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1	Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Civil Justice & Claims	
2	Subcommittee	
3	Representative Donalds offered the following:	
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5	Amendment (with title amendment)	
5 6	Amendment (with title amendment) Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:	
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6 7	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 718.116, Florida	
6 7 8	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 718.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:	
6 7 8 9	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 718.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 718.116 Assessments; liability; lien and priority;	
6 7 8 9 10	Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 718.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 718.116 Assessments; liability; lien and priority; interest; collection	
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18	mortgagee, or a unit mortgagee's designee, an association shall
19	issue such certificate to the requesting party within 10
20	business days. The estoppel certificate shall be delivered by
21	United States mail, by hand delivery, or by electronic
22	transmission, to the requesting party on the date of issuance.
23	For purposes of this section, deposit of the certificate in the
24	United States mail or the electronic delivery of a downloadable
25	link to the certificate, shall constitute delivery. Within 15
26	days after receiving a written request therefor from a unit
27	owner or his or her designee, or a unit mortgagee or his or her
28	designee, the association shall provide a certificate signed by
29	an officer or agent of the association stating all assessments
30	and other moneys owed to the association by the unit owner with
31	respect to the condominium parcel.
32	(a) The estoppel certificate must contain all of the
33	following information as set forth in the official records of
34	the association and may include additional information as
35	determined by the association:
36	1. Date of issuance;
37	2. Name of unit owner reflected in the books and records of
38	the association;
39	3. Unit designation and address;
40	4. Attorney's name and contact information if the account
41	is delinquent and has been turned over to an attorney for
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42	collection;
43	5. Fee for the preparation and delivery of the estoppel
44	certificate;
45	6. Name of the requestor;
46	7. The amount and frequency of the regular periodic
47	assessment against the unit;
48	8. The date through which the regular periodic assessment
49	is paid;
50	9. The date upon which the next installment of the regular
51	periodic assessment is due;
52	10. An itemized list of all assessments , special
53	assessments, and other moneys owed by the unit owner to the
54	association on the date of issuance;
55	11. An itemized list of any additional assessments, special
56	assessments, and other moneys that are scheduled to become due
57	during the estoppel certificate's effective period that are
58	known on the date of issuance;
59	12. Whether there is a capital contribution fee, resale
60	fee, transfer fee, association application fee or other fee due
61	and, if so, the type and amount of the fee due;
62	13. Whether there are any open violations of the governing
63	documents or rules and regulations of the association noticed to
64	the unit owner in the association's official records;
65	14. The contact information for all insurance maintained by
66	the association; and
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68 association. Any person other than the owner who relies upon	
69 such certificate shall be protected thereby.	
70 (b) An estoppel certificate that is hand delivered or sen	t
71 by electronic means has a 30-day effective period. An estoppel	
72 certificate that is sent by regular mail has a 35-day effectiv	0
73 period. If additional information or a mistake related to the	
74 estoppel certificate becomes known to the association within t	he
75 effective period, an amended estoppel certificate may be	
76 delivered and becomes effective if a sale or refinancing of th	0
77 unit has not been completed during the effective period. A fee	
78 may not be charged for such an amended estoppel certificate. A	<u>n</u>
79 amended estoppel certificate must be delivered on the date of	
80 issuance, and a new 30-day or 35-day effective period begins o	<u>n</u>
81 <u>such date.</u>	
82 (c) An association waives the right to collect any moneys	
83 owed prior to the date of issuance in excess of the amounts	
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92 contained in s. 718.112(2)(i), an the association or its 93 authorized agent may charge a reasonable fee for the preparation 94 and delivery of an estoppel certificate, which may not exceed 95 \$250 if, on the date the certificate is issued, no delinquent 96 amounts are owed to the association for the applicable unit. If 97 an estoppel certificate is requested on an expedited basis and 98 delivered within 3 business days after the request, the 99 association may charge an additional fee of \$100. If an estoppel 100 certificate is requested and delivered on a more expedited basis which is less than 3 business days, the association may charge 101 102 such additional fee as the association and the party requesting 103 the estoppel certificate may mutually agree. If a delinquent 104 amount is owed to the association for the applicable unit, an 105 additional fee for the estoppel certificate may not exceed \$200 106 for the preparation of the certificate. The amount of the fee 107 must be included on the certificate. 108 (f) If an association receives a request for an estoppel 109 certificate from a unit owner or the unit owner's designee, or a 110 unit mortgagee or the unit mortgagee's designee, and fails to 111 deliver the estoppel certificate within 10 business days, a fee may not be charged for the preparation and delivery of that 112 113 estoppel certificate. (g) If estoppel certificates for multiple units owned by 114 115 the same owner are simultaneously requested from the same 116 association and there are no past due monetary obligations owed PCS for HB 483 Strike1 Published On: 3/9/2017 5:23:50 PM

