1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to consumer protection; amending s.
3	212.134, F.S.; defining terms; revising requirements
4	for payment settlement entities, or their electronic
5	payment facilitators or contracted third parties, in
6	submitting information returns to the Department of
7	Revenue; specifying requirements for third party
8	settlement organizations that conduct certain
9	transactions; amending s. 280.051, F.S.; providing
10	additional grounds for qualified public depositories
11	to be suspended and disqualified; amending s. 280.054,
12	F.S.; providing additional acts deemed knowing and
13	willful violations by qualified public depositories
14	which are subject to certain penalties; creating s.
15	415.10341, F.S.; defining terms; providing legislative
16	findings and intent; authorizing financial
17	institutions, under certain circumstances, to delay a
18	disbursement or transaction from an account of a
19	specified adult; providing duties of the financial
20	institution when such delay is placed; requiring the
21	financial institution to maintain certain records for
22	a specified time; specifying that a delay on a
23	disbursement or transaction expires on a certain date;
24	authorizing the financial institution to extend the
25	delay under certain circumstances; authorizing a court
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26 of competent jurisdiction to shorten or extend the 27 delay; providing construction; requiring financial 28 institutions to take certain actions before placing a 29 delay on a disbursement or transaction; providing construction; amending s. 489.147, F.S.; defining a 30 31 term; authorizing a residential property owner to 32 cancel contracts to replace or repair a roof without 33 penalty or obligation within a specified timeframe 34 under certain circumstances; requiring contractors to include a notice in the contracts with residential 35 36 property owners under certain circumstances; providing 37 requirements for notices of contract cancellation; 38 amending s. 559.9611, F.S.; revising the definition of 39 the term "depository institution"; amending s. 624.424, F.S.; providing requirements for certain 40 41 insurers' accountants; amending s. 626.8796, F.S.; 42 revising the content of certain public adjuster 43 contracts; amending s. 627.43141, F.S.; providing 44 requirements for certain notice of change in insurance renewal policy terms; amending s. 627.6426, F.S.; 45 46 revising the disclosure requirements of contracts for 47 short-term health insurance; amending s. 627.70132, 48 F.S.; providing requirements for notices of claims for 49 loss assessment coverage; providing dates of loss; creating s. 655.49, F.S.; authorizing customers and 50

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51	members of financial institutions to file certain
52	complaints with the Office of Financial Regulation;
53	providing nonapplicability; providing duties of the
54	office upon receipt of such complaints; providing
55	reporting requirements; providing violations;
56	requiring the office to provide reports to certain
57	entities; providing causes of action; providing
58	construction; requiring the office to make certain
59	information available on its website; amending s.
60	791.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
61	"fireworks"; amending s. 791.012, F.S.; updating the
62	source of the code for outdoor display of fireworks;
63	providing an effective date.
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65	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
66	Section 1. Section 212.134, Florida Statutes, is amended
67	to read:
68	212.134 Information returns relating to payment-card and
69	third party third-party network transactions
70	(1) As used in this section, the term:
71	(a) "Participating payee" has the same meaning as in s.
72	6050W of the Internal Revenue Code.
73	(b) "Return" or "information return" means the Form 1099-K
74	required under s. 6050W of the Internal Revenue Code.
75	(c) "Third party network transaction" has the same meaning
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76	as in s. 6050W of the Internal Revenue Code.
77	(d) "Third party settlement organization" has the same
78	meaning as in s. 6050W of the Internal Revenue Code.
79	(2) For each year in which a payment settlement entity, an
80	electronic payment facilitator, or other third party contracted
81	with the payment settlement entity to make payments to settle
82	reportable payment transactions on behalf of the payment
83	settlement entity must file a return pursuant to s. 6050W of the
84	Internal Revenue Code, for participating payees with an address
85	in this state, the entity, the facilitator, or the third party
86	must submit the information in the return to the department by
87	the 30th day after filing the federal return. The format of the
88	information returns required must be either a copy of such
89	information returns or a copy of such information returns
90	related to participating payees with an address in the state.
91	For purposes of this subsection, the term "payment settlement
92	entity" has the same meaning as provided in s. $6050W$ of the
93	Internal Revenue Code.
94	(3)-(2) All reports of returns submitted to the department
95	under this section must be in an electronic format.
96	(4)-(3) Any payment settlement entity, facilitator, or
97	third party failing to file the information return required,
98	filing an incomplete information return, or not filing an
99	information return within the time prescribed is subject to a
100	penalty of \$1,000 for each failure, if the failure is for not
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101 more than 30 days, with an additional \$1,000 for each month or 102 fraction of a month during which each failure continues. The 103 total amount of penalty imposed on a reporting entity may not 104 exceed \$10,000 annually.

