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Meeting Packet

Ben Albritton Chair



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Steve Crisafulli Speaker Ben Albritton Chair

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AGENDA 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Reed Hall

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Chair's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2016-17
- III. CS/HB 641 Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services by Trumbull
- IV. HB 989 Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment by Harrell
- V. HB 1205 Fumigation by Magar
- VI. HB 4035 Pesticide Registration by Combee
- VII. Closing/Adjournment

CS/HB 641

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #:CS/HB 641Department of Agriculture and Consumer ServicesSPONSOR(S):Business & Professions Subcommittee;TrumbullTIED BILLS:HB 643IDEN./SIM. BILLS:CS/SB 772

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
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2) Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee		Lolley of	Massengale Sm
3) Regulatory Affairs Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill contains modifications to several licensing and consumer services activities under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department). Specifically, the bill:

- Provides that veterans and their spouses applying for certain licenses and registrations shall have initial fees waived if recently discharged from a branch of the United States Armed Forces;
- Removes the requirement that one of the board members of the Board of Surveying and Mapping be specialized in photogrammetry;
- Clarifies that telemarketers only have to disclose actual physical locations of operations;
- Exempts certain water-related amusement rides from inspection at facilities not open to the general public, if:
 - o The ride is an incidental amenity operated by a licensed lodging or food service establishment;
 - The ride is an incidental amenity at a private, membership-only facility; or,
 - $\circ\;$ The ride is located at a nonprofit charitable permanent facility.
- Clarifies several fees and standards related to weights and measures in chapters 527 & 531, F.S.;
- Removes "personal trainers," "tour guides," and "tour guide services" from regulation;
- Allows a certificate from the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearm Instructors and the Second Amendment Foundation Training Division to qualify an applicant for a Class "K" Firearm Instructor license;
- Requires the Department to participate in FDLE's Applicant Fingerprint Retention and Notification Program and requires licensees to submit fingerprints and pay retention fees for state and federal fingerprint retention programs;
- Makes several amendments to concealed weapons licensing, including amending the eligibility
 requirements to clarify what crimes would disqualify an applicant, requiring a live fire demonstration by the
 trainee in the physical presence of the trainer, and reducing the fee for initial licensure and renewal by \$10;
- Provides that lienholders may post a bond to secure the release of a motor vehicle that the lienholder has a security interest in, which is currently being held by a motor vehicle repair shop with a possessory lien;
- Provides that the Department may send notice of a suspension or revocation of a concealed weapons license by first-class mail or e-mail, if notice by certified mail is returned undeliverable; and,
- Allows tax collectors to print and renew concealed weapons licenses on site.

The bill will have a significant fiscal impact on state government and the private sector, in part, due to the veteran fee waiver programs and the concealed weapons license fee reduction. See Fiscal Analysis & Economic Impact Statement for more details.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the bill, the effective date of the bill is July 1, 2016.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Department's mission is to safeguard the public and support Florida's agricultural economy by:

- Ensuring the safety and wholesomeness of food and other consumer products through inspection and testing programs;
- Protecting consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices and providing consumer information;
- Assisting Florida's farmers and agricultural industries with the production and promotion of agricultural products; and
- Conserving and protecting the state's agricultural and natural resources by reducing wildfires, promoting environmentally safe agricultural practices, and managing public lands.

The Division of Consumer Services is the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints, information and protection, including operating Florida's Do Not Call List. Various businesses, such as Pawnbrokers, Health Studios, Sellers of Travel, Professional Surveyors and Mappers, and Telemarketing, are regulated by the Division of Consumer Services. Additionally, the Division of Consumer Services regulates standards for gasoline, brake fluid, antifreeze, liquefied petroleum gas, amusement rides, and weighing and measuring devices.

The Division of Licensing within the Department is responsible for protecting the public from unethical business practices on the part of persons providing private security, private investigative and recovery services to the public through licensure and regulation of those industries pursuant to Chapter 493, F.S. Additionally, the Division of Licensing is responsible for the issuance of Concealed Weapon or Firearm Licenses in accordance with s. 790.06, F.S.

Military Veteran Fee Waivers

Current Situation

The Division of Consumer Services regulates and licenses surveyors and mappers, health studios, telemarketing, intrastate movers, sellers of liquefied petroleum gasoline, pawn broking, motor vehicle repair, and sellers of travel. The Division of Licensing regulates and licenses private investigation, recovery, and security industries.

There are more than 231,000 veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars that currently live in Florida.¹ One of the greatest challenges facing returning veterans is finding gainful employment in a profession. Several Legislative initiatives have attempted to bridge this gap in recent years.²

Effect of the Bill

The bill provides that the Department shall waive the initial license or registration fees for certain professions and industries under the Division of Consumer Services for veterans. License or registration applications for veterans and their spouses submitted within **60 months** of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Services, including the initial license or

¹ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 4 (Nov. 17, 2015).
² In recent years, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Department of Health have begun waiving professional license fees for veterans. Specifically, Chapter 2014-1, Laws of Florida, amended s. 455.213, F.S., to allow the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to waive the initial licensing fee, initial application fee, and initial unlicensed activity fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse within 60 months of discharge. This same bill amended s. 456.013, F.S., and s. 468.304, F.S., to waive similar fees for the Department of Health.
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registration fees for business entities where a veteran or their spouse is the majority owner, shall be waived in the following industries and professions:

- Surveyors and mappers
- Health studios
- Telemarketing
- Intrastate movers
- Sellers of liquefied petroleum gasoline
- Pawn broking
- Motor vehicle repair
- Sellers of travel

The bill further provides the following licenses under the Division of Licensing shall have their fees waived for veterans honorably discharged within the past **24 months**:

- Firearm Instructor (Class K License)
- Private Security Agency Manager (Class MB License)
- Private Security Branch Office Manager (Class AB License)
- Private Security Officer School or Training Facility Instructor (Class DI License)
- Private Investigation Agency Manager (Class MA License)
- Private Investigation Branch Office Manager (Class AB License)
- Private Investigator (Class C License)
- Private Investigator Intern (Class CC License)
- Recovery Agency Manager (Class MR License)
- Recovery Agency School or Training Facility Instructor (Class RI License)
- Recovery Agent (Class E License)
- Recovery Agent Intern (Class EE License)

Security Officers (Class D License) and the Statewide Firearms License (Class G License) are not included in the veteran fee waiver proposal, although Class D Licensees currently do not have a license fee.

Veterans must provide the department with a copy of their DD Form 214, discharge papers, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or other acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to qualify for the waiver.

Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers

Current Situation

The Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers consists of nine total members, seven surveyors and mappers, of whom one is a photogrammetric mapper, and two consumer members. Each member is appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and each serves a 4 year term.³ The practice of surveying and mapping is governed by ch. 472, F.S. The Board has authority to adopt rules to implement ch. 472, F.S., subject to approval by the Department.⁴

Licensed surveyor and mappers provide data relevant to the shape, contour, gravitation, location, elevation, or dimension of land or land features on or near the earth's surface for engineering, mapmaking, mining, land evaluation, construction and other purposes.⁵

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http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Consumer-Services/Business-Services/Surveyors-and-Mappers. **STORAGE NAME**: h0641b.ANRAS.DOCX

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³ s. 472.007, F.S.

⁴ s. 472.008, F.S.

⁵ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, *Professional Surveyors and Mappers*,

The specialization of photogrammetry focuses on measuring a subject using high-quality images.⁶ Recent technological advances in digital cameras, computer processors, and computational techniques have increased access to accurate photogrammetry measurements.⁷ The Department reports that due to the changing shape of the profession, the subprofession of photogrammetry has greatly dwindled, and individuals are no longer taking the photogrammetrist exam.⁸

There are currently only 3 individuals designated as a photogrammetrist licensed in Florida, of which, one is a current second term board member and another is a previous board member.⁹ Due to a lack of interest in this specialization, the Board of Surveyors and Mappers has recommended that the statutory requirement of a photogrammetrist specialized board member be removed.¹⁰

Effect of the Bill

The bill provides that the Board of Surveyors and Mappers is no longer required to have one of the board members obtain the designation of photogrammetrist.

Telemarketing Physical Location

Current Situation

The Department has regulatory authority over telemarketing businesses and regularly conducts onsite investigations looking for unlicensed or unlawful activity. Telemarketing is regulated under Florida's Telemarketing Act, codified in ss. 501.601 – 501.626, F.S.

When applying to become a "commercial telephone seller," an applicant must provide a complete street address for each location from which an applicant will be "doing business."¹¹ An applicant is required to provide an address where the actual telemarketing operation is taking place.¹² A "mail drop" cannot be a location where an applicant will be doing business because by its nature a "mail drop" is shorthand for a location where mail is delivered and retrieved, but where no actual business occurs.¹³

Effect of the Bill

The bill revises s. 501.605, F.S., to remove the requirement to disclose whether a location where the applicant will be doing business is a "mail drop." The removal does not change the prohibition against listing a "mail drop" address as the principal place of business and should have no effect on the industry.

 7 Id.

⁶ See generally, Cutural Heritage Imaging, Photogrammetry: What is it?,

http://culturalheritageimaging.org/Technologies/Photogrammetry/ (last visited Nov. 18, 2015).

⁸ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 3-4 (Nov. 17, 2015). ⁹ Id.

¹⁰ *Id*.

¹¹ s. 501.059, F.S., defines "doing business in this state" as a business that conducts telephonic sales calls from a location in Florida or from other states or nations to consumers located in Florida. Although not directly stated, there is a strong implication that a location where an entity is "doing business" is the location where the telephonic sales call originates from. ¹² s. 501.605(2)(j), F.S.

¹³ s. 501.605(2)(j), F.S. See generally, Hertz Corp. v. Friend, 559 U.S. 77, 97 (2010) (stating that the "principal place of business" for jurisdictional purposes is a business's "nerve center," and that courts should ignore an alleged location that is "nothing more than a mail drop box.") STORAGE NAME: h0641b.ANRAS.DOCX

Safety Standards for Amusement Rides

Current Situation

The Bureau of Fair Rides Inspection within the Department (Bureau of Fair Rides) is assigned to inspect, investigate, and enforce the regulations related to amusement rides. The Bureau of Fair Rides has statewide responsibility to inspect all amusement rides in the state, except for certain large parks which have more than 1,000 employees and have full time inspectors on staff.