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117	to the association, the statement of moneys due for those units
118	may be delivered in one or more estoppel certificates, and, even
119	though the fee for each unit shall be computed as set forth in
120	paragraph (e), the total fee that the association may charge for
121	the preparation and delivery of the estoppel certificates may
122	not exceed, in the aggregate:
123	1. For 25 or fewer units, \$750.
124	2. For 26 to 50 units, \$1,000.
125	3. For 51 to 100 units, \$1,500.
126	4. For more than 100 units, \$2,500.
127	<u>(h)</u> The authority to charge a fee for the preparation
128	and delivery of the estoppel certificate must shall be
129	established by a written resolution adopted by the board or
130	provided by a written management, bookkeeping, or maintenance
131	contract and is payable <u>at the time</u> <del>upon the preparation of</del> the
132	certificate <u>is ordered</u> . If <u>a fee for an estoppel certificate is</u>
133	paid in conjunction with the sale or mortgage of a unit but the
134	closing does not occur and no later than 30 days after the
135	closing date for which the certificate was sought the preparer
136	receives a written request, accompanied by reasonable
137	documentation that the closing sale did not occur from a payor
138	that is not the unit owner, then the fee shall be refunded to
139	that payor within 30 days after receipt of the request. The
140	refund is the obligation of the unit owner, and the association
141	may collect it from that owner in the same manner as an
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142 assessment against the unit as provided in this chapter the 143 certificate is requested in conjunction with the sale or 144 mortgage of a unit but the closing does not occur and no later than 30 days after the closing date for which the certificate 145 146 was sought the preparer receives a written request, accompanied 147 by reasonable documentation, that the sale did not occur from a payor that is not the unit owner, the fee shall be refunded to 148 that payor within 30 days after receipt of the request. The 149 refund is the obligation of the unit owner, and the association 150 151 may collect it from that owner in the same manner as an 152 assessment as provided in this section.

153 (i) In the event the association fails to issue a refund 154 within the 30 day time period set forth in subparagraph (h), and 155 after all conditions precedent to the issuance of such refund 156 have been satisfied, the payor shall so notify the association 157 in writing. If the association fails to issue the refund within 158 5 days from the date of such notice, the payor shall be entitled 159 to, and the association shall be required to refund to the 160 payor, a sum equal to 3 times the original refund amount. 161 (j) The right to a refund as set forth in this section may

162 <u>not be abrogated or abridged by the association or its agent,</u> 163 <u>and any language to the contrary contained within the estoppel</u> 164 <u>certificate shall be a nullity and be given no force or effect.</u> 165 <u>A payor receiving an estoppel certificate containing language</u> 166 indicating that the fee for an estoppel is non-refundable in

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167 full or in part shall be entitled to recover actual damages or 168 minimum damages for the association's failure to comply with 169 this subsection. The minimum damages shall be equal to 3 times the original refund amount. 170 171 (k) The fees set forth in this section shall be adjusted 172 every 3 years in an amount equal to the annual increases for that 3-year period in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban 173 Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items. The Department of 174 175 Business and Professional Regulation shall periodically 176 calculate the fees, rounded to the nearest dollar, and publish 177 the amounts, as adjusted, on its website. 178 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 719.108, Florida 179 Statutes, is amended to read: 719.108 Rents and assessments; liability; lien and 180 181 priority; interest; collection; cooperative ownership.-182 (6) An association shall designate, and provide when 183 requested, the name and physical or electronic address of a 184 person or entity to be responsible for receiving requests for 185 issuance of an estoppel certificate. In addition, associations 186 having a website shall make such information available thereon. 187 Upon receiving a written or electronic request for an estoppel certificate from a unit owner, a unit owner's designee, a unit 188 mortgagee, or a unit mortgagee's designee, an association shall 189 190 issue such certificate to the requesting party within 10 191 business days. The estoppel certificate shall be delivered by PCS for HB 483 Strike1 Published On: 3/9/2017 5:23:50 PM