105 <u>(5)(4)</u> The executive director or his or her designee may 106 waive the penalty if he or she determines that the failure to 107 timely file an information return was due to reasonable cause 108 and not due to willful negligence, willful neglect, or fraud.

109 (6) All third party settlement organizations that conduct transactions involving a participating payee with an address in 110 111 this state shall create a mechanism for participating payees to identify whether a participating payee's transaction is for 112 goods and services or is personal. The mechanism must clearly 113 114 indicate the participating payee's requirement to indicate the 115 appropriate transaction type. The participating payee is 116 responsible for indicating the appropriate transaction type. All 117 third party settlement organizations shall maintain records that 118 clearly identify whether a transaction, as designated by the 119 participating payee, is a transaction for goods and services or 120 is personal. The information in the return submitted to the department under subsection (2) for such entities must be 121 limited to transactions for goods and services. 122 123 Section 2. Subsection (16) is added to section 280.051, 124 Florida Statutes, to read: 125 280.051 Grounds for suspension or disqualification of a

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126	qualified public depository.—A qualified public depository may
127	be suspended or disqualified or both if the Chief Financial
128	Officer determines that the qualified public depository has:
129	(16) Pursuant to a determination notice reported by the
130	Office of Financial Regulation under s. 655.49, acted in bad
131	faith when terminating, suspending, or taking similar action
132	restricting access to a customer's or member's account, or
133	failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted pursuant to s.
134	655.49(3), including, without limitation, failing to timely file
135	a termination-of-access report with the office.
136	Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
137	280.054, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
138	280.054 Administrative penalty in lieu of suspension or
139	disqualification
140	(1) If the Chief Financial Officer finds that one or more
141	grounds exist for the suspension or disqualification of a
142	qualified public depository, the Chief Financial Officer may, in
143	lieu of suspension or disqualification, impose an administrative
144	penalty upon the qualified public depository.
145	(b) With respect to any knowing and willful violation of a
146	lawful order or rule, the Chief Financial Officer may impose a
147	penalty upon the qualified public depository in an amount not
148	exceeding \$1,000 for each violation. If restitution is due, the
149	qualified public depository shall make restitution upon the
150	order of the Chief Financial Officer and shall pay interest on

