance. Plumbing, piping, ducts, or electrical or other  
1049 building services shall not be installed within or through the  
1050 2-hour wall unless such materials and methods of penetration

1051 have been tested in accordance with the Standard Building Code.

1052 (b) Such wall shall extend from the foundation to the  
 1053 underside of the roof sheathing, and the underside of the roof  
 1054 shall have at least 1 hour of fire resistance for a width not  
 1055 less than 4 feet on each side of the wall.

1056 (c) Each dwelling unit sharing such wall shall be designed  
 1057 and constructed to maintain its structural integrity independent  
 1058 of the unit on the opposite side of the wall.

1059 Section 46. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 1060 481.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1061 481.205 Board of Architecture and Interior Design.—

1062 (3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 455.225,  
 1063 455.228, and 455.32, the duties and authority of the department  
 1064 to receive complaints and investigate and discipline persons  
 1065 licensed or registered under this part, including the ability to  
 1066 determine legal sufficiency and probable cause; to initiate  
 1067 proceedings and issue final orders for summary suspension or  
 1068 restriction of a license or certificate of registration pursuant  
 1069 to s. 120.60(6); to issue notices of noncompliance, notices to  
 1070 cease and desist, subpoenas, and citations; to retain legal  
 1071 counsel, investigators, or prosecutorial staff in connection  
 1072 with the licensed practice of architecture or registered ~~and~~  
 1073 interior design; and to investigate and deter the unlicensed  
 1074 practice of architecture ~~and interior design~~ as provided in s.  
 1075 455.228 are delegated to the board. All complaints and any

1076 information obtained pursuant to an investigation authorized by  
1077 the board are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) as  
1078 provided in s. 455.225(2) and (10).

1079 Section 47. Section 481.207, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1080 to read:

1081 481.207 Fees.—The board, by rule, may establish ~~separate~~  
1082 fees for architects and registered interior designers, to be  
1083 paid for applications, examination, reexamination, licensing and  
1084 renewal, delinquency, reinstatement, and recordmaking and  
1085 recordkeeping. The examination fee shall be in an amount that  
1086 covers the cost of obtaining and administering the examination  
1087 and shall be refunded if the applicant is found ineligible to  
1088 sit for the examination. The application fee is nonrefundable.  
1089 The fee for initial application and examination for architects  
1090 ~~and interior designers~~ may not exceed \$775 plus the actual per  
1091 applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination  
1092 from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards  
1093 ~~or the National Council of Interior Design Qualifications,~~  
1094 ~~respectively,~~ or similar national organizations. The initial  
1095 nonrefundable fee for registered interior designers may not  
1096 exceed \$75. The biennial renewal fee for architects may not  
1097 exceed \$200. The biennial renewal fee for registered interior  
1098 designers may not exceed \$75 ~~\$500~~. The delinquency fee may not  
1099 exceed the biennial renewal fee established by the board for an  
1100 active license. The board shall establish fees that are adequate

1101 to ensure the continued operation of the board and to fund the  
 1102 proportionate expenses incurred by the department which are  
 1103 allocated to the regulation of architects and registered  
 1104 interior designers. Fees shall be based on department estimates  
 1105 of the revenue required to implement this part and the  
 1106 provisions of law with respect to the regulation of architects  
 1107 and interior designers.

1108 Section 48. Section 481.209, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1109 to read:

1110 481.209 Examinations.—

1111 (1) A person desiring to be licensed as a registered  
 1112 architect by initial examination shall apply to the department,  
 1113 complete the application form, and remit a nonrefundable  
 1114 application fee. The department shall license any applicant who  
 1115 the board certifies:

1116 ~~(a)~~ has passed the licensure examination prescribed by  
 1117 board rule; and

1118 ~~(b)~~ is a graduate of a school or college of architecture  
 1119 with a program accredited by the National Architectural  
 1120 Accreditation Board.

1121 (2) A person seeking to obtain a certificate of  
 1122 registration as a registered interior designer and a seal  
 1123 pursuant to s. 481.221 must provide the department with his or  
 1124 her name and address and written proof that he or she has  
 1125 successfully passed the qualification examination prescribed by

1126 | the Council for Interior Design Qualification or its successor  
1127 | entity or the California Council for Interior Design  
1128 | Certification or its successor entity, or has successfully  
1129 | passed an equivalent exam as determined by the department. A  
1130 | person who was licensed as an interior designer by the  
1131 | department and who was in good standing as of July 1, 2020, is  
1132 | eligible to obtain a certificate of registration as a registered  
1133 | interior designer. ~~desiring to be licensed as a registered~~  
1134 | ~~interior designer shall apply to the department for licensure.~~  
1135 | ~~The department shall administer the licensure examination for~~  
1136 | ~~interior designers to each applicant who has completed the~~  
1137 | ~~application form and remitted the application and examination~~  
1138 | ~~fees specified in s. 481.207 and who the board certifies:~~  
1139 |       ~~(a) Is a graduate from an interior design program of 5~~  
1140 | ~~years or more and has completed 1 year of diversified interior~~  
1141 | ~~design experience;~~  
1142 |       ~~(b) Is a graduate from an interior design program of 4~~  
1143 | ~~years or more and has completed 2 years of diversified interior~~  
1144 | ~~design experience;~~  
1145 |       ~~(c) Has completed at least 3 years in an interior design~~  
1146 | ~~curriculum and has completed 3 years of diversified interior~~  
1147 | ~~design experience; or~~  
1148 |       ~~(d) Is a graduate from an interior design program of at~~  
1149 | ~~least 2 years and has completed 4 years of diversified interior~~  
1150 | ~~design experience.~~

1151 ~~Subsequent to October 1, 2000, for the purpose of having the~~  
1152 ~~educational qualification required under this subsection~~  
1153 ~~accepted by the board, the applicant must complete his or her~~  
1154 ~~education at a program, school, or college of interior design~~  
1155 ~~whose curriculum has been approved by the board as of the time~~  
1156 ~~of completion. Subsequent to October 1, 2003, all of the~~  
1157 ~~required amount of educational credits shall have been obtained~~  
1158 ~~in a program, school, or college of interior design whose~~  
1159 ~~curriculum has been approved by the board, as of the time each~~  
1160 ~~educational credit is gained. The board shall adopt rules~~  
1161 ~~providing for the review and approval of programs, schools, and~~  
1162 ~~colleges of interior design and courses of interior design study~~  
1163 ~~based on a review and inspection by the board of the curriculum~~  
1164 ~~of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design in the~~  
1165 ~~United States, including those programs, schools, and colleges~~  
1166 ~~accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education~~  
1167 ~~Research. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review~~  
1168 ~~and approval of diversified interior design experience required~~  
1169 ~~by this subsection.~~

1170 Section 49. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section  
1171 481.213, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (8) is  
1172 added to that section, to read:

1173 481.213 Licensure and registration.—

1174 (1) The department shall license or register any applicant  
1175 who the board certifies is qualified for licensure or

1176 registration and who has paid the initial licensure or  
1177 registration fee. Licensure as an architect under this section  
1178 shall be deemed to include all the rights and privileges of  
1179 registration ~~licensure~~ as an interior designer under this  
1180 section.

1181 (2) The board shall certify for licensure or registration  
1182 by examination any applicant who passes the prescribed licensure  
1183 or registration examination and satisfies the requirements of  
1184 ss. 481.209 and 481.211, for architects, or the requirements of  
1185 s. 481.209, for interior designers.

1186 (3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by  
1187 endorsement as an architect or registration as a registered ~~an~~  
1188 interior designer an applicant who:

1189 (a) Qualifies to take the prescribed licensure or  
1190 registration examination, and has passed the prescribed  
1191 licensure or registration examination or a substantially  
1192 equivalent examination in another jurisdiction, as set forth in  
1193 s. 481.209 for architects or registered interior designers, as  
1194 applicable, and has satisfied the internship requirements set  
1195 forth in s. 481.211 for architects;

1196 (b) Holds a valid license to practice architecture or a  
1197 license, registration, or certification to practice interior  
1198 design issued by another jurisdiction of the United States, if  
1199 the criteria for issuance of such license were substantially  
1200 equivalent to the licensure criteria that existed in this state



1201 at the time the license was issued; ~~provided, however, that an~~  
 1202 ~~applicant who has been licensed for use of the title "interior~~  
 1203 ~~design" rather than licensed to practice interior design shall~~  
 1204 ~~not qualify hereunder; or~~

1205 (c) Has passed the prescribed licensure examination and  
 1206 holds a valid certificate issued by the National Council of  
 1207 Architectural Registration Boards, and holds a valid license to  
 1208 practice architecture issued by another state or jurisdiction of  
 1209 the United States.

1210  
 1211 An architect who is licensed in another state who seeks  
 1212 qualification for license by endorsement under this subsection  
 1213 must complete a board-approved 2 hour course on wind mitigation  
 1214 under the Florida Building Code.

1215 (8) A certificate of registration is not required for a  
 1216 person whose occupation or practice is confined to interior  
 1217 decorator services or for a person whose occupation or practice  
 1218 is confined to interior design as provided in this part.

1219 Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 481.2131, Florida  
 1220 Statutes, is amended to read:

1221 481.2131 Interior design; practice requirements; ~~and~~  
 1222 disclosure of compensation for professional services.-

1223 (1) An ~~A registered~~ interior designer may ~~is authorized to~~  
 1224 perform "interior design" as defined in s. 481.203. Interior  
 1225 design documents prepared by a registered interior designer

1226 shall contain a statement that the document is not an  
1227 architectural or engineering study, drawing, specification, or  
1228 design and is not to be used for construction of any load-  
1229 bearing columns, load-bearing framing or walls of structures, or  
1230 issuance of any building permit, except as otherwise provided by  
1231 law. Interior design documents that are prepared and sealed by a  
1232 registered interior designer must ~~may~~, if required by a  
1233 permitting body, be accepted by the permitting body ~~be submitted~~  
1234 for the issuance of a building permit for interior construction  
1235 excluding design of any structural, mechanical, plumbing,  
1236 heating, air-conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or vertical  
1237 transportation systems or that materially affect lifesafety  
1238 systems pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated  
1239 separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts  
1240 in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural  
1241 elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency  
1242 ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems. If a  
1243 permitting body requires sealed interior design documents for  
1244 the issuance of a permit, a person performing interior design  
1245 services who is not a licensed architect must include a seal  
1246 issued by the department and in conformance with the  
1247 requirements of s. 481.221.