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192	United States mail, by hand delivery, or by electronic
193	transmission, to the requesting party on the date of issuance.
194	For purposes of this section, deposit of the certificate in the
195	United States mail or the electronic delivery of a downloadable
196	link to the certificate, shall constitute delivery. Within 15
197	days after request by a unit owner or mortgagee, the association
198	shall provide a certificate stating all assessments and other
199	moneys owed to the association by the unit owner with respect to
200	the cooperative parcel. Any person other than the unit owner who
201	relies upon such certificate shall be protected thereby.
202	(a) The estoppel certificate must contain all of the
203	following information as set forth in the official records of
204	the association and may include additional information as
205	determined by the association:
206	1. Date of issuance;
207	2. Name of unit owner reflected in the books and records of
208	the association;
209	3. Unit designation and address;
210	4. Attorney's name and contact information if the account
211	is delinquent and has been turned over to an attorney for
212	collection;
213	5. Fee for the preparation and delivery of the estoppel
214	certificate;
215	6. Name of the requestor;
216	7. The amount and frequency of the regular periodic
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217	assessment against the unit;
218	8. The date through which the regular periodic assessment
219	is paid;
220	9. The date upon which the next installment of the regular
221	periodic assessment is due;
222	10. An itemized list of all assessments , special
223	assessments, and other moneys owed by the unit owner to the
224	association on the date of issuance;
225	11. An itemized list of any additional assessments, special
226	assessments, and other moneys that are scheduled to become due
227	during the estoppel certificate's effective period that are
228	known on the date of issuance;
229	12. Whether there is a capital contribution fee, resale
230	fee, transfer fee, association application fee or other fee due
231	and, if so, the type and amount of the fee due;
232	13. Whether there are any open violations of the governing
233	documents or rules and regulations of the association noticed to
234	the unit owner in the association's official records;
235	14. The contact information for all insurance maintained by
236	the association; and
237	15. The signature of an officer or authorized agent of the
238	association.
239	(b) An estoppel certificate that is hand delivered or sent
240	by electronic means has a 30-day effective period. An estoppel
241	certificate that is sent by regular mail has a 35-day effective
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242 period. If additional information or a mistake related to the 243 estoppel certificate becomes known to the association within the 244 effective period, an amended estoppel certificate may be delivered and becomes effective if a sale or refinancing of the 245 246 unit has not been completed during the effective period. A fee 247 may not be charged for such an amended estoppel certificate. An 248 amended estoppel certificate must be delivered on the date of 249 issuance, and a new 30-day or 35-day effective period begins on 250 such date. 251 (c) An association waives the right to collect any moneys 252 owed prior to the date of issuance in excess of the amounts 253 specified in the estoppel certificate from any person who, or on 254 whose behalf the certificate was requested, and from such 255 person's successors and assigns. 256 (d) A summary proceeding pursuant to s. 51.011 may be 257 brought to compel compliance with this subsection, and in any 258 such action the prevailing party is entitled to recover 259 reasonable attorney fees. 260 (e) Notwithstanding any limitation on transfer fees 261 contained in s. 719.106(1)(i), an the association or its 262 authorized agent may charge a reasonable fee for the preparation 263 and delivery of the estoppel certificate, which may not exceed \$250 if, on the date the certificate is issued, no delinquent 264 265 amounts are owed to the association for the applicable unit. If an estoppel certificate is requested on an expedited basis and 266 PCS for HB 483 Strike1 Published On: 3/9/2017 5:23:50 PM