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151	such amount at the legal rate. Each day a violation continues											
152	constitutes a separate violation. <u>Each of the following</u> Failure											
153	to timely file the attestation required under s. 280.025 is											
154	deemed a knowing and willful violation by the qualified public											
155	depository:											
156	1. Failure to timely file the attestation required under											
157	<u>s. 280.025.</u>											
158	2. Bad faith termination, suspension, or similar action											
159	restricting access to a customer's or member's account, as											
160	determined by the Office of Financial Regulation pursuant to s.											
161	<u>655.49.</u>											
162	3. Failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted											
163	pursuant to s. 655.49(3), including, without limitation, failure											
164	to timely file a termination-of-access report with the office.											
165	Section 4. Section 415.10341, Florida Statutes, is created											
166	to read:											
167	415.10341 Protection of specified adults											
168	(1) As used in this section, the term:											
169	(a) "Financial exploitation" means the wrongful or											
170	unauthorized taking, withholding, appropriation, or use of											
171	money, assets, or property of a specified adult; or any act or											
172	omission by a person, including through the use of a power of											
173	attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship of a specified adult,											
174	<u>to:</u>											
175	1. Obtain control over the specified adult's money,											
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176 assets, or property through deception, intimidation, or undue 177 influence to deprive him or her of the ownership, use, benefit, 178 or possession of the money, assets, or property; or 2. Divert the specified adult's money, assets, or property 179 180 to deprive him or her of the ownership, use, benefit, or possession of the money, assets, or property. 181 182 (b) "Financial institution" means a state financial 183 institution or a federal financial institution as those terms 184 are defined under s. 655.005(1)(w) and (1)(h), respectively. 185 (c) "Specified adult" means a natural person 70 years of 186 age or older, or a vulnerable adult as defined in s. 415.102. "Trusted contact" means a natural person 18 years of 187 (d) 188 age or older whom the account owner has expressly identified and 189 recorded in a financial institution's books and records as the 190 person who may be contacted about the account. 191 (2) The Legislature finds that many persons in this state, 192 because of age or disability, are at increased risk of financial 193 exploitation and loss of their assets, funds, investments, and 194 investment accounts. The Legislature further finds that 195 specified adults in this state are at a statistically higher risk of being targeted for financial exploitation, regardless of 196 197 diminished capacity or other disability, because of their 198 accumulation of substantial assets and wealth compared to 199 younger age groups. In enacting this section, the Legislature recognizes the freedom of specified adults to manage their 200

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201	assets, make investment choices, and spend their funds, and
202	intends that such rights may not be infringed absent a
203	reasonable belief of financial exploitation as provided in this
204	section. The Legislature therefore intends to provide for the
205	prevention of financial exploitation of such persons. The
206	Legislature intends to encourage the constructive involvement of
207	financial institutions that take action based upon the
208	reasonable belief that specified adults who have accounts with
209	such financial institutions have been or are the subject of
210	financial exploitation. The Legislature intends to balance the
211	rights of specified adults to direct and control their assets,
212	funds, and investments and to exercise their constitutional
213	rights consistent with due process with the need to provide
214	financial institutions the ability to place narrow, time-limited
215	restrictions on these rights in an effort to decrease specified
216	adults' risk of loss due to abuse, neglect, or financial
217	exploitation.
218	(3) If a financial institution reports suspected financial
219	exploitation of a specified adult pursuant to s. 415.1034, it
220	may delay a disbursement or transaction from an account of a
221	specified adult or an account for which a specified adult is a
222	beneficiary or beneficial owner if all of the following apply:
223	(a) The financial institution immediately initiates an
224	internal review of the facts and circumstances that caused an
225	employee of the financial institution to report suspected
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226	financial exploitation.
227	(b) Not later than 3 business days after the date on which
228	the delay was first placed, the financial institution:
229	1. Notifies in writing all parties authorized to transact
230	business on the account and any trusted contact on the account,
231	using the contact information provided for the account, with the
232	exception of any party that an employee of the financial
233	institution reasonably believes has engaged in, is engaging in,
234	has attempted to engage in, or will attempt to engage in the
235	suspected financial exploitation of the specified adult. The
236	notice, which may be provided electronically, must provide the
237	reason for the delay.
238	2. Creates a written or electronic record of the delayed
239	disbursement or transaction which includes, at minimum, the
240	following information:
241	a. The date on which the delay was first placed.
242	b. The name and address of the specified adult.
243	c. The business location of the financial institution.
244	d. The name and title of the employee who reported
245	suspected financial exploitation of the specified adult pursuant
246	to s. 415.1034.
247	e. The facts and circumstances that caused the employee to
248	report suspected financial exploitation.
249	(4) The financial institution must maintain for at least 5
250	years after the date of a delayed disbursement or transaction a
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251	written or electronic record of the information required by
252	subparagraph (3)(b)2.
253	(5) A delay on a disbursement or transaction under
254	subsection (3) expires 5 business days after the date on which
255	the delay was first placed. However, the financial institution
256	may extend the delay for up to 7 additional calendar days if the
257	financial institution's review of the available facts and
258	circumstances continues to support the reasonable belief that
259	financial exploitation of the specified adult has occurred, is
260	occurring, has been attempted, or will be attempted. The length
261	of the delay may be shortened or extended at any time by a court
262	of competent jurisdiction. This subsection does not prevent a
263	financial institution from terminating a delay after
264	communication with the parties authorized to transact business
265	on the account and any trusted contact on the account.
266	(6) Before placing a delay on a disbursement or
267	transaction pursuant to this section, a financial institution
268	must do all of the following:
269	(a) Develop training policies or programs reasonably
270	designed to educate employees on issues pertaining to financial
271	exploitation of specified adults.
272	(b) Conduct training for all employees at least annually
273	and maintain a written record of all trainings conducted.
274	(c) Develop, maintain, and enforce written procedures
275	regarding the manner in which suspected financial exploitation
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276	is reviewed internally, including, if applicable, the manner in
277	which suspected financial exploitation is required to be
278	reported to supervisory personnel.
279	(7) Absent a reasonable belief of financial exploitation
280	as provided in this section, this section does not otherwise
281	alter a financial institution's obligations to all parties
282	authorized to transact business on an account and any trusted
283	contact named on such account.
284	(8) This section does not create new rights for or impose
285	new obligations on a financial institution under other
286	applicable law.
287	Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
288	489.147, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c), a
289	new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, and subsection
290	(6) is added to that section, to read:
291	489.147 Prohibited property insurance practices; contract
292	requirements
293	(1) As used in this section, the term:
294	(b) "Residential property owner" means the person who
295	holds the legal title to the residential real property that is
296	subject of and directly impacted by the action of a governmental
297	entity. The term does not include a governmental entity.
298	(6)(a) A residential property owner may cancel a contract
299	to replace or repair a roof without penalty or obligation within
300	10 days after the execution of the contract or by the official