The Department has previously removed inspection requirements for private facilities such as residential community centers not open to the general public. The Department currently does not monitor waterslides at hotels that are not open to the public and do not allow day rates.¹⁴

When inspecting their own rides, the owners of fair rides fill out a Department approved form that is generalized and not customized for any specific ride.¹⁵ The Department reports that often owners will fill out the Department form and provide an inspection form provided by the ride's manufacturer.¹⁶

Effect of the Bill

This bill exempts from regulation and inspection any facility operating as a charitable entity licensed under chapter 496, F.S., which is not open to the general public. The Department states that only two companies would currently qualify under this exemption.¹⁷

The bill also expands the current residential inspection exemption to exempt private, membership-only facilities if the amusement ride is an incidental amenity and the facility is not open to the general public, is not primarily engaged in providing amusement, pleasure, thrills, or excitement, and does not offer day rates.

The bill allows the use of manufacturer inspection forms to be submitted to the Department in lieu of the Department's form, if the manufacturer's form is approved by the Department.

Fair ride owners must submit their new forms for approval. At a minimum, any submitted form must have the same information that is required on the Department's forms, which will continue to be used.

Streamlining of Standards Regulations

Current Situation

The Bureau of Standards is responsible for conducting inspections of petroleum distribution systems, analyzing samples of petroleum products, the accuracy of retail price scanners, packaged goods inspections, and ensuring hundreds of other products that are purchased daily by consumers and business meet safety and performance standards required by law.

The Bureau of Standards also contains the Department's metrology laboratory which maintains the state's primary standards of mass, length and volume and provides calibration services to the commercial measurement industry, scientific and law enforcement labs, manufacturers, and the aerospace and technology industries.

¹⁷ *Id.* **STORAGE NAME**: h0641b.ANRAS.DOCX **DATE**: 1/21/2016

¹⁴ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 8 (Nov. 17, 2015).

¹⁵ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 9 (Nov. 17, 2015). ¹⁶ *Id.*

Vehicles transporting liquid petroleum gas in bulk must be registered with the Department and are accessed a \$50 fee. ¹⁸ Liquid petroleum gas truck meters are also inspected and assessed a \$100 fee.¹⁹

"Weights and measures" is defined as "all weights and measures of every kind, instruments, and devices for weighing and measures, and any appliance and accessories associated with any or all such instruments and devices."²⁰

The Department charges and collects fees for metrological laboratory calibration and testing services, ranging from \$50 to \$250, depending on the test or calibration that is performed.²¹

When a specific weight or measures device is permitted by the Department, the permit is assigned to the person or business, as it may be, that owns or controls the weights and measures instrument or device. When a business transfers ownership of a weights and measures device, or should the ownership of a business be wholly or partially transferred to another person, s. 531.60, F.S., determines the status of a permitted weights and measures devices.

Effect of the Bill

The bill clarifies the intent of s. 531.60, F.S., and other sections within ch. 531, F.S., that a permit is issued to the person or business who owns the weights and measures instrument or device, and not to the device or instrument itself. The bill also requires the businesses to notify the Department within 30 days if there is a change in permit status, or if the permit will not be renewed.

The bill removes s. 531.60(3), F.S., which permits the Department to test instruments or devices that are not used commercially, if the instrument or device is permitted and the appropriate fees are paid. Currently, the Department does not permit non-commercial instruments or devices, thus, and may not test a non-permitted device.²² Additionally, the Department reports that private companies are available to provide testing for non-commercial instruments and devices.²³

The bill simplifies and clarifies the fees for several calibration and testing services, and clarifies that any item that is not in a condition that is ready to be tested may be refused by the Department. The Department reports instances of customers bringing dirty equipment to the lab for testing and being unable to clean these artifacts before testing.²⁴

Currently, all weights and measures permits are renewed annually and a permit expires one year following its date of issue.²⁵ The bill amends the annual renewal cycle to allow either annual or biennial permits, and to permit a person to elect whether their commercial use permit for a weights and measures device expires after one or two years.

Finally, the bill clarifies several of the fees required for certain weights and measures devices in s. 531.63, F.S., combines the two fees for transporting liquid petroleum gas into a single \$150 fee, and removes "grain moisture meters" from the list of devices that are permitted by the Department. The Department reports that "grain moisture meters" are no longer inspected by the Department and should be removed from the list.²⁶

²⁶ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 7 (Nov. 17, 2015).
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¹⁸ s. 527.021, F.S

¹⁹ s. 531.63(2)(i), F.S.

²⁰ s. 531.37(1), F.S.

²¹ s. 531.415, F.S.

²² s. 531.60(1), F.S.

 ²³ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 7 (Nov. 17, 2015).
 ²⁴ Id.

²⁵ s. 531.62, F.S.

Sellers of Travel

Current Situation

The Department is responsible for registering and regulating sellers of travel, who must register annually with the department and provide performance bonds if offering vacation certificates. A seller of travel offers prearranged travel or tourist-related services through vacation and tour packages, or through vacation certificates. The Department reports that the current statutes regulating sellers of travel, excepting language related to travel to terrorist nations, need updating to meet the changing marketplace.²⁷

Effect of the Bill

The bill removes regulation of "tour guides." The Department states that regulation of sellers of travel is focused on high-end vacations, typically bought weeks or months in advance. Tour guides, and same-day travel tours, are not a source of consumer complaints.²⁸

The bill amends the definition of "accommodations" to clarify that regulated accommodations do not include long-term home rentals covered under a lease pursuant to Chapter 83, F.S., Florida's Landlord and Tenant law.

The bill amends the definition of "vacation certificate" to clarify that a vacation certificate refers to an advance travel purchase, and does not include "travel if exact travel dates are selected, guaranteed, and paid for at the time of the purchase."

The bill amends the definitions of "prearranged travel," "purchaser," "satisfactory consumer complaint history," and "seller of travel" to remove references to tour guide services, sightseeing tours, and making technical changes.

The bill amends the registration requirements of sellers of travel to allow the Department to deny or refuse to renew a registration for a seller of travel based on a crime or civil penalty related to theft or embezzlement, and to revoke the registration should the seller of travel, or any of its directors, officers, owners, or general partners:

- Fail to meet the requirements of registration;
- Are convicted of a crime involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, dishonest dealing, or any other act of moral turpitude or any other act arising out of conduct as a seller of travel;
- Fail to satisfy a civil fine or penalty arising out of enforcement of a civil action involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, dishonest dealing, or any violation of the sellers of travel statutes or rules;
- Has pending any criminal, administrative, or enforcement proceedings based upon conduct involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, dishonest dealing, or any other act of moral turpitude or any other act arising out of conduct as a seller of travel; or,
- Has had a judgment entered against him or her in any action brought by the Department or the Department of Legal Affairs.

The bill removes a requirement that the Department respond to a seller of travel within ten working days about whether the materials submitted meet the statutory requirements of a vacation certificate, subsequent to the initial registration. Sellers of travel will also not be required to identify the number of vacation certificates to be issued or their expiration dates to the Department.

Vacation certificates will be required to include disclosure language in a 10-point font, and the Department will be required to review certificates and contracts for compliance with the disclosure requirements of s. 559.932, F.S.

The cancellation and refund provisions of vacation certificates are clarified to provide that a seller of travel must honor a cancellation request made within 30 days after the date of purchase or receipt, or when the accommodations or facilities are not available. The purchaser may accept comparable alternative accommodations or facilities.

Further, the bill amends and clarifies the intent required for violations made by sellers of travel, including clarifying it is a violation to knowingly make a false statement to the Department or any other governmental agency in response to an inquiry or investigation, or engage in any other fraudulent actions. The bill removes violations for payment-type requirements or any other methods of payment, requirements to state "This is an offer to sell travel" in an advertisement, and disclosure requirements of the seller's fixed business address in solicitations and contracts.

Health Studios

Current Situation

The financial and business methods of health studios are currently regulated by the Department because certain business practices have caused undue financial hardship on citizens within the state.²⁹ The definition of a "health studio" includes both persons who sell services, such as instruction or training in physical exercise, and the facilities, often referred to as "gyms," that contain training and workout equipment which may be contracted to be utilized in exchange for a membership fee.

A "personal trainer" is a person who provides services as an instructor or trainer for physical exercise, but does not necessarily associate with a specific gym. The Department reports that entities like personal trainers that are not affiliated with a gym do not pose a significant risk to consumers because they generally "do not issue extensive binding contracts, may or may not provide equipment, and do not collect monies more than 30 days in advance."³⁰ Despite this, personal trainers who are not affiliated with a gym, and who do not require payment more than 30 days in advance of services are required to register as a "health studio."

Effect of the Bill

The bill exempts a "personal trainer" from the definition of a "health studio" and defines a "personal trainer" as "an individual: (a) Who does not have an established place of business for the primary purpose of the conducting of physical exercise; (b) Whose provision of exercise equipment is incidental to the instruction provided; and (c) Who does not accept payment for services that are to be rendered more than 30 days after the date of payment."

Firearm Instructors for Concealed Carry Permits

Current Situation

In order to obtain a "G" Statewide Firearms License, an individual must receive training from a "K" Firearms Instructor.³¹ To become licensed as a "K" Firearms Instructor, an applicant must submit an application, a background history check, a full set of fingerprints, and provide one of the following certificates, which indicate a proficiency with firearms instruction:

³¹ s. 493.6113, F.S.,

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²⁹ s. 501.012, F.S.

³⁰ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 6 (Nov. 17, 2015).

- 1. The Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (FCJSTC) Instructor Certificate and an active firearms certification,
- 2. The National Rifle Association (NRA) Private Security Firearm Instructor Certificate, or;
- 3. A firearms instructor certificate issued by a federal law enforcement agency.