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267 delivered within 3 business days after the request, the 268 association may charge an additional fee of \$100. If an estoppel 269 certificate is requested and delivered on a more expedited basis which is less than 3 business days, the association may charge 270 271 such additional fee as the association and the party requesting 272 the estoppel certificate may mutually agree. If a delinquent 273 amount is owed to the association for the applicable unit, an 274 additional fee for the estoppel certificate may not exceed \$200. 275 (f) If an association receives a request for an estoppel 276 certificate from a unit owner or the unit owner's designee, or a 277 unit mortgagee or the unit mortgagee's designee, and fails to 278 deliver the estoppel certificate within 10 business days, a fee 279 may not be charged for the preparation and delivery of that 280 estoppel certificate. 281 (q) If estoppel certificates for multiple units owned by 282 the same owner are simultaneously requested from the same 283 association and there are no past due monetary obligations owed 284 to the association, the statement of moneys due for those units 285 may be delivered in one or more estoppel certificates, and, even 286 though the fee for each unit shall be computed as set forth in 287 paragraph (e), the total fee that the association may charge for 288 the preparation and delivery of the estoppel certificates may not exceed, in the aggregate: 289 1. For 25 or fewer units, \$750. 290 291 2. For 26 to 50 units, \$1,000. PCS for HB 483 Strike1 Published On: 3/9/2017 5:23:50 PM

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292 3. For 51 to 100 units, \$1,500. 293 4. For more than 100 units, \$2,500. 294 (h) The authority to charge a fee for the preparation and delivery of the estoppel certificate must be established by a 295 296 written resolution adopted by the board or provided by a written 297 management, bookkeeping, or maintenance contract and is payable at the time the certificate is ordered. If a fee for an estoppel 298 299 certificate is paid in conjunction with the sale or mortgage of 300 a unit but the closing does not occur and no later than 30 days 301 after the closing date for which the certificate was sought the 302 preparer receives a written request, accompanied by reasonable documentation that the closing sale did not occur from a payor 303 304 that is not the unit owner, then the fee shall be refunded to 305 that payor within 30 days after receipt of the request. The 306 refund is the obligation of the unit owner, and the association 307 may collect it from that owner in the same manner as an 308 assessment against the unit as provided in this chapter. 309 (i) In the event the association fails to issue a refund 310 within the 30 day time period set forth in subparagraph (h), and 311 after all conditions precedent to the issuance of such refund 312 have been satisfied, the payor shall so notify the association 313 in writing. If the association fails to issue the refund within 5 days from the date of such notice, the payor shall be entitled 314 315 to, and the association shall be required to refund to the payor, a sum equal to 3 times the original refund amount. 316 PCS for HB 483 Strike1 Published On: 3/9/2017 5:23:50 PM