1248 Section 51. Section 481.215, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1249 to read:

1250 481.215 Renewal of license or certificate of

1251 registration.—

1252 (1) Subject to the requirement of subsection (3), the  
 1253 department shall renew a license or certificate of registration  
 1254 upon receipt of the renewal application and renewal fee.

1255 (2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a  
 1256 procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses or certificates  
 1257 of registration.

1258 (3) A ~~No~~ license or certificate of registration renewal  
 1259 may not shall be issued to an architect or a registered an  
 1260 interior designer by the department until the licensee or  
 1261 registrant submits proof satisfactory to the department that,  
 1262 during the 2 years before ~~prior to~~ application for renewal, the  
 1263 licensee or registrant participated per biennium in not less  
 1264 than 20 hours of at least 50 minutes each per biennium of  
 1265 continuing education approved by the board. The board shall  
 1266 approve only continuing education that builds upon the basic  
 1267 knowledge of architecture ~~or interior design~~. The board may make  
 1268 exception from the requirements of continuing education in  
 1269 emergency or hardship cases.

1270 (4) The board shall by rule establish criteria for the  
 1271 approval of continuing education courses and providers and shall  
 1272 by rule establish criteria for accepting alternative  
 1273 nonclassroom continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis.

1274 (5) For a license or certificate of registration, the  
 1275 board shall require, by rule adopted pursuant to ss. 120.536(1)

1276 and 120.54, 2 ~~a specified number~~ of hours in specialized or  
1277 advanced courses, ~~approved by the Florida Building Commission,~~  
1278 on any portion of the Florida Building Code, adopted pursuant to  
1279 part IV of chapter 553, relating to the licensee's respective  
1280 area of practice. Such hours count toward the continuing  
1281 education hours required under subsection (3). A licensee may  
1282 complete the courses required under this subsection online.

1283 Section 52. Section 481.217, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1284 to read:

1285 481.217 Inactive status.—

1286 (1) The board may prescribe by rule continuing education  
1287 requirements as a condition of reactivating a license. The rules  
1288 may not require more than one renewal cycle of continuing  
1289 education to reactivate a license or registration for a  
1290 registered architect or registered interior designer. ~~For~~  
1291 ~~interior design, the board may approve only continuing education~~  
1292 ~~that builds upon the basic knowledge of interior design.~~

1293 (2) The board shall adopt rules relating to application  
1294 procedures for inactive status and for the reactivation of  
1295 inactive licenses or registrations.

1296 Section 53. Section 481.219, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1297 to read:

1298 481.219 Qualification of business organizations  
1299 ~~certification of partnerships, limited liability companies, and~~  
1300 ~~corporations.~~—

1301           (1) A licensee may ~~The practice of or the offer to~~  
1302 ~~practice architecture or interior design by licensees through a~~  
1303 qualified business organization that offers ~~corporation, limited~~  
1304 ~~liability company, or partnership offering architectural or~~  
1305 ~~interior design services to the public, or by a corporation,~~  
1306 ~~limited liability company, or partnership offering architectural~~  
1307 ~~or interior design services to the public through licensees~~  
1308 ~~under this part as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is~~  
1309 ~~permitted,~~ subject to the provisions of this section.

1310           (2) If a licensee or an applicant proposes to engage in  
1311 the practice of architecture as a business organization, the  
1312 licensee or applicant shall qualify the business organization  
1313 upon approval of the board ~~For the purposes of this section, a~~  
1314 ~~certificate of authorization shall be required for a~~  
1315 ~~corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or person~~  
1316 ~~practicing under a fictitious name, offering architectural~~  
1317 ~~services to the public jointly or separately. However, when an~~  
1318 ~~individual is practicing architecture in her or his own name,~~  
1319 ~~she or he shall not be required to be certified under this~~  
1320 ~~section. Certification under this subsection to offer~~  
1321 ~~architectural services shall include all the rights and~~  
1322 ~~privileges of certification under subsection (3) to offer~~  
1323 ~~interior design services.~~

1324           (3) (a) A business organization may not engage in the  
1325 practice of architecture unless its qualifying agent is a

1326 registered architect under this part. A qualifying agent who  
1327 terminates an affiliation with a qualified business organization  
1328 shall immediately notify the department of such termination. If  
1329 such qualifying agent is the only qualifying agent for that  
1330 business organization, the business organization must be  
1331 qualified by another qualifying agent within 60 days after the  
1332 termination. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the business  
1333 organization may not engage in the practice of architecture  
1334 until it is qualified by another qualifying agent.

1335 (b) In the event a qualifying agent ceases employment with  
1336 a qualified business organization, the executive director or the  
1337 chair of the board may authorize another registered architect  
1338 employed by the business organization to temporarily serve as  
1339 its qualifying agent for a period of no more than 60 days. The  
1340 business organization is not authorized to operate beyond such  
1341 period under this chapter absent replacement of the qualifying  
1342 agent who has ceased employment.

1343 (c) A qualifying agent shall notify the department in  
1344 writing before engaging in the practice of architecture in her  
1345 or his own name or in affiliation with a different business  
1346 organization, and she or he or such business organization shall  
1347 supply the same information to the department as required of  
1348 applicants under this part.

1349 ~~(3) For the purposes of this section, a certificate of~~  
1350 ~~authorization shall be required for a corporation, limited~~

1351 ~~liability company, partnership, or person operating under a~~  
1352 ~~fictitious name, offering interior design services to the public~~  
1353 ~~jointly or separately. However, when an individual is practicing~~  
1354 ~~interior design in her or his own name, she or he shall not be~~  
1355 ~~required to be certified under this section.~~

1356 (4) All final construction documents and instruments of  
1357 service which include drawings, specifications, plans, reports,  
1358 or other papers or documents that involve ~~involving~~ the practice  
1359 of architecture which are prepared or approved for the use of  
1360 the business organization ~~corporation, limited liability~~  
1361 ~~company, or partnership~~ and filed for public record within the  
1362 state must ~~shall~~ bear the signature and seal of the licensee who  
1363 prepared or approved them and the date on which they were  
1364 sealed.

1365 ~~(5) All drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other~~  
1366 ~~papers or documents prepared or approved for the use of the~~  
1367 ~~corporation, limited liability company, or partnership by an~~  
1368 ~~interior designer in her or his professional capacity and filed~~  
1369 ~~for public record within the state shall bear the signature and~~  
1370 ~~seal of the licensee who prepared or approved them and the date~~  
1371 ~~on which they were sealed.~~

1372 ~~(6) The department shall issue a certificate of~~  
1373 ~~authorization to any applicant who the board certifies as~~  
1374 ~~qualified for a certificate of authorization and who has paid~~  
1375 ~~the fee set in s. 481.207.~~

1376            (5)-(7) The board shall allow a licensee or certify an  
 1377 applicant to qualify one or more business organizations as  
 1378 ~~qualified for a certificate of authorization~~ to offer  
 1379 architectural ~~or interior design~~ services, or to use a  
 1380 fictitious name to offer such services, if provided that:

1381            ~~(a)~~ one or more of the principal officers of the  
 1382 corporation or limited liability company, or one or more  
 1383 partners of the partnership, and all personnel of the  
 1384 corporation, limited liability company, or partnership who act  
 1385 in its behalf in this state as architects, are registered as  
 1386 provided by this part. ~~or~~

1387            ~~(b)~~ ~~One or more of the principal officers of the~~  
 1388 ~~corporation or one or more partners of the partnership, and all~~  
 1389 ~~personnel of the corporation, limited liability company, or~~  
 1390 ~~partnership who act in its behalf in this state as interior~~  
 1391 ~~designers, are registered as provided by this part.~~

1392            ~~(8)~~ ~~The department shall adopt rules establishing a~~  
 1393 ~~procedure for the biennial renewal of certificates of~~  
 1394 ~~authorization.~~

1395            ~~(9)~~ ~~The department shall renew a certificate of~~  
 1396 ~~authorization upon receipt of the renewal application and~~  
 1397 ~~biennial renewal fee.~~

1398            (6)-(10) Each qualifying agent who qualifies a business  
 1399 organization, partnership, limited liability company, or and  
 1400 corporation certified under this section shall notify the



1401 department within 30 days after ~~of~~ any change in the information  
1402 contained in the application upon which the qualification  
1403 ~~certification~~ is based. Any registered architect ~~or interior~~  
1404 ~~designer~~ who qualifies the business organization shall ensure  
1405 ~~corporation, limited liability company, or partnership as~~  
1406 ~~provided in subsection (7) shall be responsible for ensuring~~  
1407 responsible supervising control of projects of the business  
1408 organization entity and shall notify the department of the ~~upon~~  
1409 termination of her or his employment with a business  
1410 organization qualified ~~partnership, limited liability company,~~  
1411 ~~or corporation certified~~ under this section ~~shall notify the~~  
1412 ~~department of the termination~~ within 30 days after such  
1413 termination.

1414 ~~(7)-(11)~~ A business organization is not ~~No corporation,~~  
1415 ~~limited liability company, or partnership shall be relieved of~~  
1416 responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees,  
1417 or officers by reason of its compliance with this section.  
1418 However, except as provided in s. 558.0035, the architect who  
1419 signs and seals the construction documents and instruments of  
1420 service is ~~shall be~~ liable for the professional services  
1421 performed, and the interior designer who signs and seals the  
1422 interior design drawings, plans, or specifications shall be  
1423 liable for the professional services performed.