To become a general instructor with the FCJSTC, an application must be submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Florida General Instructor Techniques Course must be completed,³² and an instructional internship with a training center director or agency administrator must be completed.³³

Further, to possess an active Firearms Instructor Certification from the FCJSTC, an applicant must obtain the general instructor certification (either prior or concurrently),³⁴ obtain three years of experience as a certified criminal justice officer or in firearms instruction, complete the CMS Firearms Instructor Course,³⁵ and complete a high-liability instructor internship.³⁶

To obtain a private security firearm instructor certificate from the NRA, an applicant must be a current member of the NRA, the applicant's agency must be a member of the NRA,³⁷ and the applicant must complete the NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor School Course and obtain a course completion certificate.³⁸

To enroll in the NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor School, an applicant must be one of the following:

- A "sworn" law enforcement officer with at least three years of experience;
- A retired or previously employed "sworn" law enforcement officer with at least three years of experience as a law enforcement officer;
- A licensed "armed" private security officer with three years of experience as an armed private security officer;
- A current member of the United States Armed Forces, with a letter from their unit or command requesting admittance;
- A civilian employed as a full-time firearm instructor by a public law enforcement agency.³⁹

The requirements to obtain a firearms instructor certificate from a federal law enforcement agency vary between each agency; however, generally each agency will only instruct and provide certificates for current employees of the agency, active members of the United States Armed Forces, or state and local law enforcement agency partners.

Effect of the Bill

The bill provides that in addition to FDLE, the NRA, and federal law enforcement agencies, the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI) and the Second

³² The Florida General Instructor Techniques Course is a 64 hour course offered by an educational institutions approved by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. Applicants must complete this course within 4 years of applying for a certificate, or complete an 8 hour refresher course within 4 years of applying. 11B-35.007, F.A.C.

³³ 11B-20.001, F.A.C.

³⁴ Alternatively, an applicant may apply for a General Instructor Certification at the same time as he or she applies for a Firearms Certification.

³⁵ The CMS Firearms Instructor Course is a 44 hour training course. 11B-35.0024, F.A.C.

³⁶ 11B-20.0014, F.A.C.

³⁷ The agencies of applicants employed by law enforcement or the armed forces do not need to have NRA membership. *See* NRA, Application for Certification as a NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor, http://le.nra.org/documents/pdf/law/training/recert-application_form.pdf.

³⁸ The NRA's Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor Course is listed as a 40 hour course. *See* NRA, Instructor Development Schools, http://le.nra.org/training/instructor-development-schools.aspx (last visited Dec. 8, 2015).

³⁹ NRA, Instructor Development Schools, http://le.nra.org/training/instructor-development-schools.aspx (last visited Dec. 8, 2015). **STORAGE NAME**: h0641b.ANRAS.DOCX **PAGE: 9 DATE**: 1/21/2016

Amendment Foundation Training Division may provide the training and certification necessary for "K" firearms instructors in Florida.

Currently, in order to obtain certification from IALEFI, an applicant must successfully complete an instructor level training course approved by their state,⁴⁰ and complete a 40-hour course designed by IALEFI.⁴¹

Currently, in order to obtain certification with the Second Amendment Foundation Training Division, an applicant must have outstanding firearm handling safety skills, \$1,000,000 of liability insurance coverage, first aid, CPR, and AED certification, be at least 21 years old, must be able to legally possess and carry firearms under federal and state laws, and complete a five day Defensive Firearms Instructor Certification Course.⁴²

Similar to the NRA, both IALEFI and the Second Amendment Foundation Training Division are private entities, and as such, may increase or reduce the requirements to obtain their certification without consulting the Legislature or the Department.

Duration of a "K" License

Current Situation

In 2011, s. 493.6111, F.S., was amended to extend the duration of the validity of a "K" license from two to three years. However, s. 493.6113, F.S., still requires that all licenses under ch. 493, F.S., must be renewed biennially except for specific licenses, which must renew every three years.

Effect of the Bill

The bill amends s. 493.6113, F.S., to include Class "K" licenses within the group of specific licenses that do not have to renew biennially and which may be renewed every three years.

Licensee Fingerprint Retention

Current Situation

An individual who wishes to work in the private security, private investigative, or repossession industries that are regulated by the Department under chapter 493, F.S., must provide a set of fingerprints and submit to a criminal history background check. After a person has been licensed, the Department is mandated by s. 493.6118, F.S., to continually monitor weekly criminal arrests and match reports furnished by the FDLE to ensure that licensees remain eligible for licensure during the term of the license. The Department reports that the current process is very time consuming, based only on name-search criteria, and does not guarantee accurate identification.⁴³ When a match is found, the Division of Licensing manually reviews the demographic information of the arrested person with the demographic information of the matched licensee.

The Department additionally has difficulty identifying licensees who are arrested outside the State because FDLE is only able to provide reports of arrests that occur in Florida.

⁴³ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 5 (Nov. 17, 2015).
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⁴⁰ It is unclear based on the documentation provided what courses in Florida would meet this requirement, and if the instructor level training course must be general in nature or specialize in firearms training.

⁴¹ IALEFI, Firearms Instructor Development Course: Course Curriculum (June 2015) (on file with the Business and Professions Subcommittee).

⁴² Second Amendment Foundation Training Division, 5-Day Defensive Firearms Instructor Certification Course (on file with the Business and Professions Subcommittee).

Effect of the Bill

The bill requires the Department to participate in both a federal and state background check and fingerprint retention program. The state program is administered by FDLE and is referred to as the Applicant Fingerprint Retention and Notification Program (AFRNP) which allows for retention of applicant fingerprints within FDLE's Biometric Identification System.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) administers the federal program as part of its Next Generation Identification project, and retains fingerprints at the national level to provide a nation-wide database that the agency and participating state and local entities may use to identify fingerprints. In order for entities to participate in the federal program, fingerprints must be retained at the state level and subsequently enrolled through the state program into the FBI's program.

Participation in FDLE's Biometric Identification System requires an annual fee of \$6.00 for each year that a license is valid. Participation in the FBI's Next Generation Identification project requires a one-time fee of \$13.00 that covers the cost of fingerprint retention for as long as a license is valid.

These fingerprint retention programs would automate the manual practice of matching arrest records with licensees. Moreover, participation in the FBI's Next Generation Identification project allows the Department to receive information on arrests of licensees in any jurisdiction that also participates in the FBI's Next Generation Identification project.

The bill requires the Department to inform the agency that employs the licensee of any arrest, and the Department may initiate appropriate action against the license.

Starting January 1, 2017, the bill will require renewal licensees to re-submit their fingerprints and pay the processing and retention fees to be enrolled in the federal and statewide fingerprint retention programs if they have not already done so during initial licensure. Licensees will have to submit fingerprints and pay both processing fees upon the first renewal; all subsequent renewals will only require the licensee to pay statewide retention fees.

Residency Requirements

Current Situation

In 2012, the Department of Justice amended regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives removing a 90-day residency requirement for a permanent legal resident alien lawfully present in the United States to purchase or acquire firearms.

Based on the former federal requirement, an applicant for a private security, private investigative, or repossession license in Florida, who is a permanent legal resident alien, must reside for 90 days in the state shown on the application.

The Department reports that the 90-day residency requirement serves no practical purpose, and has caused frustration for new Florida residents who must wait before seeking employment in the private security, private investigative, or repossession industries, even if previously employed in another state in those industries.

Effect of the Bill

The bill amends Florida law to remove the 90-day residency requirement for legal resident aliens seeking licensure in the private security, private investigative or repossession industries.

A person who is not a United States citizen must still submit proof that she or he is deemed a permanent legal resident alien by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to receive a private security, private investigative, or repossession license.

Concealed Weapon Licensing Law

Current Situation: Application for Concealed Weapons License

An applicant may be disqualified from receiving a concealed weapons license, pursuant to s. 790.06(2)(k), F.S., if the applicant "...had adjudication of guilt withheld or imposition of sentence suspended on any felony or misdemeanor crime of domestic violence...." The Department reports that this has led to some confusion from applicants and licensees, who read this section to believe that only felonies of domestic violence and misdemeanors of domestic violence are disqualifying crimes, instead of all felonies and separately, misdemeanors of domestic violence.⁴⁴

The application for a concealed weapons license requires that applicants list their occupation, per s. 790.06(4)(a), F.S. The Department does not use or collect this information for any purposes related to licensure; an application is considered incomplete if the applicant fails to provide their occupation.⁴⁵

Currently an applicant for a concealed weapons license is not required by statute to provide personal identifying information, including height, weight, eye color, hair color, and other demographic information as required by federal law to process fingerprints of applicants.⁴⁶ However, the Department does request this information on the application.

Effect of the Bill: Application for Concealed Weapon License

The bill clarifies that all felonies are disqualifying crimes for which the Department may deny an applicant from receiving a concealed weapons license. The bill deletes misdemeanors of domestic violence, so that the new section reads, "...had adjudication of guilt withheld or imposition of sentence suspended on any felony..."

The bill creates a new subsection 790.06(2)(I), F.S., to clarify that, in addition to all felonies, misdemeanors of domestic violence shall disqualify an applicant from receiving a concealed weapons license.

The bill removes the requirement that an applicant provide their occupation, and includes a requirement that an applicant supply certain personal identifying information required by federal law to process fingerprints.

Current Situation: Expedited Consideration for Military Applications

Following the domestic terrorism attack on July 16, 2015, resulting in the murder of four United States Marines at a United States Armed Services recruiting center and a Naval Reserve Facility, Governor Scott issued Executive Order No. 15-137 on July 18, 2015. The order directed Florida Adjunct General Michael Calhoun to ensure that all qualified full-time guardsmen were adequately armed and stated that "for those Florida Guardsmen who need a new state concealed weapons permit, the state will support the expedited processing of licenses for those soldiers."⁴⁷

Following Gov. Scott's executive order, Commissioner Putnam announced on July 27, 2015, that the Department would expedite the applications of all active military and veterans applying for a concealed

⁴⁴ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 9 (Nov. 17, 2015). ⁴⁵ *Id*.

⁴⁶ *Id*.

⁴⁷ Office of the Governor, Exec. Order No. 15-137 (2015). STORAGE NAME: h0641b.ANRAS.DOCX DATE: 1/21/2016

weapons license.⁴⁸ There is neither a requirement nor prohibition in statute related to expedited consideration of concealed weapons licenses to any member of the general public.