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317	(j) The right to a refund as set forth in this section may
318	not be abrogated or abridged by the association or its agent,
319	and any language to the contrary contained within the estoppel
320	certificate shall be a nullity and be given no force or effect.
321	A payor receiving an estoppel certificate containing language
322	indicating that the fee for an estoppel is non-refundable in
323	full or in part shall be entitled to recover actual damages or
324	minimum damages for the association's failure to comply with
325	this subsection. The minimum damages shall be equal to 3 times
326	the original refund amount.
327	(k) The fees set forth in this section shall be adjusted
328	every 3 years in an amount equal to the annual increases for
329	that 3-year period in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
330	Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items. The Department of
331	Business and Professional Regulation shall periodically
332	calculate the fees, rounded to the nearest dollar, and publish
333	the amounts, as adjusted, on its website.
334	Section 3. Section 720.30851, Florida Statutes, is amended
335	to read:
336	720.30851 Estoppel certificates
337	(1) An association shall designate, and provide when
338	requested, the name and physical or electronic address of a
339	person or entity to be responsible for receiving requests for
340	issuance of an estoppel certificate. In addition, associations
341	having a website shall make such information available thereon.
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342	Upon receiving a written or electronic request for an estoppel
343	certificate from a unit owner, a unit owner's designee, a unit
344	mortgagee, or a unit mortgagee's designee, an association shall
345	issue such certificate to the requesting party within 10
346	business days. The estoppel certificate shall be delivered by
347	United States mail, by hand delivery, or by electronic
348	transmission, to the requesting party on the date of issuance.
349	For purposes of this section, deposit of the certificate in the
350	United States mail or the electronic delivery of a downloadable
351	link to the certificate, shall constitute delivery.
352	(a) The estoppel certificate must contain all of the
353	following information as set forth in the official records of
354	the association and may include additional information as
355	determined by the association:
356	1. Date of issuance;
357	2. Name of unit owner reflected in the books and records of
358	the association;
359	3. Unit designation and address;
360	4. Attorney's name and contact information if the account
361	is delinquent and has been turned over to an attorney for
362	collection;
363	5. Fee for the preparation and delivery of the estoppel
364	certificate;
365	6. Name of the requestor;
366	7. The amount and frequency of the regular periodic
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368	8. The date through which the regular periodic assessment
369	is paid;
370	9. The date upon which the next installment of the regular
371	periodic assessment is due;
372	10. An itemized list of all assessments , special
373	assessments, and other moneys owed by the unit owner to the
374	association on the date of issuance;
375	11. An itemized list of any additional assessments, special
376	assessments, and other moneys that are scheduled to become due
377	during the estoppel certificate's effective period that are
378	known on the date of issuance;
379	12. Whether there is a capital contribution fee, resale
380	fee, transfer fee, association application fee or other fee due
381	and, if so, the type and amount of the fee due;
382	13. Whether there are any open violations of the governing
383	documents or rules and regulations of the association noticed to
384	the unit owner in the association's official records;
385	14. The contact information for all insurance maintained by
386	the association; and
387	15. The signature of an officer or authorized agent of the
388	association.
389	(b) An estoppel certificate that is hand delivered or sent
390	by electronic means has a 30-day effective period. An estoppel
391	certificate that is sent by regular mail has a 35-day effective
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392 period. If additional information or a mistake related to the 393 estoppel certificate becomes known to the association within the 394 effective period, an amended estoppel certificate may be 395 delivered and becomes effective if a sale or refinancing of the 396 unit has not been completed during the effective period. A fee 397 may not be charged for such an amended estoppel certificate. An 398 amended estoppel certificate must be delivered on the date of issuance, and a new 30-day or 35-day effective period begins on 399 400 such date. 401 (c) An association waives the right to collect any moneys 402 owed prior to the date of issuance in excess of the amounts 403 specified in the estoppel certificate from any person who, or on 404 whose behalf the certificate was requested, and from such 405 person's successors and assigns. Within 15 days after the date 406 on which a request for an estoppel certificate is received from 407 a parcel owner or mortgagee, or his or her designee, the 408 association shall provide a certificate signed by an officer or 409 authorized agent of the association stating all assessments and 410 other moneys owed to the association by the parcel owner or 411 mortgagee with respect to the parcel. An association may charge 412 a fee for the preparation of such certificate, and the amount of 413 such fee must be stated on the certificate. (1) Any person other than a parcel owner who relies upon a 414 certificate receives the benefits and protection thereof. 415 416 (d) (2) A summary proceeding pursuant to s. 51.011 may be PCS for HB 483 Strike1 Published On: 3/9/2017 5:23:50 PM

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417 brought to compel compliance with this section, and the 418 prevailing party is entitled to recover reasonable <u>attorney</u> 419 <u>attorney's</u> fees.

420 (e) An association or its authorized agent may charge a 421 reasonable fee for the preparation and delivery of an estoppel 422 certificate, which may not exceed \$250 if, on the date the certificate is issued, no delinquent amounts are owed to the 423 association for the applicable unit. If an estoppel certificate 424 425 is requested on an expedited basis and delivered within 3 426 business days after the request, the association may charge an additional fee of \$100. If an estoppel certificate is requested 427 428 and delivered on a more expedited basis which is less than 3 429 business days, the association may charge such additional fee as 430 the association and the party requesting the estoppel 431 certificate may mutually agree. If a delinquent amount is owed 432 to the association for the applicable unit, an additional fee 433 for the estoppel certificate may not exceed \$200. 434 (f) If an association receives a request for an estoppel 435 certificate from a unit owner or the unit owner's designee, or a 436 unit mortgagee or the unit mortgagee's designee, and fails to 437 deliver the estoppel certificate within 10 business days, a fee 438 may not be charged for the preparation and delivery of that 439 estoppel certificate. (g) If estoppel certificates for multiple units owned by 440 441 the same owner are simultaneously requested from the same PCS for HB 483 Strike1