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301	start date, whichever comes first, if the contract was entered
302	into based on events that are subject of a declaration of a
303	state of emergency by the Governor. For the purposes of this
304	subsection, the official start date is the date on which work
305	that includes the installation of materials that will be
306	included in the final work on the roof commences, a final permit
307	has been issued, or a temporary repair to the roof covering or
308	roof has been made in compliance with the Florida Building Code.
309	(b) A contractor executing a contract during a declaration
310	of a state of emergency to replace or repair a roof of a
311	residential property must include or add as an attachment to the
312	contract the following language, in bold type of not less than
313	18 points, immediately before the space reserved for the
314	signature of the residential property owner:
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316	"You, the residential property owner, may cancel this contract
317	without penalty or obligation within 10 days after the execution
318	of the contract or by the official start date, whichever comes
319	first, because this contract was entered into during a state of
320	emergency by the Governor. The official start date is the date
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327	(c) The residential property owner must send the notice of
328	cancellation by certified mail, return receipt requested, or
329	other form of mailing that provides proof thereof, at the
330	address specified in the contract.
331	Section 6. Subsection (9) of section 559.9611, Florida
332	Statutes, is amended to read:
333	559.9611 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
334	(9) "Depository institution" means a bank, credit union,
335	savings bank, savings and loan association, savings or thrift
336	association, trust company, or industrial loan company doing
337	business under the authority of, or in accordance with, a
338	license, certificate, or charter issued by the United States,
339	this state, or any other state, district, territory, or
340	commonwealth of the United States which is authorized to
341	transact business in this state Florida state-chartered bank,
342	savings bank, credit union, or trust company, or a federal
343	savings or thrift association, bank, credit union, savings bank,
344	or thrift .
345	Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (8) of section
346	624.424, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
347	624.424 Annual statement and other information
348	(8)
349	(d) The certified public accountant that prepares the
350	audit must be licensed to practice pursuant to chapter 473 and