1424 ~~(12)~~ ~~Disciplinary action against a corporation, limited~~  
1425 ~~liability company, or partnership shall be administered in the~~

1426 ~~same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action~~  
 1427 ~~against a registered architect or interior designer,~~  
 1428 ~~respectively.~~

1429 ~~(8)-(13) Nothing in~~ This section may not shall be construed  
 1430 to mean that a certificate of registration to practice  
 1431 architecture ~~or interior design~~ must shall be held by a business  
 1432 organization ~~corporation, limited liability company, or~~  
 1433 ~~partnership.~~ Nothing in This section does not prohibit a  
 1434 business organization from offering ~~prohibits corporations,~~  
 1435 ~~limited liability companies, and partnerships from joining~~  
 1436 ~~together to offer~~ architectural , engineering, interior design,  
 1437 surveying and mapping, and landscape architectural services, or  
 1438 any combination of such services, to the public if the business  
 1439 organization, ~~provided that each corporation, limited liability~~  
 1440 ~~company, or partnership~~ otherwise meets the requirements of law.

1441 ~~(14) Corporations, limited liability companies, or~~  
 1442 ~~partnerships holding a valid certificate of authorization to~~  
 1443 ~~practice architecture shall be permitted to use in their title~~  
 1444 ~~the term "interior designer" or "registered interior designer."~~

1445 Section 54. Subsections (5) and (10) of section 481.221,  
 1446 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1447 481.221 Seals; display of certificate number.—

1448 (5) A ~~No~~ registered interior designer may not shall affix,  
 1449 or permit to be affixed, her or his seal or signature to any  
 1450 plan, specification, drawing, or other document which depicts

1451 work which she or he is not competent or registered ~~licensed~~ to  
1452 perform.

1453 (10) Each registered architect must ~~or interior designer,~~  
1454 ~~and each corporation, limited liability company, or partnership~~  
1455 ~~holding a certificate of authorization, shall include her or his~~  
1456 license ~~its certificate~~ number in any newspaper, telephone  
1457 directory, or other advertising medium used by the registered  
1458 licensee. Each business organization must include the license  
1459 number of the registered architect who serves as the qualifying  
1460 agent for that business organization in any newspaper, telephone  
1461 directory, or other advertising medium used by the business  
1462 organization ~~architect, interior designer, corporation, limited~~  
1463 ~~liability company, or partnership. A corporation, limited~~  
1464 ~~liability company, or partnership is not required to display the~~  
1465 ~~certificate number of individual registered architects or~~  
1466 ~~interior designers employed by or working within the~~  
1467 ~~corporation, limited liability company, or partnership.~~

1468 Section 55. Section 481.223, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1469 to read:

1470 481.223 Prohibitions; penalties; injunctive relief.—

1471 (1) A person may not knowingly:

1472 (a) Practice architecture unless the person is an  
1473 architect or a registered architect; however, a licensed  
1474 architect who has been licensed by the board and who chooses to  
1475 relinquish or not to renew his or her license may use the title

1476 "Architect, Retired" but may not otherwise render any  
1477 architectural services.

1478 ~~(b) Practice interior design unless the person is a~~  
1479 ~~registered interior designer unless otherwise exempted herein;~~  
1480 ~~however, an interior designer who has been licensed by the board~~  
1481 ~~and who chooses to relinquish or not to renew his or her license~~  
1482 ~~may use the title "Interior Designer, Retired" but may not~~  
1483 ~~otherwise render any interior design services.~~

1484 (b)(e) Use the name or title "architect," ~~or~~ "registered  
1485 architect," or ~~"interior designer" or "registered interior~~  
1486 ~~designer," or words to that effect,~~ when the person is not then  
1487 the holder of a valid license or certificate of registration  
1488 issued pursuant to this part. This paragraph does not restrict  
1489 the use of the name or title "interior designer" or "interior  
1490 design firm."

1491 (c)(d) Present as his or her own the license of another.

1492 (d)(e) Give false or forged evidence to the board or a  
1493 member thereof.

1494 (e)(f) Use or attempt to use an architect ~~or interior~~  
1495 ~~designer~~ license or interior design certificate of registration  
1496 that has been suspended, revoked, or placed on inactive or  
1497 delinquent status.

1498 (f)(g) Employ unlicensed persons to practice architecture  
1499 ~~or interior design.~~

1500 (g)(h) Conceal information relative to violations of this

1501 part.

1502 (2) Any person who violates any provision of subsection  
1503 (1) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
1504 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

1505 (3) (a) Notwithstanding chapter 455 or any other law to the  
1506 contrary, an affected person may maintain an action for  
1507 injunctive relief to restrain or prevent a person from violating  
1508 paragraph (1) (a) or, paragraph (1) (b), ~~or paragraph (1) (c)~~. The  
1509 prevailing party is entitled to actual costs and attorney's  
1510 fees.

1511 (b) For purposes of this subsection, the term "affected  
1512 person" means a person directly affected by the actions of a  
1513 person suspected of violating paragraph (1) (a) or, paragraph  
1514 (1) (b), ~~or paragraph (1) (c)~~ and includes, but is not limited to,  
1515 the department, any person who received services from the  
1516 alleged violator, or any private association composed primarily  
1517 of members of the profession the alleged violator is practicing  
1518 or offering to practice or holding himself or herself out as  
1519 qualified to practice.

1520 Section 56. Section 481.2251, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1521 to read:

1522 481.2251 Disciplinary proceedings against registered  
1523 interior designers.—

1524 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the  
1525 disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be taken:

1526 (a) Attempting to register ~~obtain, obtaining,~~ or renewing  
 1527 registration, by bribery, by fraudulent misrepresentation, or  
 1528 through an error of the board, ~~a license to practice interior~~  
 1529 ~~design;~~

1530 (b) Having an interior design license, certification, or  
 1531 registration ~~a license to practice interior design~~ revoked,  
 1532 suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of  
 1533 licensure, registration, or certification by the licensing  
 1534 authority of another jurisdiction for any act which would  
 1535 constitute a violation of this part or of chapter 455;

1536 (c) Being convicted or found guilty, ~~regardless of~~  
 1537 ~~adjudication,~~ of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly  
 1538 relates to the provision of interior design services or to the  
 1539 ability to provide interior design services. ~~A plea of nolo~~  
 1540 ~~contendere shall create a rebuttable presumption of guilt to the~~  
 1541 ~~underlying criminal charges. However, the board shall allow the~~  
 1542 ~~person being disciplined to present any evidence relevant to the~~  
 1543 ~~underlying charges and the circumstances surrounding her or his~~  
 1544 ~~plea;~~

1545 (d) False, deceptive, or misleading advertising;

1546 ~~(e) Failing to report to the board any person who the~~  
 1547 ~~licensee knows is in violation of this part or the rules of the~~  
 1548 ~~board;~~

1549 ~~(f) Aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising any~~  
 1550 ~~unlicensed person to use the title "interior designer" contrary~~

1551 ~~to this part or to a rule of the board;~~

1552 ~~(g) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation~~  
1553 ~~placed upon a registered interior designer;~~

1554 ~~(e)~~ (h) Making or filing a report which the registrant  
1555 licensee knows to be false, intentionally or negligently failing  
1556 to file a report or record required by state or federal law, or  
1557 willfully impeding or obstructing such filing or inducing  
1558 another person to do so. Such reports or records shall include  
1559 only those which are signed in the capacity as a registered  
1560 interior designer;

1561 ~~(f)~~ (i) Making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent  
1562 representations in the provision of interior design services;

1563 ~~(g)~~ (j) Accepting and performing professional  
1564 responsibilities which the registrant ~~licensee~~ knows or has  
1565 reason to know that she or he is not competent or licensed to  
1566 perform;

1567 ~~(k) Violating any provision of this part, any rule of the~~  
1568 ~~board, or a lawful order of the board previously entered in a~~  
1569 ~~disciplinary hearing;~~

1570 ~~(l) Conspiring with another licensee or with any other~~  
1571 ~~person to commit an act, or committing an act, which would tend~~  
1572 ~~to coerce, intimidate, or preclude another licensee from~~  
1573 ~~lawfully advertising her or his services;~~

1574 ~~(m) Acceptance of compensation or any consideration by an~~  
1575 ~~interior designer from someone other than the client without~~

1576 ~~full disclosure of the compensation or consideration amount or~~  
 1577 ~~value to the client prior to the engagement for services, in~~  
 1578 ~~violation of s. 481.2131(2);~~

1579 (h) ~~(n)~~ Rendering or offering to render architectural  
 1580 services; or

1581 (i) ~~(o)~~ Committing an act of fraud or deceit, or of  
 1582 negligence, incompetency, or misconduct, in the practice of  
 1583 interior design, ~~including, but not limited to, allowing the~~  
 1584 ~~preparation of any interior design studies, plans, or other~~  
 1585 ~~instruments of service in an office that does not have a full-~~  
 1586 ~~time Florida-registered interior designer assigned to such~~  
 1587 ~~office or failing to exercise responsible supervisory control~~  
 1588 ~~over services or projects, as required by board rule.~~

1589 (2) When the board finds any person guilty of any of the  
 1590 grounds set forth in subsection (1), it may enter an order  
 1591 taking the following action or imposing one or more of the  
 1592 following penalties:

1593 (a) Refusal to register the applicant ~~approve an~~  
 1594 ~~application for licensure;~~

1595 (b) Refusal to renew an existing registration ~~license;~~

1596 (c) Removal from the state registry ~~Revocation or~~  
 1597 ~~suspension of a license; or~~

1598 (d) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed  
 1599 \$500 ~~\$1,000~~ for each violation or separate offense and a fine of  
 1600 up to \$2,500 ~~\$5,000~~ for matters pertaining to a material



1601 violation of the Florida Building Code as reported by a local  
 1602 jurisdiction; ~~or~~

1603 ~~(c) Issuance of a reprimand.~~

1604 Section 57. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) and  
 1605 subsections (6) and (8) of section 481.229, Florida Statutes,  
 1606 are amended to read:

1607 481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.—

1608 (5)

1609 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, all  
 1610 persons licensed as architects under this part shall be  
 1611 qualified for interior design registration licensure upon  
 1612 submission of a completed application for such license and a fee  
 1613 not to exceed \$30. Such persons shall be exempt from the  
 1614 requirements of s. 481.209(2). For architects licensed as  
 1615 interior designers, satisfaction of the requirements for renewal  
 1616 of licensure as an architect under s. 481.215 shall be deemed to  
 1617 satisfy the requirements for renewal of registration licensure  
 1618 as an interior designer under that section. Complaint  
 1619 processing, investigation, or other discipline-related legal  
 1620 costs related to persons licensed as interior designers under  
 1621 this paragraph shall be assessed against the architects' account  
 1622 of the Regulatory Trust Fund.