Current Situation: Expedited Consideration for Military Applications

The bill creates s. 790.06(4)(f), s. 790.06(5)(f), F.S., and s. 790.06(6)(f), F.S., to provide that service members and veterans who identify themselves as such to the Department will have their application for a concealed weapons license expedited.

The bill provides that the application for a concealed weapons license shall include directions for an applicant who is a "service member, as defined in s. 250.01, or a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, to request expedited processing of his or her application."

The bill provides that a service member may submit either a "copy of the Common Access Card, United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, or current deployment orders" as proof of their status to receive expedited processing. A veteran may submit "a copy of the DD Form 214," or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to receive expedited processing.

Current Situation: Live Fire Requirements

Firearms instructors who provide the qualifying training for the Florida concealed weapons license, s. 790.06, F.S., "must maintain records certifying that he or she observed the student safely handle and discharge a firearm"; however, the language is unclear as to whether this observation must be made in the actual physical presence of the trainer. The current language is ambiguous as to whether remote viewing or reviewing a prerecording of a firearm discharge would satisfy this requirement, and the current language does not specify if the firearms trainer may use simulated ammunition or firearms to conduct the training.

Effect of the Bill: Live Fire Requirements

The bill requires a student discharge an actual firearm using functional ammunition in the physical presence of a trainer in order to qualify for a concealed weapons license. It also provides that firearm instruction must use a fully functional firearm with live ammunition.

Current Situation: Service Requirements for Notice of Suspension or Revocation

When an agency seeks to revoke or suspend a license, s. 120.60(5), F.S., requires either personal service or service by certified mail of the administrative complaint. When an agency cannot personally serve a licensee and service by certified mail is returned undeliverable, the agency must publish notice of revocation or suspension once each week for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county of the licensee's last known address.

Approximately 176,000 concealed weapons license holders live outside the state of Florida.⁴⁹ The Department currently spends approximately \$140,000 annually on publication. The Department notes that newspaper publication of a license holder's name and license number may violate s. 790.0601, F.S., which makes confidential and exempt the personal identifying information of a concealed weapons license holder.

⁴⁹ Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 641, p. 10-11 (Nov. 17, 2015).
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⁴⁸ See Kellan Howell, Florida OKs faster concealed weapons permits for military members, vets, WASHINGTON TIMES (Aug. 1, 2015), http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/aug/1/florida-oks-faster-concealed-weapons-permits-for-m/

Effect of the Bill: Service Requirements for Notice of Suspension or Revocation

The bill provides that the Department may forego the normal methods of providing administrative service or notice in s. 120.60(5), F.S., and provide service of a notice of the suspension or revocation of a concealed weapon or firearm license through certified mail, with return receipt requested, or through personal service.

Should the Department be unable to deliver notice through certified mail, the Department must attempt to provide notice through first-class mail or through e-mail, if the licensee provided an e-mail address to the Department.

The bill provides that mailing notice through regular mail is effective notice by operation of law, regardless of whether the licensee receives any actual or constructive notice. A licensee may request a hearing within 21 days of receiving delivery of the notice, or within 26 days of the date that the Department sent their notice to the licensee.

This provision of the bill may have constitutional concerns. See Comments, Constitutional Issues for discussion.

Current Situation: Renewal Notarization

Concealed weapons license renewal affidavits are required to be notarized pursuant to s. 790.06(11), F.S.

The Department indicated that a total of 1,282,036 concealed weapons licenses will expire over the next six years, and expects a renewal rate between 53 and 78 percent, for approximately 800,000 license renewals. The Department would like to automate its renewal process because the volume of renewals will be overwhelming without an online, automated system.⁵⁰

Effect of the Bill: Renewal Notarization

The bill removes the notarization requirement for concealed weapons licenses renewals and replaces it with a requirement that the form would be submitted under oath and under penalty of perjury.

This section would be effective upon becoming law.

Current Situation: Tax Collector Renewal Authority

As of July 1, 2014, select tax collectors' offices began accepting Florida Concealed Weapon or Firearm License applications on behalf of the Department. The service was made possible by the implementation of chapter 2014-205, Laws of Florida. Under this program, the Department can enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any constitutionally elected tax collector in Florida to allow the tax collector to provide concealed weapons license application intake services in his or her county.

The Department reports that this program has been successful and may help alleviate the anticipated workload of increasing new and renewal concealed weapons license applications.

Effect of the Bill: Tax Collector Renewal Authority

The bill provides that a tax collector who is accepting concealed weapons license applications may now also print and furnish a renewal license to a concealed weapons license holder. The Department must still approve the renewal prior to issuance.

Current Situation: Concealed Weapon License Fees

Concealed weapons license holders are required to pay an initial license fee of \$70, and a renewal fee of \$60.

Effect of the Bill: Concealed Weapon License Fees

The bill lowers the fees for concealed weapons licenses to \$60 for the initial license, and \$50 for the renewal.

Motor Vehicle Repair Bond and Lien Requirements

Current Situation

When performing labor or service upon the personal property of another, the person or business that performs the labor or service, such as a motor vehicle repair shop, is given a possessory lien upon the personal property that is improved by the labor or service.⁵¹ In the case of a motor vehicle, when an owner fails to make payment, this possessory lien (referred to as a "mechanic's lien") may be enforced by the sale of the motor vehicle, subject to certain procedures.⁵² A motor vehicle repair shop may charge storage fees for vehicles that are not timely retrieved following the completion of the labor or service.⁵³

While in possession of the vehicle, the mechanic's lien supersedes any other security interest on the vehicle, including a purchase-money security interest.⁵⁴ In the event that a motor vehicle is sold to enforce the mechanic's lien, the motor vehicle repair shop's lien and costs will be paid first, before any other lienholder is paid.

When there is a dispute over the cost of the repair, and the motor vehicle repair shop refuses to release the vehicle prior to the bill being paid, the owner of the vehicle may file a cash or surety bond with the clerk of the court to secure the release of the vehicle during the pending litigation.⁵⁵ Another lienholder, such as a party that has a purchase-money security interest in the vehicle, may not post a bond to obtain possession of the motor vehicle during any pending litigation.⁵⁶

Effect of the Bill

The bill defines a "lienholder" as "a person claiming an interest in or a lien on a vehicle" under s. 713.585(5), F.S. The bill defines a "lienor" as "a person claiming a lien for motor vehicle repair shop work" under ch. 713, F.S.

The bill reduces the notice period during which a motor vehicle repair shop must notify the owner, or any other lienholder, of the shop's intent to enforce the mechanic's lien on a vehicle from 15 days after the beginning of the assessment of storage charges to 7 days after the beginning of the assessment of storage charges to 7 days after the beginning of the assessment of storage charges.

⁵¹ s. 713.58, F.S.

⁵² s. 713.585, F.S.

 $^{^{53}}$ s. 679.2071(2)(a), F.S., (which provides "[r]easonable expenses, including the cost of insurance and payment of taxes or other charges, incurred in the custody, preservation, use, or operation of the collateral are chargeable to the debtor and are secured by the collateral.")

 $^{^{54}}$ s. 679.333, F.S., (which provides that "[a] possessory lien on goods has priority over a security interest in the goods unless the lien is created by a statute that expressly provides otherwise.") and s. 679.1031, F.S., (which describes a purchase-money security interest as a secured interest in a good that that is created in favor of the party that provides the money to another party to purchase the good.) 55 s. 559.917, F.S.

The bill provides that a lienholder, who is not the owner of the motor vehicle, may demand a hearing or to post a bond to have a motor vehicle released from the possession of a motor vehicle repair shop.

If the lienholder posts a bond and receives possession of the vehicle, the lienholder must return the vehicle to the owner within 5 days if the owner repays the lienholder for the amount of the bond, or agrees to repay the bond under terms agreeable to the lienholder, so long as the owner is not in default under the installment sales contract or title loan held by the lienholder. A lienholder may retain possession of the vehicle if the owner is in default until such time as the default is cured and the amount of the bond is repaid by the owner, or an arrangement agreeable to the lienholder is made with the owner.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 amends s. 427.007, F.S., revising the composition of the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers.

Section 2 amends s. 472.015, F.S., requiring the Department to waive the initial license fee for certain veterans.

Section 3 amends s. 493.6105, F.S., waiving the initial license fee for certain veterans for certain professions, authorizes certain fees for fingerprint retention programs, and revises Class "K" license certification requirements.

Section 4 amends s. 493.6106, F.S., removing residency requirements for Class "G" and Class "K" license applications.

Section 5 amends s. 493.6107, F.S., waiving the initial license fees for veterans for certain private investigative, private security, and repossession service licenses.

Section 6 amends s. 493.6108, F.S., requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to retain certain applicant's fingerprints, retain them in state and federal programs, and to report any arrest record information to the Department; requiring the department to provide information about an arrest of a licensee for certain crimes within the state to the agency that employs the licensee.

Section 7 amends s. 493.6113, F.S., clarifying the renewal requirements for Class "K" licenses.

Sections 8, 9, and 10 amend ss. 493.6202, 493.6302, & 493.6402, F.S., waiving initial license fees for veterans for certain private investigative, private security, and repossession service licenses.

Section 11 amends s. 501.0125, F.S., revising the definition of the term "health studio" and defining the term "personal trainer."

Section 12 amends s. 501.015, F.S., Section 14 amends s. 501.607, F.S., Section 15 amends s. 507.03, F.S., Section 16 amends s. 527.02, F.S., Section 25 amends s. 539.001, F.S., Section 26 amends s. 559.904, F.S., Section 28 amends s. 559.928, F.S., requiring the Department to waive the initial registration fee of certain professions for certain veterans and their spouses, or certain business entities that have a majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses.

Section 13 amends s. 501.605, F.S., prohibiting the use of a mail drop as a street address for the principal location of a commercial telephone seller and requiring the department to waive the initial commercial telephone seller license fee for certain veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or certain business entities that have a majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses.

Section 17 amends s. 527.021, F.S., deleting a provision requiring a fee for registering transport vehicles.

Section 18 amends s. 531.37, F.S., revising the definition of the term "weights and measures."