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351 must have completed at least 4 hours of insurance-related 352 continuing education during each 2-year continuing education 353 cycle. An insurer may not use the same accountant or partner of 354 an accounting firm responsible for preparing the report required 355 by this subsection for more than 5 consecutive years. Following 356 this period, the insurer may not use such accountant or partner 357 for a period of 5 years, but may use another accountant or 358 partner of the same firm. An insurer may request the office to 359 waive this prohibition based upon an unusual hardship to the 360 insurer and a determination that the accountant is exercising 361 independent judgment that is not unduly influenced by the 362 insurer considering such factors as the number of partners, 363 expertise of the partners or the number of insurance clients of 364 the accounting firm; the premium volume of the insurer; and the 365 number of jurisdictions in which the insurer transacts business. 366 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 626.8796, Florida 367 Statutes, is amended to read: 368 626.8796 Public adjuster contracts; disclosure statement; 369 fraud statement.-

(2) A public adjuster contract relating to a property and casualty claim must contain the full name, permanent business address, phone number, e-mail address, and license number of the public adjuster; the full name <u>and license number</u> of the public adjusting firm; and the insured's full name, street address, phone number, and e-mail address, together with a brief

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376 description of the loss. The contract must state the percentage 377 of compensation for the public adjuster's services in minimum 378 18-point bold type before the space reserved in the contract for 379 the signature of the insured; the type of claim, including an 380 emergency claim, nonemergency claim, or supplemental claim; the 381 initials of the named insured on each page that does not contain 382 the insured's signature; the signatures of the public adjuster 383 and all named insureds; and the signature date. If all of the 384 named insureds' signatures are not available, the public 385 adjuster must submit an affidavit signed by the available named 386 insureds attesting that they have authority to enter into the 387 contract and settle all claim issues on behalf of the named insureds. An unaltered copy of the executed contract must be 388 389 remitted to the insured at the time of execution and to the 390 insurer, or the insurer's representative within 7 days after 391 execution. A public adjusting firm that adjusts claims primarily 392 for commercial entities with operations in more than one state 393 and that does not directly or indirectly perform adjusting 394 services for insurers or individual homeowners is deemed to 395 comply with the requirements of this subsection if, at the time 396 a proof of loss is submitted, the public adjusting firm remits 397 to the insurer an affidavit signed by the public adjuster or 398 public adjuster apprentice that identifies:

(a) The full name, permanent business address, phonenumber, e-mail address, and license number of the public

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401 adjuster or public adjuster apprentice. 402 The full name of the public adjusting firm. (b) 403 (C) The insured's full name, street address, phone number, 404 and e-mail address, together with a brief description of the 405 loss. 406 (d) An attestation that the compensation for public 407 adjusting services will not exceed the limitations provided by 408 law. 409 (e) The type of claim, including an emergency claim, nonemergency claim, or supplemental claim. 410 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 627.43141, Florida 411 412 Statutes, is amended to read: 627.43141 Notice of change in policy terms.-413 414 A renewal policy may contain a change in policy terms. (2) 415 If such change occurs, the insurer shall give the named insured 416 advance written notice summarizing the change, which may be 417 enclosed in along with the written notice of renewal premium required under ss. 627.4133 and 627.728 or sent separately 418 419 within the timeframe required under the Florida Insurance Code for the provision of a notice of nonrenewal to the named insured 420 421 for that line of insurance. The insurer must also provide a sample copy of the notice to the named insured's insurance agent 422 423 before or at the same time that notice is provided to the named 424 insured. Such notice shall be entitled "Notice of Change in 425 Policy Terms-" and must be in bold type of not less than 14