1623 (6) This part does ~~shall~~ not apply to:

1624 (a) A person who performs interior design services or  
 1625 interior decorator services for any residential application~~;~~

1626 ~~provided that such person does not advertise as, or represent~~  
1627 ~~himself or herself as, an interior designer.~~ For purposes of  
1628 this paragraph, "residential applications" includes all types of  
1629 residences, including, but not limited to, residence buildings,  
1630 single-family homes, multifamily homes, townhouses, apartments,  
1631 condominiums, and domestic outbuildings appurtenant to one-  
1632 family or two-family residences. ~~However, "residential~~  
1633 ~~applications" does not include common areas associated with~~  
1634 ~~instances of multiple-unit dwelling applications.~~

1635 (b) An employee of a retail establishment providing  
1636 "interior decorator services" on the premises of the retail  
1637 establishment or in the furtherance of a retail sale or  
1638 prospective retail sale, provided that such employee does not  
1639 advertise as, or represent himself or herself as, a registered  
1640 ~~an~~ interior designer.

1641 (8) A manufacturer of commercial food service equipment or  
1642 the manufacturer's representative, distributor, or dealer or an  
1643 employee thereof, who prepares designs, specifications, or  
1644 layouts for the sale or installation of such equipment is exempt  
1645 from licensure as an architect or registration as an interior  
1646 designer, if:

1647 (a) The designs, specifications, or layouts are not used  
1648 for construction or installation that may affect structural,  
1649 mechanical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilating,  
1650 electrical, or vertical transportation systems.

1651 (b) The designs, specifications, or layouts do not  
1652 materially affect lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety  
1653 protection, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, and  
1654 emergency ingress or egress systems.

1655 (c) Each design, specification, or layout document  
1656 prepared by a person or entity exempt under this subsection  
1657 contains a statement on each page of the document that the  
1658 designs, specifications, or layouts are not architectural,  
1659 ~~interior design,~~ or engineering designs, specifications, or  
1660 layouts and not used for construction unless reviewed and  
1661 approved by a licensed architect or engineer.

1662 Section 58. Subsection (1) of section 481.231, Florida  
1663 Statutes, is amended to read:

1664 481.231 Effect of part locally.-

1665 (1) ~~Nothing in~~ This part does not ~~shall be construed to~~  
1666 repeal, amend, limit, or otherwise affect any specific provision  
1667 of any local building code or zoning law or ordinance that has  
1668 been duly adopted, now or hereafter enacted, which is more  
1669 restrictive, with respect to the services of registered  
1670 architects or registered interior designers, than ~~the provisions~~  
1671 ~~of~~ this part; provided, however, that a licensed architect shall  
1672 be deemed registered ~~licensed~~ as an interior designer for  
1673 purposes of offering or rendering interior design services to a  
1674 county, municipality, or other local government or political  
1675 subdivision.

1676 Section 59. Section 481.303, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1677 to read:

1678 481.303 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

1679 (1) "Board" means the Board of Landscape Architecture.

1680 (2)~~(4)~~ "Certificate of registration" means a license  
 1681 issued by the department to a natural person to engage in the  
 1682 practice of landscape architecture.

1683 (3)~~(2)~~ "Department" means the Department of Business and  
 1684 Professional Regulation.

1685 ~~(5) "Certificate of authorization" means a license issued~~  
 1686 ~~by the department to a corporation or partnership to engage in~~  
 1687 ~~the practice of landscape architecture.~~

1688 (4)~~(6)~~ "Landscape architecture" means professional  
 1689 services, including, but not limited to, the following:

1690 (a) Consultation, investigation, research, planning,  
 1691 design, preparation of drawings, specifications, contract  
 1692 documents and reports, responsible construction supervision, or  
 1693 landscape management in connection with the planning and  
 1694 development of land and incidental water areas, including the  
 1695 use of Florida-friendly landscaping as defined in s. 373.185,  
 1696 where, and to the extent that, the dominant purpose of such  
 1697 services or creative works is the preservation, conservation,  
 1698 enhancement, or determination of proper land uses, natural land  
 1699 features, ground cover and plantings, or naturalistic and  
 1700 aesthetic values;

1701 (b) The determination of settings, grounds, and approaches  
 1702 for and the siting of buildings and structures, outdoor areas,  
 1703 or other improvements;

1704 (c) The setting of grades, shaping and contouring of land  
 1705 and water forms, determination of drainage, and provision for  
 1706 storm drainage and irrigation systems where such systems are  
 1707 necessary to the purposes outlined herein; and

1708 (d) The design of such tangible objects and features as  
 1709 are necessary to the purpose outlined herein.

1710 (5)~~(7)~~ "Landscape design" means consultation for and  
 1711 preparation of planting plans drawn for compensation, including  
 1712 specifications and installation details for plant materials,  
 1713 soil amendments, mulches, edging, gravel, and other similar  
 1714 materials. Such plans may include only recommendations for the  
 1715 conceptual placement of tangible objects for landscape design  
 1716 projects. Construction documents, details, and specifications  
 1717 for tangible objects and irrigation systems shall be designed or  
 1718 approved by licensed professionals as required by law.

1719 (6)~~(3)~~ "Registered landscape architect" means a person who  
 1720 holds a license to practice landscape architecture in this state  
 1721 under the authority of this act.

1722 Section 60. Section 481.310, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1723 to read:

1724 481.310 Practical experience requirement.—Beginning  
 1725 October 1, 1990, every applicant for licensure as a registered

1726 | landscape architect shall demonstrate, before ~~prior to~~  
 1727 | licensure, 1 year of practical experience in landscape  
 1728 | architectural work. An applicant who holds both a bachelor's  
 1729 | degree and a master's degree in landscape architecture is not  
 1730 | required to demonstrate 1 year of practical experience in  
 1731 | landscape architectural work to obtain licensure. The board  
 1732 | shall adopt rules providing standards for the required  
 1733 | experience. An applicant who qualifies for examination pursuant  
 1734 | to s. 481.309(1)(b)1. may obtain the practical experience after  
 1735 | completing the required professional degree. Experience used to  
 1736 | qualify for examination pursuant to s. 481.309(1)(b)2. may not  
 1737 | be used to satisfy the practical experience requirement under  
 1738 | this section.

1739 |         Section 61. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 481.311,  
 1740 | Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),  
 1741 | respectively, and subsection (3) and present subsection (4) of  
 1742 | that section are amended, to read:

1743 |             481.311 Licensure.—

1744 |             (3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by  
 1745 | endorsement an applicant who:

1746 |             (a) Qualifies to take the examination as set forth in s.  
 1747 | 481.309; and has passed a national, regional, state, or  
 1748 | territorial licensing examination which is substantially  
 1749 | equivalent to the examination required by s. 481.309; ~~or~~

1750 |             (b) Holds a valid license to practice landscape

1751 architecture issued by another state or territory of the United  
1752 States, if the criteria for issuance of such license were  
1753 substantially identical to the licensure criteria which existed  
1754 in this state at the time the license was issued; ~~or-~~

1755 (c) Has held a valid license to practice landscape  
1756 architecture in another state or territory of the United States  
1757 for at least 10 years before the date of application and has  
1758 successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
1759 examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
1760 examination required by the board, subject to subsection (5). An  
1761 applicant who has met the requirements to be qualified for a  
1762 license by endorsement except for successful completion of an  
1763 examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
1764 examination required by the board may take the examination  
1765 required by the board without completing additional education  
1766 requirements. Such application must be submitted to the board  
1767 while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or  
1768 territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such  
1769 license.

1770 ~~(4) The board shall certify as qualified for a certificate~~  
1771 ~~of authorization any applicant corporation or partnership who~~  
1772 ~~satisfies the requirements of s. 481.319.~~

1773 Section 62. Subsection (4) of section 481.313, Florida  
1774 Statutes, is amended to read:

1775 481.313 Renewal of license.-

1776 (4) The board, by rule adopted pursuant to ss. 120.536(1)  
 1777 and 120.54, shall establish criteria for the approval of  
 1778 continuing education courses and providers, and shall by rule  
 1779 establish criteria for accepting alternative nonclassroom  
 1780 continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis. A landscape  
 1781 architect shall receive hour-for-hour credit for attending  
 1782 continuing education courses approved by the Landscape  
 1783 Architecture Continuing Education System or another nationally  
 1784 recognized clearinghouse for continuing education that relate to  
 1785 and increase the basic knowledge of landscape architecture, as  
 1786 determined by the board, if such landscape architect submits  
 1787 proof satisfactory to the board that such course was approved by  
 1788 the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System or  
 1789 another nationally recognized clearinghouse for continuing  
 1790 education, the syllabus or outline for such course, and  
 1791 attendance of such course.