Section 19 amends s. 531.415, F.S., revising the fees for actual metrology laboratory calibration and testing services.

Section 20 amends s. 531.60, F.S., clarifying provisions of weights or measures.

Section 21 amends s. 531.61, F.S., clarifying provisions exempting certain instruments or devices from specified requirements.

Section 22 amends s. 531.62, F.S., specifying that the commercial use permit fee is based upon the number and types of instruments or devices permitted; revising the expiration date of the commercial use permit; requiring annual and biennial commercial use permit renewals to meet the same requirements.

Section 23 amends s. 527.63, F.S., revising the commercial use permit fees and fee structures.

Section 24 amends s. 531.65, F.S., clarifying that the department may use one or more of the prescribed penalties for the unauthorized use of a weights and measures instrument or device.

Section 27 amends s. 559.917, F.S., to provide definitions for "lienholder" and "lienor."

Section 28 amends s. 559.927, F.S., revising several definitions related to sellers of travel, tour guides, and vacation certificates.

Section 29 amends s. 559.928, F.S., revising the registration requirements for sellers of travel.

Section 30 amends s. 559.929, F.S., revising security requirements for vacation certificates.

Section 31 amends s. 559.9295, F.S., revising disclosure requirements and deleting provisions relating to the duties of the Department.

Section 32 amends s. 559.932, F.S., requiring a specified typeface point size for certain disclosures; requiring the Department to review copies of certain certificates and contracts for compliance with disclosure requirements.

Section 33 amends s. 559.933, F.S., making technical changes to requirements for sellers of travel.

Section 34 amends s. 559.9335, F.S., revising violations relating to the sale of travel.

Section 35 amends s. 559.935, F.S., deleting a provision requiring an affidavit of exemption to obtain a seller of travel affiliate exemption; adding embezzlement as a crime for which the department may revoke certain exemptions.

Section 36 amends s. 559.936, F.S., conforming cross-references.

Section 37 amends s. 616.242, F.S., exempting certain water-related amusement rides from inspection under certain situations; authorizing owners or managers of amusement rides to use alternative forms to record ride inspections and employee training.

Section 38 amends s. 713.585, F.S., providing that a lienholder with a security interest in a motor vehicle may post a bond with the clerk of the court to have the vehicle released from the possession of a motor vehicle repair shop with a possessory lien on the vehicle

Section 39 and Section 40 amend s. 790.06, F.S., revising the requirements for issuance or revocation of a concealed weapons license; reducing initial and renewal fees; providing a process for expediting applications for service members and veterans.

Section 41 amends s. 790.0625, F.S., authorizing certain tax collector offices, upon approval and confirmation of license issuance by the department, to print and deliver concealed weapons or firearm licenses.

Sections 42 and 43 amend ss. 559.9285 & 559.937, F.S., conforming terminology between the sellers of travel statutes.

Section 44 provides that, except as otherwise expressly provided in the bill, the effective date of the bill is July 1, 2016.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

- A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:
 - 1. Revenues:

Recurring

General Inspection Trust Fund

Although the number of veterans and veterans' spouses who will apply for the waivers is unknown, the Department estimates the revenue loss based on the following information. An estimated 231,000 veterans from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars live in Florida, which is 1.5 percent of the total population based on 2010 Census data. To estimate the potential loss, the Department doubled the percentage (3 percent) to account for spouses of military veterans who may be interested in the waivers. Using FY 2013-2014 data, the Department calculated the potential loss for each program and license type by multiplying the total number of applications from each program by 3 percent to determine the total number of applications waived. The number of applications waived was then multiplied by the corresponding fee according to program/license type to determine the loss of revenue.

	(FY 16-17)	(FY 17-18)	(FY 18-19)	
Military Veteran Fee Waiver	(\$51,250)	(\$51,250)	(\$51,250)	
Safety Standards for Amusement Rides	(\$2,280)	(\$2,280)	(\$2,280)	
General Inspection Trust Fund Loss	(\$53,530)	(\$53,530)	(\$53,530)	
Division of Licensing Trust Fund				
Military Veteran Fee Waiver	(\$164,965)	(\$164,965)	(\$164,965)	
Concealed Weapon License Fees				
New CW License Fee Reduction (\$10) Renewal CW License Fee Reduction (\$10)	(\$1,650,000) <u>(\$1,294,010)</u>	(\$1,550,000) <u>(\$1,240,260)</u>	(\$1,550,000) <u>(\$1,162,230)</u>	
Division of Licensing Trust Fund Loss	(\$3,108,975)	(\$2,955,225)	(\$2,877,195)	

General Revenue Service Charge

General Revenue Service Charge-Reduction Veteran Fee Waiver, Amusement Rides And Concealed Weapons Fee Reduction	(\$130,641)	(\$122,491)	(\$119,370)
General Revenue Service Charge-Increase Ch. 493 Fingerprint Retention	<u>\$104,408</u>	<u>\$104,408</u>	<u>\$47,137</u>
General Revenue Service Charge Loss	(\$26,233)	(\$18,083)	(\$72,233)
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Expenditures: Recurring	(FY 16-17)	(FY 17-18)	(FY 18-19)
	(FY 16-17)	(FY 17-18)	(FY 18-19)

The Department expects to reduce expenditures related to publishing costs for notifying out-of-state licensees of revocation or suspension of their concealed weapon license.

Nonrecurring

2.

Tax Collectors30 card printers to print and provide a renewallicense for concealed weapons license holders.\$120,000\$40,000

The Department will supply printers for tax collectors with existing resources.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

The bill waives the initial application fee for veterans and their spouses for the following industries and professions: surveyors and mappers, health studios, telemarketing, intrastate movers, LP gas, pawn broking, motor vehicle repair, and travel.

The bill eliminates the licensure fee for facilities operating as a charitable entity that have amusement rides that are not open to the general public and do not allow for day rates.

The bill provides that in addition to FDLE, the NRA, and federal law enforcement agencies, the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI) and the Second Amendment Foundation Training Division may provide the training and certification necessary for "K" firearms instructors in Florida.

The bill requires individuals who are seeking licensure or renewing a license under chapter 493 (private investigation, recovery, and security industries) to participate in the state and federal fingerprint

retention programs. Participation in the fingerprint retention program sponsored by the FBI would require payment of a \$13.00 fee at the time of initial application that would cover the cost of fingerprint retention for as long as a license is valid. Participation at the statewide level would require payment of an annual fee of \$6.00 for each year that a license is valid. Licensees, whose permits were issued prior to January 2017 must submit a fingerprint set at the time of renewal to be included in the new retention program. The national background check is \$14.75 and the state background check is \$15.00. Both are one-time fees.

The bill provides that service members and veterans, who identify themselves as such, will have their application for a concealed weapons license expedited.

The bill lowers the fee for concealed weapons licenses by \$10, from \$70 to \$60 for the initial license and from \$60 to \$50 for the renewal license.

The bill provides that a tax collector who is accepting concealed weapons license applications may print and furnish a renewal license to a concealed weapons license holder.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

Fingerprint Retention

New Applicants	(FY 16-17)	(FY17-18)	(FY 18-19)
Federal Bureau of Investigation	\$441,272	\$441,272	\$441,272
Florida Department of Law Enforcement	<u>\$ 203,664</u>	<u>\$203,664,</u>	<u>\$203,664</u>
Subtotal:	\$644,936	\$644,936	\$644,936

The Department estimates that 33,944 new applicants with a two-year license pay FBI's one-time \$13.00 fingerprint retention fee for life of license and FDLE's \$6 annual fingerprint retention fee (no charge for first year of new license).

Renewals	(FY 16-17)	(FY 17-18)	(FY 18-19)
Federal Bureau of Investigation	\$1,118,686	\$1,118,686	\$ 0
Florida Department of Law Enforcement	<u>\$846,573</u>	<u>\$846,573</u>	<u>\$533,481</u>
Subtotal:	\$1,965,259	\$1,965,259	\$533,481

The Department estimates 40,313 renewal applicants pay FBI's one-time \$13 fingerprint retention fee for as long as the license is valid and the national background check fingerprint fee of \$14.75. Since the fingerprint retention fee and the background check fee are one-time only, there will be no payment to the FBI for renewals of the two-year license after FY 2017-18. The FDLE's fingerprint retention fee is \$6 annually and the state background check fingerprint fee is a one-time only fee of \$15. An estimated 1,020 of the 39,650 have three-year licenses and are captured in FY 2018-19.

These fees will be collected by the Department and deposited in the Division of Licensing Trust Fund where they will then be disbursed to the FBI or FDLE for the administration of their fingerprint retention programs.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not Applicable. This bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditures of funds; reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have

to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

Procedural Due Process: Generally

The Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments intend fair process. "An elementary and fundamental requirement of due process in any proceeding that is to be accorded finality is notice reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objection."⁵⁷ The degree to which due process protections apply varies with the nature of the interests implicated.⁵⁸

The bill provides that the Department must attempt to deliver service of a notice of the suspension or revocation of a concealed weapon or firearm license by first-class mail or e-mail, when notice through certified mail is returned undeliverable. This method of notice may raise procedural due process concerns because it may not, under all the circumstances, apprise an interested party of the action.

The bill does not require return receipt when sending notice through first-class mail or e-mail, nor does it provide for procedures when the mail is returned undeliverable, and the bill eliminates the Department's responsibility to attempt constructive notice when all other attempts to provide actual notice have failed. Without confirmation of delivery, the Department may be unable to demonstrate that notice was effective, and may have to rely upon the rebuttable presumption that notice sent through regular mail is received by the intended party.⁵⁹

Single-Subject Requirement

Article III, Section 6, of the Florida Constitution provides in relevant part, "[e]very law shall embrace but one subject and matter properly connected therewith, and the subject shall be briefly expressed in the title." The primary purpose of Section 6 is to prevent logrolling: that is, the stringing together of bills on diverse subjects in order to gain support for the entire package. If logrolling were allowed, legislators would be forced to vote for provisions they did not support in order to gain passage of unrelated provisions.⁶⁰

The Florida Supreme Court has defined the single subject requirement as having three requirements. First, each law shall "embrace" only "one subject." Second, the law may include any matter that is "properly connected" with the subject. The third requirement, related to the first, is that the subject shall be "briefly expressed in the title."⁶¹

Motor vehicle repair shops are licensed under the Department; however, it is unclear if amendments to the procedures for mechanic liens are related to the subject of the bill because the Department generally does not enforce or regulate these types of liens. The bill generally relates to the regulation and enforcement of Department's administrative functions and mechanic liens may not be considered within that subject.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

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⁵⁷ Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 339 U.S. 306, 314 (1950).