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450	2. For 26 to 50 units, \$1,000.
451	3. For 51 to 100 units, \$1,500.
452	4. For more than 100 units, \$2,500.
453	(h) (3) The authority to charge a fee for the preparation
454	and delivery of the estoppel certificate must shall be
455	established by a written resolution adopted by the board or
456	provided by a written management, bookkeeping, or maintenance
457	contract and is payable <u>at the time</u> <del>upon the preparation of</del> the
458	certificate <u>is ordered</u> . If <u>a fee for an estoppel</u> <del>the</del> certificate
459	is <u>paid</u> <del>requested</del> in conjunction with the sale or mortgage of a
460	parcel but the closing does not occur and no later than 30 days
461	after the closing date for which the certificate was sought the
462	preparer receives a written request, accompanied by reasonable
463	documentation, that the sale did not occur from a payor that is
464	not the parcel owner, the fee shall be refunded to that payor
465	within 30 days after receipt of the request. The refund is the
466	obligation of the parcel owner, and the association may collect
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467 it from that owner in the same manner as an assessment as 468 provided in this chapter section. 469 (i) In the event the association fails to issue a refund within the 30 day time period set forth in subparagraph (h), and 470 471 after all conditions precedent to the issuance of such refund 472 have been satisfied, the payor shall so notify the association in writing. If the association fails to issue the refund within 473 5 days from the date of such notice, the payor shall be entitled 474 475 to, and the association shall be required to refund to the 476 payor, a sum equal to 3 times the original refund amount. 477 (j) The right to a refund as set forth in this section may 478 not be abrogated or abridged by the association or its agent, 479 and any language to the contrary contained within the estoppel 480 certificate shall be a nullity and be given no force or effect. 481 A payor receiving an estoppel certificate containing language 482 indicating that the fee for an estoppel is non-refundable in 483 full or in part shall be entitled to recover actual damages or 484 minimum damages for the association's failure to comply with this subsection. The minimum damages shall be equal to 3 times 485 486 the original refund amount. 487 (2) The fees set forth in this section shall be adjusted 488 every 3 years in an amount equal to the annual increases for that 3-year period in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban 489 Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items. The Department of 490 491 Business and Professional Regulation shall periodically PCS for HB 483 Strike1 Published On: 3/9/2017 5:23:50 PM

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492	calculate the fees, rounded to the nearest dollar, and publish
493	the amounts, as adjusted, on its website.
494	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.
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497	TITLE AMENDMENT
498	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
499	An act relating to estoppel certificates; amending ss. 718.116,
500	719.108, and 720.30851, F.S.; revising requirements relating to
501	the issuance of an estoppel certificate to specified persons;
502	requiring a condominium, cooperative, or homeowners' association
503	to designate a street or e-mail address when requested and on
504	its website for estoppel certificate requests; specifying
505	delivery requirements for an estoppel certificate; requiring
506	that an estoppel certificate contain certain information;
507	providing an effective period for an estoppel certificate based
508	upon the date of issuance and form of delivery; providing that
509	an association waives a specified claim against a person or such
510	person's successors or assigns who rely on the estoppel
511	certificate; prohibiting an association from charging a
512	preparation and delivery fee or making certain claims if it
513	fails to deliver an estoppel certificate within certain
514	timeframes; revising fee requirements for preparing and
515	delivering an estoppel certificate under various circumstances;
516	authorizing the statement of moneys due to be delivered in one
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517 or more estoppel certificates under certain circumstances; 518 providing limits on a total fee charged for the preparation and 519 delivery of estoppel certificates; requiring the fee for an estoppel certificate to be paid from specified proceeds under 520 521 certain circumstances; requiring that the authority to charge a 522 fee for the estoppel certificate be established by a specified written resolution or provided by a written management, 523 bookkeeping, or maintenance contract; providing penalties for 524 not issuing a refund in a timely manner; providing that the 525 right to a refund may not be abrogated or abridged; providing 526 527 penalties for an association indicating the right to a refund is 528 abrogated or abridged; deleting obsolete provisions; conforming 529 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective 530 date.

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