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426 points and must be included as a single page or consecutive 427 pages, as necessary, within the written notice. 428 Section 10. Section 627.6426, Florida Statutes, is amended 429 to read: 430 627.6426 Short-term health insurance.-431 For purposes of this part, the term "short-term health (1)432 insurance" means health insurance coverage provided by an issuer 433 with an expiration date specified in the contract that is less 434 than 12 months after the original effective date of the contract 435 and, taking into account renewals or extensions, has a duration 436 not to exceed 36 months in total. (2) All contracts for short-term health insurance entered 437 438 into by an issuer and an individual seeking coverage shall 439 include the following written disclosures signed by the 440 purchaser at the time of purchase disclosure: 441 The following statement: (a) 442 443 "This coverage is not required to comply with certain federal 444 market requirements for health insurance, principally those 445 contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Be 446 sure to check your policy carefully to make sure you are aware 447 of any exclusions or limitations regarding coverage of 448 preexisting conditions or health benefits (such as 449 hospitalization, emergency services, maternity care, preventive care, prescription drugs, and mental health and substance use 450

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451 disorder services). Your policy might also have lifetime and/or 452 annual dollar limits on health benefits. If this coverage 453 expires or you lose eligibility for this coverage, you might 454 have to wait until an open enrollment period to get other health 455 insurance coverage." 456 457 (1) The full in the full of th

457	(b) The following information:					
458	1. The duration of the contract, including any waiting					
459	period.					
460	2. Any essential health benefit under 42 U.S.C. s.					
461	18022(b) that the contract does not provide.					
462	3. The content of coverage.					
463	4. Any exclusion of preexisting conditions.					
464	(3) The disclosures required in subsection (2) must be					
465	printed in no less than 12-point type and in a color that is					
466	readable. A copy of the signed disclosures must be maintained by					
467	the issuer for a period of 5 years after the date of purchase.					
468	(4) Disclosures provided by electronic means must meet the					
469	requirements of subsection (2).					
470	Section 11. Subsection (4) of section 627.70132, Florida					
471	Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new subsection					
472	(4) is added to that section to read:					
473	627.70132 Notice of property insurance claim					
474	(4)(a) A notice of claim for loss assessment coverage					
475	under s. 627.714 may not occur later than 3 years after the date					

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476	of loss and must be provided to the insurer the later of:						
477	1. Within 1 year after the date of loss; or						
478	2. Within 90 days after the date on which the condominium						
479	association or its governing board votes to levy an assessment						
480	resulting from a covered loss.						
481	(b) For purposes of this subsection, the date of loss is						
482	the date of the covered loss event that created the need for an						
483	assessment.						
484	Section 12. Section 655.49, Florida Statutes, is created						
485	to read:						
486	655.49 Bad faith termination or restriction of account						
487	access; investigations by the office						
488	(1) A customer or member of a financial institution who						
489	reasonably believes that a financial institution has terminated,						
490	suspended, or taken similar action restricting access to the						
491	customer's or member's account in bad faith may file, within 30						
492	calendar days after such termination, suspension, or similar						
493	action restricting account access, a complaint with the office						
494	alleging a violation of this section. Such complaint is barred						
495	if not timely filed.						
496	(2) This section does not apply if a financial						
497	institution's termination, suspension, or similar action						
498	restricting a customer's or member's account access was due to						
499	one or more of the following:						
500	(a) The customer or member initiated the change in access;						
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501 There is a lack of activity in the account; or (b) 502 (c) The account is presumed unclaimed property pursuant to 503 chapter 717. 504 (3) Upon receipt of a customer's or member's complaint 505 under subsection (1): 506 (a) Within 30 calendar days, the office must notify the 507 financial institution that a complaint has been filed. 508 Within 30 calendar days after receiving the notice (b) 509 from the office, the financial institution must file with the 510 office a termination-of-access report containing such 511 information as the commission requires by rule. 512 (c) Within 90 calendar days after receiving the 513 termination-of-access report from the financial institution, the 514 office must investigate the financial institution's action and 515 determine whether the action was taken in bad faith as 516 substantiated by competent and substantial evidence that was 517 known or should have been known to the financial institution at the time of the termination, suspension, or similar action 518 519 restricting a customer's or member's account access. 520 (d) Within 30 calendar days after making the determination required under paragraph (c), the office must report to the 521 Attorney General and the Chief Financial Officer the 522 523 determination of a bad faith termination, suspension, or similar 524 action restricting a customer's or member's account access. The 525 report to the Attorney General must describe the findings of the