⁵⁸ Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319 (1976); Hadley v. Dept. of Admin., 411 So.2d 184 (Fla. 1982).

⁵⁹ Compare, Shelley v. State, Dep't of Fin. Servs., 846 So. 2d 577, 577 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003).

⁶⁰ Department of Educ. v. Lewis, 416 So.2d 455 (Fla. 1982).

⁶¹ Franklin v. State, 887 So.2d 1063, 1072 (Fla. 2004).

The bill makes several changes to the application for a concealed weapons license (s. 790.06, F.S.), and the Department may be required to perform rulemaking to update any rules or forms that are affected by these changes under their current rulemaking authority.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On January 12, 2016, the Business & Professions Subcommittee adopted three amendments and reported the bill favorably as a committee substitute. The amendments:

- Provided technical changes to conform language for license and registration fee waivers.
- Amended the notice provisions for concealed weapon and firearm permitholders to provide notice of the suspension or revocation of a concealed weapon or firearm license by certified mail, and if the notice by certified mail is returned undeliverable, by first class mail or e-mail.
- Provided that a lienholder with a security interest in a motor vehicle may post a bond with the clerk of the court to have the vehicle released from the possession of a motor vehicle repair shop with a possessory lien on the vehicle.

The staff analysis is drafted to reflect the committee substitute.

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and
3	Consumer Services; amending s. 472.007, F.S.; revising
4	the composition of the Board of Professional Surveyors
5	and Mappers; amending s. 472.015, F.S.; requiring the
6	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
7	waive the initial land surveying and mapping license
8	fee for certain veterans, the spouses of such
9	veterans, or certain business entities that have a
10	majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses;
11	amending s. 493.6105, F.S.; waiving the initial
12	application fee for veterans for certain private
13	investigative, private security, and repossession
14	service licenses; revising certain fees for initial
15	license applications; revising the submission
16	requirements for a Class "K" license; amending s.
17	493.6106, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring that
18	certain applicants submit additional documentation
19	establishing state residency; amending s. 493.6107,
20	F.S.; waiving the initial license fees for veterans
21	for certain private investigative, private security,
22	and repossession service licenses; amending s.
23	493.6108, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law
24	Enforcement to retain fingerprints submitted for
25	private investigative, private security, and
26	repossession service licenses, to enter such
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27	fingerprints into the statewide automated biometric
28	identification system and the Federal Bureau of
29	Investigation's national retained print arrest
30	notification program, and to report any arrest record
31	information to the Department of Agriculture and
32	Consumer Services; requiring the department to provide
33	information about an arrest of a licensee for certain
34	crime within the state to the agency that employs the
35	licensee; amending s. 493.6113, F.S.; clarifying the
36	renewal requirements for Class "K" licenses; requiring
37	a person holding a private investigative, private
38	security, or repossession service license issued
39	before a certain date to submit, upon first renewal of
40	the license, a full set of fingerprints and a
41	fingerprint processing fee; amending ss. 493.6202,
42	493.6302, and 493.6402, F.S.; waiving initial license
43	fees for veterans for certain private investigative,
44	private security, and repossession service licenses;
45	amending s. 501.0125, F.S.; revising the definition of
46	the term "health studio"; defining the term "personal
47	trainer"; amending s. 501.015, F.S.; requiring the
48	department to waive the initial health studio
49	registration fee for certain veterans, the spouses of
50	such veterans, or certain business entities that have
51	a majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses;
52	amending s. 501.605, F.S.; prohibiting the use of a
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53	mail drop as a street address for the principal
54	location of a commercial telephone seller; requiring
55	the department to waive the initial commercial
56	telephone seller license fee for certain veterans, the
57	spouses of such veterans, or certain business entities
58	that have a majority ownership held by such veterans
59	or spouses; amending s. 501.607, F.S.; requiring the
60	department to waive the initial telephone salesperson
61	license fees for certain veterans, the spouses of such
62	veterans, or certain business entities that have a
63	majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses;
64	amending s. 507.03, F.S.; requiring the department to
65	waive the initial registration fee for an intrastate
66	mover for certain veterans, the spouses of such
67	veterans, or certain business entities that have a
68	majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses;
69	amending s. 527.02, F.S.; requiring the department to
70	waive the original liquefied petroleum gas license fee
71	for certain veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or
72	certain business entities that have a majority
73	ownership held by such veterans or spouses; amending
74	s. 527.021, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring a fee
75	for registering transport vehicles; amending s.
76	531.37, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
77	"weights and measures"; amending s. 531.415, F.S.;
78	revising the fees for actual metrology laboratory
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79	calibration and testing services; amending s. 531.60,
80	F.S.; clarifying the applicability of permits for
81	commercially operated or tested weights or measures
82	instruments or devices; requiring a new permit
83	application if a new owner acquires and moves an
84	instrument or a device; requiring a business to notify
85	the department of certain information under certain
86	circumstances; deleting a provision authorizing the
87	department to test weights and measures instruments or
88	devices under certain circumstances; amending s.
89	531.61, F.S.; clarifying provisions exempting certain
90	instruments or devices from specified requirements;
91	amending s. 531.62, F.S.; specifying that the
92	commercial use permit fee is based upon the number and
93	types of instruments or devices permitted; revising
94	the expiration date of the commercial use permit;
95	requiring annual and biennial commercial use permit
96	renewals to meet the same requirements; amending s.
97	531.63, F.S.; revising the commercial use permit fees
98	and fee structures; amending s. 531.65, F.S.;
99	clarifying that the department may use one or more of
1,00	the prescribed penalties for the unauthorized use of a
101	weights and measures instrument or device; amending s.
102	539.001, F.S.; requiring the department to waive the
103	initial pawnbroker license fee for certain veterans,
104	the spouses of such veterans, or certain business
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entities that have a majority ownership held by such 105 106 veterans or spouses; amending s. 559.904, F.S.; 107 requiring the department to waive the initial motor 108 vehicle repair shop registration fee for certain 109 veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or certain business entities that have a majority ownership held 110 111 by such veterans or spouses; amending s. 559.917, 112 F.S.; defining the terms "lienholder" and "lienor"; 113 revising provisions relating to the release of motor 114 vehicles from specified liens claimed by motor vehicle 115 repair shops; amending s. 559.927, F.S.; revising 116 definitions; amending s. 559.928, F.S.; revising the 117 registration requirements for sellers of travel; 118 requiring the department to waive the initial seller of travel registration fee for certain veterans, the 119 120 spouses of such veterans, or certain business entities 121 that have a majority ownership held by such veterans 122 or spouses; requiring each advertisement, each 123 certificate, or any other travel document to include a specified phrase; deleting a provision requiring an 124 125 advertisement to include a specified phrase; revising 126 the circumstances under which the department may deny or refuse to renew a registration; authorizing the 127 128 department to revoke the registration of a seller of 129 travel under certain circumstances; amending s. 130 559.929, F.S.; revising certain security requirements;

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131 amending s. 559.9295, F.S.; revising the requirements 132 that certain sellers of travel submit and disclose to the department; deleting provisions relating to the 133 134 duties of the department; amending s. 559.932, F.S.; requiring a specified typeface point size for certain 135 136 disclosures; requiring the department to review copies 137 of certain certificates and contracts for compliance 138 with disclosure requirements; amending s. 559.933, 139 F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 559.9335, 140 F.S.; revising violations relating to the sale of 141 travel; amending s. 559.935, F.S.; deleting a 142 provision requiring an affidavit of exemption to 143 obtain a seller of travel affiliate exemption; adding 144 embezzlement as a crime for which the department may 145 revoke certain exemptions; amending s. 559.936, F.S.; 146 conforming cross-references; amending s. 616.242, 147 F.S.; exempting water-related amusement rides operated 148 by lodging and food service establishments and 149 membership campgrounds, amusement rides at private, 150 membership-only facilities, and nonprofit permanent 151 facilities from certain safety standards; authorizing 152 owners or managers of amusement rides to use 153 alternative forms to record ride inspections and 154 employee training; amending s. 713.585, F.S.; revising 155 the timeframe for a motor vehicle repair shop to give 156 certain notice to the owners of vehicles for which the

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157 shop is a lienor; providing for owners of, or persons claiming an interest in or lien thereon, such vehicles 158 159 to post bonds to recover the vehicles; directing the 160 clerk of the court to issue certificates notifying 161 lienors of the posting of such bonds; providing 162 requirements for the release and recovery of such 163 vehicles; providing for the award of certain damages; providing requirements for final orders issued by the 164 165 court; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; revising the 166 requirements for issuance of a concealed weapon or 167 firearm license; requiring directions for expedited 168 processing requests in the license application form; revising the initial and renewal fees for a concealed 169 170 weapon or firearm license; providing a process for 171 expediting applications for servicemembers and 172 veterans; requiring that notice of the suspension or 173 revocation of a concealed weapon or firearm license or 174 the suspension of the processing of an application for 175 such license be given by personal delivery or first-176 class mail; specifying deadlines for requests for a 177 hearing for suspensions or revocations; specifying 178 standards of proof for notice of suspensions or 179 revocations; requiring concealed weapon or firearm 180 license renewals to include an affidavit submitted 181 under oath and under penalty of perjury, rather than a 182 notarized affidavit; amending s. 790.0625, F.S.;

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183	authorizing certain tax collector offices, upon
184	approval and confirmation of license issuance by the
185	department, to print and deliver concealed weapon or
186	firearm licenses; amending ss. 559.9285 and 559.937,
187	F.S.; conforming terminology; providing effective
188	dates.
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190	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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192	Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 472.007, Florida
193	Statutes, is amended to read:
194	472.007 Board of Professional Surveyors and MappersThere
195	is created in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
196	Services the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers.
197	(1) The board shall consist of nine members, <u>seven</u> six of
198	whom shall be registered surveyors and mappers primarily engaged
199	in the practice of surveying and mapping , one of whom shall be a
200	registered surveyor and mapper with the designation of
201	photogrammetrist, and two of whom shall be laypersons who are
202	not and have never been surveyors and mappers or members of any
203	closely related profession or occupation.
204	Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 472.015, Florida
205	Statutes, is amended to read:
206	472.015 Licensure
207	(3)(a) Before the issuance of any license, the department
208	may charge an initial license fee as determined by rule of the
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209 board. Upon receipt of the appropriate license fee, except as 210 provided in subsection (6), the department shall issue a license 211 to any person certified by the board, or its designee, as having 212 met the applicable requirements imposed by law or rule. However, 213 an applicant who is not otherwise qualified for licensure is not 214 entitled to licensure solely based on a passing score on a 215 required examination.