1792 Section 63. Subsection (2) of section 481.317, Florida  
 1793 Statutes, is amended to read:

1794 481.317 Temporary certificates.—

1795 ~~(2) Upon approval by the board and payment of the fee set~~  
 1796 ~~in s. 481.307, the department shall grant a temporary~~  
 1797 ~~certificate of authorization for work on one specified project~~  
 1798 ~~in this state for a period not to exceed 1 year to an out-of-~~  
 1799 ~~state corporation, partnership, or firm, provided one of the~~  
 1800 ~~principal officers of the corporation, one of the partners of~~



1801 ~~the partnership, or one of the principals in the fictitiously~~  
1802 ~~named firm has obtained a temporary certificate of registration~~  
1803 ~~in accordance with subsection (1).~~

1804 Section 64. Section 481.319, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1805 to read:

1806 481.319 Corporate and partnership practice of landscape  
1807 architecture; ~~certificate of authorization.~~—

1808 (1) The practice of or offer to practice landscape  
1809 architecture by registered landscape architects registered under  
1810 this part through a corporation or partnership offering  
1811 landscape architectural services to the public, or through a  
1812 corporation or partnership offering landscape architectural  
1813 services to the public through individual registered landscape  
1814 architects as agents, employees, officers, or partners, is  
1815 permitted, subject to the provisions of this section, if:

1816 (a) One or more of the principal officers of the  
1817 corporation, or partners of the partnership, and all personnel  
1818 of the corporation or partnership who act in its behalf as  
1819 landscape architects in this state are registered landscape  
1820 architects; and

1821 (b) One or more of the officers, one or more of the  
1822 directors, one or more of the owners of the corporation, or one  
1823 or more of the partners of the partnership is a registered  
1824 landscape architect; ~~and~~

1825 ~~(c) The corporation or partnership has been issued a~~

1826 ~~certificate of authorization by the board as provided herein.~~

1827 (2) All documents involving the practice of landscape  
1828 architecture which are prepared for the use of the corporation  
1829 or partnership shall bear the signature and seal of a registered  
1830 landscape architect.

1831 (3) A landscape architect applying to practice in the name  
1832 of a ~~An applicant~~ corporation must ~~shall~~ file with the  
1833 department the names and addresses of all officers and board  
1834 members of the corporation, including the principal officer or  
1835 officers, duly registered to practice landscape architecture in  
1836 this state and, also, of all individuals duly registered to  
1837 practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in  
1838 responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by  
1839 the corporation in this state. A landscape architect applying to  
1840 practice in the name of a ~~An applicant~~ partnership must ~~shall~~  
1841 file with the department the names and addresses of all partners  
1842 of the partnership, including the partner or partners duly  
1843 registered to practice landscape architecture in this state and,  
1844 also, of an individual or individuals duly registered to  
1845 practice landscape architecture in this state who shall be in  
1846 responsible charge of the practice of landscape architecture by  
1847 said partnership in this state.

1848 (4) Each landscape architect qualifying a partnership or  
1849 ~~and~~ corporation ~~licensed~~ under this part must ~~shall~~ notify the  
1850 department within 1 month after ~~of~~ any change in the information

1851 contained in the application upon which the license is based.  
 1852 Any landscape architect who terminates her or his ~~or her~~  
 1853 employment with a partnership or corporation licensed under this  
 1854 part shall notify the department of the termination within 1  
 1855 month after such termination.

1856 ~~(5) Disciplinary action against a corporation or~~  
 1857 ~~partnership shall be administered in the same manner and on the~~  
 1858 ~~same grounds as disciplinary action against a registered~~  
 1859 ~~landscape architect.~~

1860 (5)~~(6)~~ Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a  
 1861 registered landscape architect practices landscape architecture  
 1862 through a corporation or partnership as provided in this section  
 1863 does not relieve the landscape architect from personal liability  
 1864 for her or his ~~or her~~ professional acts.

1865 Section 65. Subsection (5) of section 481.321, Florida  
 1866 Statutes, is amended to read:

1867 481.321 Seals; display of certificate number.—

1868 (5) Each registered landscape architect must ~~and each~~  
 1869 ~~corporation or partnership holding a certificate of~~  
 1870 ~~authorization shall~~ include her or his ~~its~~ certificate number in  
 1871 any newspaper, telephone directory, or other advertising medium  
 1872 used by the registered landscape architect, corporation, or  
 1873 partnership. A corporation or partnership must ~~is not required~~  
 1874 ~~to~~ display the certificate number ~~numbers~~ of at least one  
 1875 officer, director, owner, or partner who is a individual

1876 registered landscape architect ~~architects~~ employed by or  
 1877 practicing with the corporation or partnership.

1878 Section 66. Subsection (5) of section 481.329, Florida  
 1879 Statutes, is amended to read:

1880 481.329 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.—

1881 (5) This part does not prohibit any person from engaging  
 1882 in the practice of landscape design, as defined in s. 481.303 ~~s.~~  
 1883 ~~481.303(7)~~, or from submitting for approval to a governmental  
 1884 agency planting plans that are independent of, or a component  
 1885 of, construction documents that are prepared by a Florida-  
 1886 registered professional. Persons providing landscape design  
 1887 services shall not use the title, term, or designation  
 1888 "landscape architect," "landscape architectural," "landscape  
 1889 architecture," "L.A.," "landscape engineering," or any  
 1890 description tending to convey the impression that she or he is a  
 1891 landscape architect unless she or he is registered as provided  
 1892 in this part.

1893 Section 67. Subsection (9) of section 489.103, Florida  
 1894 Statutes, is amended to read:

1895 489.103 Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:

1896 (9) Any work or operation of a casual, minor, or  
 1897 inconsequential nature in which the aggregate contract price for  
 1898 labor, materials, and all other items is less than \$2,500  
 1899 ~~\$1,000~~, but this exemption does not apply:

1900 (a) If the construction, repair, remodeling, or

1901 improvement is a part of a larger or major operation, whether  
 1902 undertaken by the same or a different contractor, or in which a  
 1903 division of the operation is made in contracts of amounts less  
 1904 than \$2,500 ~~\$1,000~~ for the purpose of evading this part or  
 1905 otherwise.

1906 (b) To a person who advertises that he or she is a  
 1907 contractor or otherwise represents that he or she is qualified  
 1908 to engage in contracting.

1909 Section 68. Subsection (2) of section 489.111, Florida  
 1910 Statutes, is amended to read:

1911 489.111 Licensure by examination.—

1912 (2) A person shall be eligible for licensure by  
 1913 examination if the person:

1914 (a) Is 18 years of age;

1915 (b) Is of good moral character; and

1916 (c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the  
 1917 following criteria:

1918 1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited  
 1919 4-year college in the appropriate field of engineering,  
 1920 architecture, or building construction and has 1 year of proven  
 1921 experience in the category in which the person seeks to qualify.  
 1922 For the purpose of this part, a minimum of 2,000 person-hours  
 1923 shall be used in determining full-time equivalency. An applicant  
 1924 who is exempt from passing an examination or portion thereof as  
 1925 provided in s. 489.113(1) is eligible for a license under this

1926 | section.

1927 |         2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active experience as  
 1928 | a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship  
 1929 | as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of a  
 1930 | mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in  
 1931 | charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible to a  
 1932 | superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent,  
 1933 | provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience  
 1934 | shall be as a foreman.

1935 |         3. Has a combination of not less than 1 year of experience  
 1936 | as a foreman and not less than 3 years of credits for any  
 1937 | accredited college-level courses; has a combination of not less  
 1938 | than 1 year of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year of  
 1939 | experience as a foreman, and not less than 2 years of credits  
 1940 | for any accredited college-level courses; or has a combination  
 1941 | of not less than 2 years of experience as a skilled worker, 1  
 1942 | year of experience as a foreman, and not less than 1 year of  
 1943 | credits for any accredited college-level courses. All junior  
 1944 | college or community college-level courses shall be considered  
 1945 | accredited college-level courses.

1946 |         4.a. An active certified residential contractor is  
 1947 | eligible to receive a certified building contractor license  
 1948 | after passing or having previously passed ~~take~~ the building  
 1949 | contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3  
 1950 | years of proven experience in the classification in which he or

1951 she is certified.

1952       b. An active certified residential contractor is eligible  
 1953 to receive a certified general contractor license after passing  
 1954 or having previously passed ~~take~~ the general contractors'  
 1955 examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of  
 1956 proven experience in the classification in which he or she is  
 1957 certified.

1958       c. An active certified building contractor is eligible to  
 1959 receive a certified general contractor license after passing or  
 1960 having previously passed ~~take~~ the general contractors'  
 1961 examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of  
 1962 proven experience in the classification in which he or she is  
 1963 certified.

1964       5.a. An active certified air-conditioning Class C  
 1965 contractor is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning  
 1966 Class B contractor license after passing or having previously  
 1967 passed ~~take~~ the air-conditioning Class B contractors'  
 1968 examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of  
 1969 proven experience in the classification in which he or she is  
 1970 certified.

1971       b. An active certified air-conditioning Class C contractor  
 1972 is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning Class A  
 1973 contractor license after passing or having previously passed  
 1974 ~~take~~ the air-conditioning Class A contractors' examination if he  
 1975 or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in

1976 | the classification in which he or she is certified.

1977 |       c. An active certified air-conditioning Class B contractor

1978 | is eligible to receive a certified air conditioning Class A

1979 | contractor license after passing or having previously passed

1980 | ~~take~~ the air-conditioning Class A contractors' examination if he

1981 | or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven experience in the

1982 | classification in which he or she is certified.

1983 |       6.a. An active certified swimming pool servicing

1984 | contractor is eligible to receive a certified residential

1985 | swimming pool contractor license after passing or having

1986 | previously passed ~~take~~ the residential swimming pool

1987 | contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3

1988 | years of proven experience in the classification in which he or

1989 | she is certified.

1990 |       b. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor

1991 | is eligible to receive a certified commercial swimming pool

1992 | contractor license after passing or having previously passed

1993 | ~~take~~ the swimming pool commercial contractors' examination if he

1994 | or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in

1995 | the classification in which he or she is certified.