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526 investigation, provide a summary of the evidence, and state 527 whether an alleged violation of the financial institutions codes 528 by the financial institution occurred. Upon reporting to the 529 Attorney General pursuant to this paragraph, the office must 530 send a copy of the report to the customer or member by certified 531 mail, return receipt requested. 532 (4) A financial institution's bad faith termination, 533 suspension, or similar action restricting access to a customer's 534 or member's account, as determined by the office pursuant to 535 subsection (3), or a financial institution's failure to 536 cooperate in an investigation conducted pursuant to subsection 537 (3), including, without limitation, failure to timely file a 538 termination-of-access report with the office, constitutes a 539 violation of the financial institutions codes and subjects the 540 financial institution to the applicable sanctions and penalties 541 provided for in the financial institutions codes. 542 (5) The office shall provide any report filed pursuant to 543 this section, or any information contained therein, to any 544 federal, state, or local law enforcement or prosecutorial 545 agency, and any federal or state agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions, if the 546 547 provision of such report is otherwise required by law. 548 (6) If the office determines under subsection (3) that a 549 financial institution has acted in bad faith, the aggrieved 550 customer or member of the financial institution has a cause of

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552	recover damages therefor in any court of competent jurisdiction,						
553	together with costs and reasonable attorney fees to be assessed						
554	by the court. To recover damages under this subsection, the						
555	customer or member must establish that, beyond a reasonable						
556	doubt, the financial institution acted in bad faith in						
557	terminating, suspending, or taking similar action restricting						
558	access to the customer's or member's account. The office's						
559	determination that the financial institution has acted in bad						
560	faith pursuant to subsection (3) does not, in and of itself,						
561	establish beyond a reasonable doubt that the financial						
562	institution acted in bad faith in the termination, suspension,						
563	or similar action restricting access to the customer's or						
564	member's account. A customer's or member's failure to initiate a						
565	cause of action under this subsection within 12 months after the						
	office's finding of bad faith pursuant to subsection (3) bars						
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567 568 569 570 571 572	recovery of any filed claims thereafter. (7) By July 1, 2024, the office shall make available on its website the information necessary for a customer or member of a financial institution to file a complaint with the office under subsection (1). Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section						
567 568 569 570 571 572 573	recovery of any filed claims thereafter. (7) By July 1, 2024, the office shall make available on its website the information necessary for a customer or member of a financial institution to file a complaint with the office under subsection (1). Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 791.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:						

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576 explosive composition or substance or combination of substances 577 or, except as hereinafter provided, any article prepared for the 578 purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, 579 explosion, deflagration, or detonation. The term includes blank 580 cartridges and toy cannons in which explosives are used, the 581 type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel them, 582 firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, dago bombs, 583 and any fireworks containing any explosives or flammable 584 compound or any tablets or other device containing any explosive 585 substance.

586 Section 14. Section 791.012, Florida Statutes, is amended 587 to read:

588 791.012 Minimum fireworks safety standards.-The outdoor 589 display of fireworks in this state shall be governed by the 590 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1123, Code for 591 Fireworks Display, 2018 1995 Edition, approved by the American 592 National Standards Institute. Any state, county, or municipal 593 law, rule, or ordinance may provide for more stringent 594 regulations for the outdoor display of fireworks, but in no 595 event may any such law, rule, or ordinance provide for less 596 stringent regulations for the outdoor display of fireworks. The 597 division shall promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of 598 this section. The Code for Fireworks Display shall not govern 599 the display of any fireworks on private, residential property and shall not govern the display of those items included under 600

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s. 791.01(4)(b) and (c) and authorized for sale thereunder.
Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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