216 The department shall waive the initial license fee for (b) 217 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed 218 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that 219 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the 220 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by 221 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's 222 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To 223 qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department 224 a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 225 Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 226 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 227 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department 228 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United 229 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 230 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 231 232 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 233 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 234 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds

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235	a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
236	Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,
237	or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
238	Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
239	valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
240	of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time
241	of discharge.
242	Section 3. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of
243	section 493.6105, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (j) of
244	subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of that
245	section are amended, to read:
246	493.6105 Initial application for license
247	(1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
248	corporation, shall file with the department a complete
249	application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
250	except that the applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G" license
251	is not required to submit an application fee. The application
252	fee is not refundable.
253	(c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined
254	in s. 1.01, if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC,"
255	Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class
256	"MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24
257	months after being discharged from a branch of the United States
258	Armed Forces shall be waived. An eligible veteran must include a
259	copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
260	Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
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261 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 262 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver. 263 (3) The application must contain the following information 264 concerning the individual signing the application: 265 (j) A full set of fingerprints, a fingerprint processing fee, and a fingerprint retention fee. The fingerprint processing 266 and retention fees shall to be established by rule of the 267 268 department based upon costs determined by state and federal 269 agency charges and department processing costs, which must 270 include the cost of retaining the fingerprints in the statewide automated biometric identification system established in s. 271 272 943.05(2)(b) and the cost of enrolling the fingerprints in the 273 national retained print arrest notification program as required 274 under s. 493.6108. An applicant who has, within the immediately 275 preceding 6 months, submitted such fingerprints and fees fee for 276 licensing purposes under this chapter and who still holds a 277 valid license is not required to submit another set of 278 fingerprints or another fingerprint processing fee. An applicant 279 who holds multiple licenses issued under this chapter is 280 required to pay only a single fingerprint retention fee. 281 In addition to the requirements under subsection (3), (6)282 an applicant for a Class "K" license must: 283 Submit one of the following: (a) 284 1. The Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training 285 Commission Instructor Certificate and written confirmation by 286 the commission that the applicant possesses an active firearms Page 11 of 88

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287	certification.
288	2. The National Rifle Association Private Security Firearm
289	Instructor Certificate.
290	3. A firearms instructor certificate issued by a federal
291	law enforcement agency.
292	4. An International Association of Law Enforcement
293	Firearms Instructors certification.
294	5. A Second Amendment Foundation Training Division
295	Firearms Instructors certification.
296	Section 4. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
297	493.6106, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
298	493.6106 License requirements; posting
299	(1) Each individual licensed by the department must:
300	(f) Be a citizen or permanent legal resident alien of the
301	United States or have appropriate authorization issued by the
302	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the United
303	States Department of Homeland Security.
304	1. An applicant for a Class "C," Class "CC," Class "D,"
305	Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "M," Class "MA," Class
306	"MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license who is not a United
307	States citizen must submit proof of current employment
308	authorization issued by the United States Citizenship and
309	Immigration Services or proof that she or he is deemed a
310	permanent legal resident alien by the United States Citizenship
311	and Immigration Services.
312	2. An applicant for a Class "G" or Class "K" license who
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313 is not a United States citizen must submit proof that she or he 314 is deemed a permanent legal resident alien by the United States 315 Citizenship and Immigration Services, together with additional 316 documentation establishing that she or he has resided in the 317 state of residence shown on the application for at least 90 318 consecutive days before the date that the application is 319 submitted.

320 3. An applicant for an agency or school license who is not 321 a United States citizen or permanent legal resident alien must 322 submit documentation issued by the United States Citizenship and 323 Immigration Services stating that she or he is lawfully in the 324 United States and is authorized to own and operate the type of 325 agency or school for which she or he is applying. An employment 326 authorization card issued by the United States Citizenship and 327 Immigration Services is not sufficient documentation.

328 Section 5. Subsection (6) is added to section 493.6107, 329 Florida Statutes, to read:

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493.6107 Fees.-

331 (6) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in 332 s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "M" or 333 Class "K" license within 24 months after being discharged from 334 any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible 335 veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued 336 by the United States Department of Defense, or another 337 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department 338 of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to

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339 obtain a waiver. Section 6. Subsections (4) and (5) are added to section 340 341 493.6108, Florida Statutes, to read: 342 493.6108 Investigation of applicants by Department of 343 Agriculture and Consumer Services.-344 The Department of Law Enforcement shall: (4) 345 (a) Retain and enter into the statewide automated 346 biometric identification system established in s. 943.05(2)(b) 347 all fingerprints submitted to the Department of Agriculture and 348 Consumer Services pursuant to this chapter. 349 (b) When the Department of Law Enforcement begins 350 participation in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national 351 retained print arrest notification program, enroll such fingerprints in the program. The fingerprints must thereafter be 352 353 available for arrest notifications and all purposes and uses 354 authorized for arrest fingerprint submissions entered into the 355 statewide automated biometric identification system established 356 in s. 943.05(2)(b). 357 (c) Search all arrest fingerprints against fingerprints 358 retained. Report to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 359 (d) 360 Services any arrest record that it identifies or that is identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. 361 362 (5) If the department receives information about an arrest 363 within the state of a person who holds a valid license issued under this chapter for a crime that could potentially disqualify 364

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365 the person from holding such a license, the department must provide the arrest information to the agency that employs the 366 367 licensee. Section 7. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 493.6113, 368 369 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 370 493.6113 Renewal application for licensure.-371 A license granted under the provisions of this chapter (1) 372 shall be renewed biennially by the department, except for Class 373 "A," Class "B," Class "AB," Class "K," Class "R," and branch agency licenses, which shall be renewed every 3 years. 374 375 (3) Each licensee is responsible for renewing his or her 376 license on or before its expiration by filing with the 377 department an application for renewal accompanied by payment of the renewal fee and the fingerprint retention fee to cover the 378 379 cost of ongoing retention in the statewide automated biometric 380 identification system established in s. 943.05(2)(b) prescribed 381 license fee. A person holding a valid license issued under this 382 chapter before January 1, 2017, must submit, upon first renewal 383 of the license, a full set of fingerprints and a fingerprint 384 processing fee to cover the cost of entering the fingerprints 385 into the statewide automated biometric identification system under s. 493.6108(4)(a). Subsequent renewals may be completed 386 387 without submission of a set of fingerprints. Each Class "B" licensee shall additionally submit on a 388 (a) 389 form prescribed by the department a certification of insurance 390 that evidences that the licensee maintains coverage as required

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391 under s. 493.6110.

392 Each Class "G" licensee shall additionally submit (b) 393 proof that he or she has received during each year of the 394 license period a minimum of 4 hours of firearms recertification 395 training taught by a Class "K" licensee and has complied with 396 such other health and training requirements that the department 397 shall adopt by rule. Proof of completion of firearms 398 recertification training shall be submitted to the department 399 upon completion of the training. If the licensee fails to 400 complete the required 4 hours of annual training during the 401 first year of the 2-year term of the license, the license shall 402 be automatically suspended. The licensee must complete the 403 minimum number of hours of range and classroom training required 404 at the time of initial licensure and submit proof of completion 405 of such training to the department before the license may be 406 reinstated. If the licensee fails to complete the required 4 407 hours of annual training during the second year of the 2-year 408 term of the license, the licensee must complete the minimum 409 number of hours of range and classroom training required at the 410 time of initial licensure and submit proof of completion of such 411 training to the department before the license may be renewed. 412 The department may waive the firearms training requirement if:

413 1. The applicant provides proof that he or she is 414 currently certified as a law enforcement officer or correctional 415 officer under the Criminal Justice Standards and Training 416 Commission and has completed law enforcement firearms

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417 requalification training annually during the previous 2 years of 418 the licensure period; 419 2. The applicant provides proof that he or she is 420 currently certified as a federal law enforcement officer and has 421 received law enforcement firearms training administered by a 422 federal law enforcement agency annually during the previous 2 years of the licensure period; or 423 424 The applicant submits a valid firearm certificate among 3. 425 those specified in s. 493.6105(6)(a) and provides proof of 426 having completed requalification training during the previous 2 427 years of the licensure period. 428 Each Class "DS" or Class "RS" licensee shall (C) 429 additionally submit the current curriculum, examination, and list of instructors. 430 Each Class "K" licensee shall additionally submit one 431 (d) 432 of the certificates specified under s. 493.6105(6) as proof that 433 he or she remains certified to provide firearms instruction. Section 8. Subsection (4) is added to section 493.6202, 434 435 Florida Statutes, to read: 436 493.6202 Fees.-The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in 437 (4) 438 s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," 439 Class "CC," or Class "MA" license within 24 months after being 440 discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An 441 eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, 442 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another

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443	acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
444	of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to
445	obtain a waiver.
446	Section 9. Subsection (4) is added to section 493.6302,
447	Florida Statutes, to read:
448	493.6302 Fees
449	(4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in
450	s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "D,"
451	Class "DI," or Class "MB" license within 24 months after being
452	discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An
453	eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214,
454	as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
455	acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
456	of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to
457	obtain a waiver.
458	Section 10. Subsection (4) is added to section 493.6402,
459	Florida Statutes, to read:
460	493.6402 Fees
461	(4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in
462	s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "E,"
463	Class "EE," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24 months
464	after being discharged from any branch of the United States
465	Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or
466	her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
467	Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as
468	specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her