1996 |       c. An active certified residential swimming pool

1997 | contractor is eligible to receive a certified commercial

1998 | swimming pool contractor license after passing or having

1999 | previously passed ~~take~~ the commercial swimming pool contractors'

2000 | examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven



2001 | experience in the classification in which he or she is  
 2002 | certified.

2003 |         d. An applicant is eligible to receive a certified  
 2004 | swimming pool/spa servicing contractor license after passing or  
 2005 | having previously passed ~~take~~ the swimming pool/spa servicing  
 2006 | contractors' examination if he or she has satisfactorily  
 2007 | completed 60 hours of instruction in courses related to the  
 2008 | scope of work covered by that license and approved by the  
 2009 | Construction Industry Licensing Board by rule and has at least 1  
 2010 | year of proven experience related to the scope of work of such a  
 2011 | contractor.

2012 |         Section 69. Subsection (1) of section 489.113, Florida  
 2013 | Statutes, is amended to read:

2014 |         489.113 Qualifications for practice; restrictions.—

2015 |         (1) Any person who desires to engage in contracting on a  
 2016 | statewide basis shall, as a prerequisite thereto, establish his  
 2017 | or her competency and qualifications to be certified pursuant to  
 2018 | this part. To establish competency, a person shall pass the  
 2019 | appropriate examination approved by the board and certified by  
 2020 | the department. If an applicant has received a baccalaureate  
 2021 | degree from an accredited 4-year college in building  
 2022 | construction, or a related degree as approved by the board by  
 2023 | rule, and has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, such  
 2024 | applicant is only required to take and pass the business and  
 2025 | finance portion of the examination. Any person who desires to

2026 engage in contracting on other than a statewide basis shall, as  
 2027 a prerequisite thereto, be registered pursuant to this part,  
 2028 unless exempted by this part.

2029 Section 70. Subsection (3) of section 489.115, Florida  
 2030 Statutes, is amended to read:

2031 489.115 Certification and registration; endorsement;  
 2032 reciprocity; renewals; continuing education.—

2033 (3) The board shall certify as qualified for certification  
 2034 by endorsement any applicant who:

2035 (a) Meets the requirements for certification as set forth  
 2036 in this section; has passed a national, regional, state, or  
 2037 United States territorial licensing examination that is  
 2038 substantially equivalent to the examination required by this  
 2039 part; and has satisfied the requirements set forth in s.  
 2040 489.111;

2041 (b) Holds a valid license to practice contracting issued  
 2042 by another state or territory of the United States, if the  
 2043 criteria for issuance of such license were substantially  
 2044 equivalent to Florida's current certification criteria; ~~or~~

2045 (c) Holds a valid, current license to practice contracting  
 2046 issued by another state or territory of the United States, if  
 2047 the state or territory has entered into a reciprocal agreement  
 2048 with the board for the recognition of contractor licenses issued  
 2049 in that state, based on criteria for the issuance of such  
 2050 licenses that are substantially equivalent to the criteria for

2051 certification in this state;

2052 (d) Has held a valid license to practice contracting

2053 issued by another state or territory for at least 10 years

2054 before the date of application and is applying for the same or

2055 similar license in this state, subject to subsections (5)-(9).

2056 The board may consider whether such applicant has had a license

2057 to practice contracting revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted

2058 against by the licensing authority of another state, territory,

2059 or country. Such application must be submitted to the board

2060 while the applicant holds a valid license in another state or

2061 territory or within 2 years after the expiration of such

2062 license. A building contractor, residential contractor, general

2063 contractor, or roofing contractor who obtains a license by

2064 endorsement or reciprocity under this paragraph must have

2065 completed, within the previous 2 years or within 30 days after

2066 being licensed, a board-approved 2 hour course on wind

2067 mitigation, flood resistance, and water intrusion requirements

2068 under the Florida Building Code. The approved course may be

2069 provided online. The board may approve other building code

2070 courses to satisfy this requirement, provided the necessary wind

2071 mitigation, flood resistance, and water intrusion requirements

2072 are presented. The board may also determine whether a building,

2073 residential, general, or roofing contractor applicant has

2074 experience and technical competence in wind mitigation and water

2075 intrusion.

2076 Section 71. Subsection (5) of section 489.511, Florida  
 2077 Statutes, is amended to read:

2078 489.511 Certification; application; examinations;  
 2079 endorsement.—

2080 (5) The board shall certify as qualified for certification  
 2081 by endorsement any individual applying for certification who:

2082 (a) Meets the requirements for certification as set forth  
 2083 in this section; has passed a national, regional, state, or  
 2084 United States territorial licensing examination that is  
 2085 substantially equivalent to the examination required by this  
 2086 part; and has satisfied the requirements set forth in s.

2087 489.521; ~~or~~

2088 (b) Holds a valid license to practice electrical or alarm  
 2089 system contracting issued by another state or territory of the  
 2090 United States, if the criteria for issuance of such license was  
 2091 substantially equivalent to the certification criteria that  
 2092 existed in this state at the time the certificate was issued; or

2093 (c) Has held a valid license to practice electrical or  
 2094 alarm system contracting issued by another state or territory  
 2095 for at least 10 years before the date of application and is  
 2096 applying for the same or similar license in this state, subject  
 2097 to ss. 489.510 and 489.521(3)(a), and subparagraph (1)(b)1. Such  
 2098 application must be submitted to the board while the applicant  
 2099 holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2  
 2100 years after the expiration of such license. An electrical

2101 contractor or alarm system contractor who is licensed in another  
 2102 state who seeks qualification for license by endorsement under  
 2103 this paragraph must complete a class on the Florida Building  
 2104 Code approved by the board, not to exceed 2 hours.

2105 Section 72. Subsection (3) and paragraph (b) of subsection  
 2106 (4) of section 489.517, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2107 489.517 Renewal of certificate or registration; continuing  
 2108 education.—

2109 (3) (a) Each certificateholder or registrant licensed as a  
 2110 specialty contractor or an alarm system contractor shall provide  
 2111 proof, in a form established by rule of the board, that the  
 2112 certificateholder or registrant has completed at least 7 ~~14~~  
 2113 classroom hours of at least 50 minutes each of continuing  
 2114 education courses during each biennium since the issuance or  
 2115 renewal of the certificate or registration. The board shall by  
 2116 rule establish criteria for the approval of continuing education  
 2117 courses and providers and may by rule establish criteria for  
 2118 accepting alternative nonclassroom continuing education on an  
 2119 hour-for-hour basis.

2120 (b) Each certificateholder or registrant licensed as an  
 2121 electrical contractor shall provide proof, in a form established  
 2122 by rule of the board, that the certificateholder or registrant  
 2123 has completed at least 11 classroom hours of at least 50 minutes  
 2124 each of continuing education courses during each biennium since  
 2125 the issuance or renewal of the certificate or registration. The

2126 board shall by rule establish criteria for the approval of  
 2127 continuing education courses and providers and may by rule  
 2128 establish criteria for accepting alternative nonclassroom  
 2129 continuing education on an hour-for-hour basis.

2130 (4)

2131 (b) 1. For licensed specialty contractors or alarm system  
 2132 contractors, of the 7 ~~14~~ classroom hours of continuing education  
 2133 required, at least 1 hour ~~7 hours~~ must be on technical subjects,  
 2134 1 hour on workers' compensation, 1 hour on workplace safety, 1  
 2135 hour on business practices, and ~~for alarm system contractors and~~  
 2136 ~~electrical contractors engaged in alarm system contracting,~~ 2  
 2137 hours on false alarm prevention.

2138 2. For licensed electrical contractors, of the minimum 11  
 2139 classroom hours of continuing education required, at least 7  
 2140 hours must be on technical subjects, 1 hour on workers'  
 2141 compensation, 1 hour on workplace safety, and 1 hour on business  
 2142 practices. Electrical contractors engaged in alarm system  
 2143 contracting must also complete 2 hours on false alarm  
 2144 prevention.

2145 Section 73. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 2146 489.518, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2147 489.518 Alarm system agents.—

2148 (1) A licensed electrical or alarm system contractor may  
 2149 not employ a person to perform the duties of a burglar alarm  
 2150 system agent unless the person:

2151 (b) Has successfully completed a minimum of 14 hours of  
2152 training within 90 days after employment, to include basic alarm  
2153 system electronics in addition to related training including  
2154 CCTV and access control training, with at least 2 hours of  
2155 training in the prevention of false alarms. Such training shall  
2156 be from a board-approved provider, and the employee or applicant  
2157 for employment shall provide proof of successful completion to  
2158 the licensed employer. The board shall by rule establish  
2159 criteria for the approval of training courses and providers and  
2160 may by rule establish criteria for accepting alternative  
2161 nonclassroom education on an hour-for-hour basis. The board  
2162 shall approve providers that conduct training in other than the  
2163 English language. The board shall establish a fee for the  
2164 approval of training providers or courses, not to exceed \$60.  
2165 Qualified employers may conduct training classes for their  
2166 employees, with board approval.

2167 Section 74. Section 492.104, Florida Statutes, is amended,  
2168 to read:

2169 492.104 Rulemaking authority.—The Board of Professional  
2170 Geologists has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
2171 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this chapter. Every licensee  
2172 shall be governed and controlled by this chapter and the rules  
2173 adopted by the board. The board is authorized to set, by rule,  
2174 fees for application, examination, ~~certificate of authorization,~~  
2175 late renewal, initial licensure, and license renewal. These fees

2176 may ~~should~~ not exceed the cost of implementing the application,  
 2177 examination, initial licensure, and license renewal or other  
 2178 administrative process and shall be established as follows:

2179 (1) The application fee shall not exceed \$150 and shall be  
 2180 nonrefundable.

2181 (2) The examination fee shall not exceed \$250, and the fee  
 2182 may be apportioned to each part of a multipart examination. The  
 2183 examination fee shall be refundable in whole or part if the  
 2184 applicant is found to be ineligible to take any portion of the  
 2185 licensure examination.

2186 (3) The initial license fee shall not exceed \$100.

2187 (4) The biennial renewal fee shall not exceed \$150.

2188 ~~(5) The fee for a certificate of authorization shall not~~  
 2189 ~~exceed \$350 and the fee for renewal of the certificate shall not~~  
 2190 ~~exceed \$350.~~

2191 (5) ~~(6)~~ The fee for reactivation of an inactive license may  
 2192 ~~shall~~ not exceed \$50.

2193 (6) ~~(7)~~ The fee for a provisional license may ~~shall~~ not  
 2194 exceed \$400.

2195 (7) ~~(8)~~ The fee for application, examination, and licensure  
 2196 for a license by endorsement is ~~shall be~~ as provided in this  
 2197 section for licenses in general.

2198 Section 75. Subsection (1) of section 492.108, Florida  
 2199 Statutes, is amended to read:

2200 492.108 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fees.—



2201 (1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to  
 2202 any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting  
 2203 an application fee, has been certified by the board that he or  
 2204 she:

2205 (a) Has met the qualifications for licensure in s.  
 2206 492.105(1)(b)-(e) and:-

2207 1.~~(b)~~ Is the holder of an active license in good standing  
 2208 in a state, trust, territory, or possession of the United  
 2209 States.

2210 2.~~(e)~~ Was licensed through written examination in at least  
 2211 one state, trust, territory, or possession of the United States,  
 2212 the examination requirements of which have been approved by the  
 2213 board as substantially equivalent to or more stringent than  
 2214 those of this state, and has received a score on such  
 2215 examination which is equal to or greater than the score required  
 2216 by this state for licensure by examination.

2217 3.~~(d)~~ Has taken and successfully passed the laws and rules  
 2218 portion of the examination required for licensure as a  
 2219 professional geologist in this state.

2220 (b) Has held a valid license to practice geology in  
 2221 another state, trust, territory, or possession of the United  
 2222 States for at least 10 years before the date of application and  
 2223 has successfully completed a state, regional, national, or other  
 2224 examination that is equivalent to or more stringent than the  
 2225 examination required by the department. If such applicant has

2226 met the requirements for a license by endorsement except  
 2227 successful completion of an examination that is equivalent to or  
 2228 more stringent than the examination required by the board, such  
 2229 applicant may take the examination required by the board. Such  
 2230 application must be submitted to the board while the applicant  
 2231 holds a valid license in another state or territory or within 2  
 2232 years after the expiration of such license.

2233 Section 76. Section 492.111, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 2234 to read:

2235 492.111 Practice of professional geology by a firm,  
 2236 corporation, or partnership; ~~certificate of authorization.~~—The  
 2237 practice of, or offer to practice, professional geology by  
 2238 individual professional geologists licensed under the provisions  
 2239 of this chapter through a firm, corporation, or partnership  
 2240 offering geological services to the public through individually  
 2241 licensed professional geologists as agents, employees, officers,  
 2242 or partners thereof is permitted subject to the provisions of  
 2243 this chapter, if ~~provided that~~:

2244 (1) At all times that it offers geological services to the  
 2245 public, the firm, corporation, or partnership is qualified by  
 2246 ~~has on file with the department the name and license number of~~  
 2247 one or more individuals who hold a current, active license as a  
 2248 professional geologist in the state and are serving as a  
 2249 geologist of record for the firm, corporation, or partnership. A  
 2250 geologist of record may be any principal officer or employee of

2251 such firm or corporation, or any partner or employee of such  
2252 partnership, who holds a current, active license as a  
2253 professional geologist in this state, or any other Florida-  
2254 licensed professional geologist with whom the firm, corporation,  
2255 or partnership has entered into a long-term, ongoing  
2256 relationship, as defined by rule of the board, to serve as one  
2257 of its geologists of record. ~~It shall be the responsibility of~~  
2258 ~~the firm, corporation, or partnership and~~ The geologist of  
2259 record shall ~~to~~ notify the department of any changes in the  
2260 relationship or identity of that geologist of record within 30  
2261 days after such change.

2262 ~~(2) The firm, corporation, or partnership has been issued~~  
2263 ~~a certificate of authorization by the department as provided in~~  
2264 ~~this chapter. For purposes of this section, a certificate of~~  
2265 ~~authorization shall be required of any firm, corporation,~~  
2266 ~~partnership, association, or person practicing under a~~  
2267 ~~fictitious name and offering geological services to the public,~~  
2268 ~~except that, when an individual is practicing professional~~  
2269 ~~geology in her or his own name, she or he shall not be required~~  
2270 ~~to obtain a certificate of authorization under this section.~~  
2271 ~~Such certificate of authorization shall be renewed every 2~~  
2272 ~~years.~~

2273 (2) ~~(3)~~ All final geological papers or documents involving  
2274 the practice of the profession of geology which have been  
2275 prepared or approved for the use of such firm, corporation, or

2276 partnership, for delivery to any person for public record with  
2277 the state, shall be dated and bear the signature and seal of the  
2278 professional geologist or professional geologists who prepared  
2279 or approved them.

2280 (3)~~(4)~~ Except as provided in s. 558.0035, the fact that a  
2281 licensed professional geologist practices through a corporation  
2282 or partnership does not relieve the registrant from personal  
2283 liability for negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed  
2284 by her or him. The partnership and all partners are jointly and  
2285 severally liable for the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful  
2286 acts committed by their agents, employees, or partners while  
2287 acting in a professional capacity. Any officer, agent, or  
2288 employee of a corporation is personally liable and accountable  
2289 only for negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed  
2290 by her or him or committed by any person under her or his direct  
2291 supervision and control, while rendering professional services  
2292 on behalf of the corporation. The personal liability of a  
2293 shareholder of a corporation, in her or his capacity as  
2294 shareholder, may be no greater than that of a shareholder-  
2295 employee of a corporation incorporated under chapter 607. The  
2296 corporation is liable up to the full value of its property for  
2297 any negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by  
2298 any of its officers, agents, or employees while they are engaged  
2299 on behalf of the corporation in the rendering of professional  
2300 services.

2301           ~~(5) The firm, corporation, or partnership desiring a~~  
 2302 ~~certificate of authorization shall file with the department an~~  
 2303 ~~application therefor, upon a form to be prescribed by the~~  
 2304 ~~department, accompanied by the required application fee.~~

2305           ~~(6) The department may refuse to issue a certificate of~~  
 2306 ~~authorization if any facts exist which would entitle the~~  
 2307 ~~department to suspend or revoke an existing certificate of~~  
 2308 ~~authorization or if the department, after giving persons~~  
 2309 ~~involved a full and fair hearing, determines that any of the~~  
 2310 ~~officers or directors of said firm or corporation, or partners~~  
 2311 ~~of said partnership, have violated the provisions of s. 492.113.~~

2312           Section 77. Subsection (4) of section 492.113, Florida  
 2313 Statutes, is amended to read:

2314           492.113 Disciplinary proceedings.—

2315           (4) The department shall reissue the license of a  
 2316 disciplined professional geologist ~~or business~~ upon  
 2317 certification by the board that the disciplined person has  
 2318 complied with ~~all of~~ the terms and conditions set forth in the  
 2319 final order.

2320           Section 78. Section 492.115, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 2321 to read:

2322           492.115 Roster of licensed professional geologists.—A  
 2323 roster showing the names and places of business or residence of  
 2324 all licensed professional geologists and all properly qualified  
 2325 firms, corporations, or partnerships practicing holding

2326 ~~certificates of authorization to practice~~ professional geology  
 2327 in the state shall be prepared annually by the department. A  
 2328 copy of this roster must be made available to ~~shall be~~  
 2329 ~~obtainable by~~ each licensed professional geologist and each  
 2330 firm, corporation, or partnership qualified by a professional  
 2331 geologist holding a certificate of authorization, and copies  
 2332 thereof shall be placed on file with the department.

2333 Section 79. Section 509.102, Florida Statutes, is created  
 2334 to read:

2335 509.102 Mobile food dispensing vehicles.-

2336 (1) As used in this section, the term "mobile food  
 2337 dispensing vehicle" means any vehicle-mounted public food  
 2338 service establishment which is self-propelled or otherwise  
 2339 movable from place to place and includes self-contained  
 2340 utilities, including, but not limited to, gas, water,  
 2341 electricity, and liquid waste disposal.

2342 (2) A municipality, county, or other local government  
 2343 entity may not:

2344 (a) Require a separate license, registration, or permit  
 2345 beyond those established by the division under s. 509.241 as a  
 2346 condition for the mobile food dispensing vehicle's operation  
 2347 within the jurisdiction.

2348 (b) Require a separate license, registration, or permit  
 2349 fee beyond those established by the division under s. 509.251 as  
 2350 a condition for the mobile food dispensing vehicle's operation

2351 within the jurisdiction.

2352 (c) Prohibit mobile food dispensing vehicles from  
 2353 operating within the jurisdiction.

2354 (3) This section may not be construed to affect a  
 2355 municipality, county, or other local governmental entity's  
 2356 authority to regulate the operation of mobile food dispensing  
 2357 vehicles other than the regulations described in subsection (2).

2358 (4) This section does not apply to any port authority,  
 2359 aviation authority, airport, or seaport.

2360 Section 80. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section  
 2361 548.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2362 548.003 Florida State Boxing Commission.—

2363 (2) The Florida State Boxing Commission, as created by  
 2364 subsection (1), shall administer the provisions of this chapter.  
 2365 The commission has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
 2366 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this  
 2367 chapter and to implement each of the duties and responsibilities  
 2368 conferred upon the commission, including, but not limited to:

2369 ~~(i) Designation and duties of a knockdown timekeeper.~~

2370 Section 81. Subsection (1) of section 548.017, Florida  
 2371 Statutes, is amended to read:

2372 548.017 Participants, managers, and other persons required  
 2373 to have licenses.—

2374 (1) A participant, manager, trainer, second, ~~timekeeper,~~  
 2375 referee, judge, ~~announcer,~~ physician, matchmaker, or promoter

2376 must be licensed before directly or indirectly acting in such  
 2377 capacity in connection with any match involving a participant. A  
 2378 physician approved by the commission must be licensed pursuant  
 2379 to chapter 458 or chapter 459, must maintain an unencumbered  
 2380 license in good standing, and must demonstrate satisfactory  
 2381 medical training or experience in boxing, or a combination of  
 2382 both, to the executive director before working as the ringside  
 2383 physician.

2384 Section 82. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
 2385 553.5141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2386 553.5141 Certifications of conformity and remediation  
 2387 plans.—

2388 (1) For purposes of this section:

2389 (d) "Qualified expert" means:

2390 1. An engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 471.

2391 2. A certified general contractor licensed pursuant to  
 2392 chapter 489.

2393 3. A certified building contractor licensed pursuant to  
 2394 chapter 489.

2395 4. A building code administrator licensed pursuant to  
 2396 chapter 468.

2397 5. A building inspector licensed pursuant to chapter 468.

2398 6. A plans examiner licensed pursuant to chapter 468.

2399 7. An interior designer registered ~~licensed~~ pursuant to  
 2400 chapter 481.



- 2401 8. An architect licensed pursuant to chapter 481.  
 2402 9. A landscape architect licensed pursuant to chapter 481.  
 2403 10. Any person who has prepared a remediation plan related  
 2404 to a claim under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities  
 2405 Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 12182, that has been accepted by a federal  
 2406 court in a settlement agreement or court proceeding, or who has  
 2407 been qualified as an expert in Title III of the Americans with  
 2408 Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 12182, by a federal court.

2409 Section 83. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (1) of  
 2410 section 553.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2411 553.74 Florida Building Commission.—

2412 (1) The Florida Building Commission is created and located  
 2413 within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
 2414 for administrative purposes. Members are appointed by the  
 2415 Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The commission  
 2416 is composed of 19 ~~27~~ members, consisting of the following  
 2417 members:

2418 (a) One architect licensed under chapter 481 with at least  
 2419 5 years of experience in the design and construction of  
 2420 buildings designated for Group E or Group I occupancies by the  
 2421 Florida Building Code ~~registered to practice in this state and~~  
 2422 ~~actively engaged in the profession.~~ The American Institute of  
 2423 Architects, Florida Section, is encouraged to recommend a list  
 2424 of candidates for consideration.

2425 (b) One structural engineer registered to practice in this

2426 state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida  
2427 Engineering Society is encouraged to recommend a list of  
2428 candidates for consideration.

2429 (c) One air-conditioning contractor, ~~or~~ mechanical  
2430 contractor, or mechanical engineer certified to do business in  
2431 this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida  
2432 Air Conditioning Contractors Association, the Florida  
2433 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association, ~~and~~  
2434 the Mechanical Contractors Association of Florida, and the  
2435 Florida Engineering Society are encouraged to recommend a list  
2436 of candidates for consideration.

2437 (d) One electrical contractor or electrical engineer  
2438 certified to do business in this state and actively engaged in  
2439 the profession. The Florida Association of Electrical  
2440 Contractors, ~~and~~ the National Electrical Contractors  
2441 Association, Florida Chapter, and the Florida Engineering  
2442 Society are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for  
2443 consideration.

2444 ~~(e) One member from fire protection engineering or~~  
2445 ~~technology who is actively engaged in the profession. The~~  
2446 ~~Florida Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers and~~  
2447 ~~the Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association are~~  
2448 ~~encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.~~

2449 (e) ~~(f)~~ One certified general contractor or one certified  
2450 building contractor certified to do business in this state and

2451 actively engaged in the profession. The Associated Builders and  
 2452 Contractors of Florida, the Florida Associated General  
 2453 Contractors Council, the Florida Home Builders Association, and  
 2454 the Union Contractors Association are encouraged to recommend a  
 2455 list of candidates for consideration.

2456 (f)~~(g)~~ One plumbing contractor licensed to do business in  
 2457 this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida  
 2458 Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors is  
 2459 encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2460 (g)~~(h)~~ One roofing or sheet metal contractor certified to  
 2461 do business in this state and actively engaged in the  
 2462 profession. The Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal, and Air  
 2463 Conditioning Contractors Association and the Sheet Metal and Air  
 2464 Conditioning Contractors' National Association are encouraged to  
 2465 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2466 (h)~~(i)~~ One certified residential contractor licensed to do  
 2467 business in this state and actively engaged in the profession.  
 2468 The Florida Home Builders Association is encouraged to recommend  
 2469 a list of candidates for consideration.

2470 (i)~~(j)~~ Three members who are municipal, county, or  
 2471 district codes enforcement officials, one of whom is also a fire  
 2472 official. The Building Officials Association of Florida and the  
 2473 Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association are encouraged  
 2474 to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2475 ~~(k) One member who represents the Department of Financial~~

2476 ~~Services.~~

2477 ~~(l) One member who is a county codes enforcement official.~~  
2478 ~~The Building Officials Association of Florida is encouraged to~~  
2479 ~~recommend a list of candidates for consideration.~~

2480 (j)~~(m)~~ One member of a Florida-based organization of  
2481 persons with disabilities or a nationally chartered organization  
2482 of persons with disabilities with chapters in this state which  
2483 complies with or is certified to be compliant with the  
2484 requirements of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, as  
2485 amended.

2486 (k)~~(n)~~ One member of the manufactured buildings industry  
2487 who is licensed to do business in this state and is actively  
2488 engaged in the industry. The Florida Manufactured Housing  
2489 Association is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for  
2490 consideration.

2491 ~~(o) One mechanical or electrical engineer registered to~~  
2492 ~~practice in this state and actively engaged in the profession.~~  
2493 ~~The Florida Engineering Society is encouraged to recommend a~~  
2494 ~~list of candidates for consideration.~~

2495 ~~(p) One member who is a representative of a municipality~~  
2496 ~~or a charter county. The Florida League of Cities and the~~  
2497 ~~Florida Association of Counties are encouraged to recommend a~~  
2498 ~~list of candidates for consideration.~~

2499 (l)~~(q)~~ One member of the building products manufacturing  
2500 industry who is authorized to do business in this state and is

2501 actively engaged in the industry. The Florida Building Material  
 2502 Association, the Florida Concrete and Products Association, and  
 2503 the Fenestration Manufacturers Association are encouraged to  
 2504 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2505 (m)~~(r)~~ One member who is a representative of the building  
 2506 owners and managers industry who is actively engaged in  
 2507 commercial building ownership or management. The Building Owners  
 2508 and Managers Association is encouraged to recommend a list of  
 2509 candidates for consideration.

2510 (n)~~(s)~~ One member who is a representative of the insurance  
 2511 industry. The Florida Insurance Council is encouraged to  
 2512 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

2513 ~~(t) One member who is a representative of public~~  
 2514 ~~education.~~

2515 (o)~~(u)~~ One member who is a swimming pool contractor  
 2516 licensed to do business in this state and actively engaged in  
 2517 the profession. The Florida Swimming Pool Association and the  
 2518 United Pool and Spa Association are encouraged to recommend a  
 2519 list of candidates for consideration.

2520 (p)~~(v)~~ One member who is a representative of the Chief  
 2521 Resilience Officer under the Executive Office of the Governor.  
 2522 The Chief Resilience Officer is encouraged to recommend a list  
 2523 of candidates for consideration ~~the green building industry and~~  
 2524 ~~who is a third-party commission agent, a Florida board member of~~  
 2525 ~~the United States Green Building Council or Green Building~~

2526 ~~Initiative, a professional who is accredited under the~~  
 2527 ~~International Green Construction Code (IGCC), or a professional~~  
 2528 ~~who is accredited under Leadership in Energy and Environmental~~  
 2529 ~~Design (LEED).~~

2530 (q) ~~(w)~~ One member who is a representative of a natural gas  
 2531 distribution system and who is actively engaged in the  
 2532 distribution of natural gas in this state. The Florida Natural  
 2533 Gas Association is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates  
 2534 for consideration.

2535 ~~(x) One member who is a representative of the Department~~  
 2536 ~~of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Energy. The~~  
 2537 ~~Commissioner of Agriculture is encouraged to recommend a list of~~  
 2538 ~~candidates for consideration.~~

2539 ~~(y) One member who shall be the chair.~~

2540 Section 84. Subsection (7) of section 558.002, Florida  
 2541 Statutes, is amended to read:

2542 558.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

2543 (7) "Design professional" means a person, as defined in s.  
 2544 1.01, licensed or registered in this state as an architect,  
 2545 interior designer, landscape architect, engineer, surveyor, or  
 2546 geologist.

2547 Section 85. Subsection (5) is added to section 823.15,  
 2548 Florida Statutes, to read:

2549 823.15 Dogs and cats released from animal shelters or  
 2550 animal control agencies; sterilization requirement.—

2551        (5) (a) Employees, agents, or contractors of a public or  
2552 private animal shelter, a humane organization, or an animal  
2553 control agency operated by a humane organization or by a county,  
2554 municipality, or other incorporated political subdivision may  
2555 implant dogs and cats with a radio frequency identification  
2556 microchip device as part of their work with such public or  
2557 private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control  
2558 agency.

2559        (b) Notwithstanding s. 474.2165, employees, agents, or  
2560 contractors of a public or private animal shelter, a humane  
2561 organization, or an animal control agency operated by a humane  
2562 organization or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated  
2563 political subdivision may contact the owner of record listed on  
2564 a radio frequency identification microchip device to verify pet  
2565 ownership.

2566        Section 86. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
2567 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.