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469	application in order to obtain a waiver.
470	Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 501.0125, Florida
471	Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that
472	section, to read:
473	501.0125 Health studios; definitions.—For purposes of ss.
474	501.012-501.019, the following terms shall have the following
475	meanings:
476	(1) "Health studio" means any person who is engaged in the
477	sale of services for instruction, training, or assistance in a
478	program of physical exercise or in the sale of services for the
479	right or privilege to use equipment or facilities in furtherance
480	of a program of physical exercise. The term does not include an
481	individual acting as a personal trainer.
482	(6) "Personal trainer" means an individual:
483	(a) Who does not have an established place of business for
484	the primary purpose of the conducting of physical exercise;
485	(b) Whose provision of exercise equipment is incidental to
486	the instruction provided; and
487	(c) Who does not accept payment for services that are to
488	be rendered more than 30 days after the date of payment.
489	Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
490	Statutes, is amended to read:
491	501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
492	fees.—Each health studio shall:
493	(2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the
494	department at the time of registration for each of the health
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495	studio's business locations. The department shall waive the
496	initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of
497	the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or
498	a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a
499	veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in
500	a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after
501	the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
502	United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a veteran
503	must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214,
504	as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
505	acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
506	of Veterans' Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to
507	the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by
508	the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable
509	form of identification as specified by the Department of
510	Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
511	certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
512	veteran at the time of discharge; or a business entity must
513	provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of
514	a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of
515	the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
516	Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
517	identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
518	Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license
519	or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was
520	lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.
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521 Section 13. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) and paragraph 522 (b) of subsection (5) of section 501.605, Florida Statutes, are 523 amended to read: 524 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers.-525 An applicant for a license as a commercial telephone (2) 526 seller must submit to the department, in such form as it 527 prescribes, a written application for the license. The 528 application must set forth the following information: 529 The complete street address of each location, (j) 530 designating the principal location, from which the applicant 531 will be doing business. The street address may not be If any 532 location is a mail drop, this shall be disclosed as such. 533 534 The application shall be accompanied by a copy of any: Script, 535 outline, or presentation the applicant will require or suggest a 536 salesperson to use when soliciting, or, if no such document is 537 used, a statement to that effect; sales information or 538 literature to be provided by the applicant to a salesperson; and 539 sales information or literature to be provided by the applicant 540 to a purchaser in connection with any solicitation. 541 An application filed pursuant to this part must be (5)542 verified and accompanied by: 543 A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee (b) 544 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The 545 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse 546

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547	of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority
548	ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department
549	receives an application, in a format prescribed by the
550	department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
551	discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
552	qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department
553	a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
554	Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
555	identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
556	Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
557	a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
558	States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of
559	identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
560	Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
561	verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at
562	the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the
563	department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds
564	a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
565	Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,
566	or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
567	Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
568	valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
569	of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time
570	of discharge.
571	Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
572	501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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501.607 Licensure of salespersons.-

574 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be 575 verified and be accompanied by:

576 A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per (b) 577 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General 578 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after 579 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after 580 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall 581 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged 582 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a 583 veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held 584 by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an 585 application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 586 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch 587 of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a 588 veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD 589 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 590 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the 591 Department of Veterans' Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must 592 provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, 593 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another 594 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department 595 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or 596 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the 597 veteran at the time of discharge; or a business entity must 598 provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of

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the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge. Section 15. Subsection (3) of section 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 507.03 Registration.-(3) (a) Registration fees shall be calculated at the rate of \$300 per year per mover or moving broker. All amounts collected shall be deposited by the Chief Financial Officer to the credit of the General Inspection Trust Fund of the department for the sole purpose of administration of this chapter. The department shall waive the initial registration (b) fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of

621 the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States

Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide

623 to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by

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the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable

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625	form of identification as specified by the Department of
626	Veterans' Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the
627	department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the
628	United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form
629	of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
630	Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
631	verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at
632	the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the
633	department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds
634	a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD
635	Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense,
636	or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
637	Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
638	valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
639	of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time
640	of discharge.
641	Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 527.02, Florida
642	Statutes, is amended to read:
643	527.02 License; penalty; fees
644	(3) <u>(a) An</u> Any applicant for <u>an</u> original license <u>who</u>
645	<u>submits an</u> whose application is submitted during the last 6
646	months of the license year may have the original license fee
647	reduced by one-half for the 6-month period. This provision
648	applies shall apply only to those companies applying for an
649	original license and may shall not be applied to licensees who
650	held a license during the previous license year and failed to
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651 renew the license. The department may refuse to issue an initial 652 license to an any applicant who is under investigation in any 653 jurisdiction for an action that would constitute a violation of 654 this chapter until such time as the investigation is complete. 655 The department shall waive the initial license fee for (b) 656 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed 657 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that 658 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the 659 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's 660 661 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To 662 qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the department 663 a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States 664 Department of Defense or another acceptable form of 665 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 666 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the department 667 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 668 669 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 670 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 671 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 672 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 673 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds 674 a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 675 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 676 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the

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677 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 678 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 679 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 680 of discharge. 681 Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 527.021, Florida 682 Statutes, is amended to read: 683 527.021 Registration of transport vehicles.-(4) An inspection fee of \$50 shall be assessed for each 684 685 registered vehicle inspected by the department pursuant to s. 686 527.061. All inspection fees collected in connection with this 687 section shall be deposited in the General Inspection Trust Fund 688 for the purpose of administering the provisions of this chapter. 689 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 531.37, Florida 690 Statutes, is amended to read: 691 531.37 Definitions.—As used in this chapter: 692 (1)"Weights and measures" means all weights and measures 693 of every kind, instruments, and devices for weighing and 694 measuring, and any appliance and accessories associated with any 695 or all such instruments and devices, excluding those weights and 696 measures used for the purpose of inspecting the accuracy of 697 devices used in conjunction with aviation fuel. 698 Section 19. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 531.415, 699 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 700 531.415 Fees.-701 The department shall charge and collect fees of not (1)more than the following fees for actual metrology laboratory 702

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703	calibration and testing services rendered:
704	(a) For each mass standard that is tested or certified to
705	meet tolerances less stringent than American National Standards
706	Institute/American Society for Testing and Materials (ANSI/ASTM)
707	Standard E617 Class 4, the department shall charge a fee of not
708	more than:
709	Weight Fee/Unit
710	0 - 2 lb. \$6
711	3 - 10 lb. \$8
712	11 - 50 lb. \$12
713	51 - 500 lb. \$20
714	501 - 1000 lb. \$30
715	1001 - 2500 lb. \$40
716	2501 - 5000 lb. \$50
717	(b) For each mass standard that is tested or certified to
718	meet ANSI/ASTM Standard Class 4 or National Institute of
719	Standards and Technology Class P tolerances , the department
720	shall-charge a fee of not more than:
721	Weight Fee/Unit
722	0 - 10 lb. \$20
723	11 - 50 lb. \$30
724	51 - 500 lb. \$40
725	501 - 1000 lb. \$50
726	1001 - 2500 lb. \$60
727	2501 - 5000 lb. \$75
728	(c) For each mass standard that is calibrated to determine
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729 actual mass or apparent mass values, the department shall charge 730 a fee of not more than: 731 Weight Fee/Unit 0 - 20 lb. 732 \$40 733 21 - 50 lb. \$50 51 - 1000 lb. 734 \$70 1001 - 2500 lb. 735 \$150 736 2501 - 5000 lb. \$250 737 For each volumetric flask, graduate, or test measure, (d) 738 the department shall charge a fee of not more than: 739 Vessel Fee/Test Point 740 0 - 5 gal. \$35 741 Over 5 gal. Plus \$0.75 for each additional gallon 742 (c) For each linear measure that is tested or certified, 743 the department shall charge a fee of not more than \$75. 744 (e) (f) For each linear measure test that is calibrated to 745 determine actual values, the department shall charge a fee of 746 \$75 not more than \$100. 747 (g) For each liquid-in-glass or electronic thermometer 748 that is tested or certified, the department shall charge a fee 749 of not more than \$50. 750 (f) (h) For each temperature measuring device, liquid-in-751 glass or electronic thermometer that is calibrated to determine 752 actual values, the department shall charge a fee of \$50 not-more than \$100. 753 754 (g) (i) For each special test or special preparation, the Page 29 of 88

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755	department shall charge a fee of not more than \$50 per hour.
756	(2) Each fee is payable to the department at the time the
757	testing is done, regardless of whether the item tested is
758	certified. The department may refuse to accept for testing any
759	item deemed by the department to be unsuitable for its intended
760	use or not to be in a condition ready for testing. The
761	department shall deposit all fees collected under this section
762	into the General Inspection Trust Fund.
763	Section 20. Section 531.60, Florida Statutes, is amended
764	to read:
765	531.60 Permit for commercially operated or tested weights
766	or measures instrument or devices
767	(1) A weights and measures instrument or device may not
768	operate or be used for commercial purposes, as defined by
769	department rule, within this state without first being permitted
770	through a valid commercial use permit issued by the department
771	to the person who owns the weights and measures device, unless
772	exempted as provided in s. 531.61. Such permit applies only to
773	the specific <u>location and</u> instrument <u>types</u> or device <u>types</u>
774	<u>listed on</u> for which the permit was issued . However, the
775	department may allow such permit to be applicable to a
776	replacement for the original instrument or device.
777	(2) If ownership of <u>a business</u> an instrument or device for
778	which a permit has been issued changes and the <u>instruments or</u>
779	devices affected by the permit instrument or device:
780	(a) <u>Remain</u> Remains in the same location, the permit
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transfers to the new owner and remains in effect until its original expiration date. Within 30 days after the change in ownership, the new owner shall notify the department of the change and provide the pertinent information regarding the change in ownership and an updated replacement permit shall be issued if needed.

(b) <u>Move</u> Moves to a new location, the permit automatically expires and a new permit must be <u>applied for by the new owner of</u> the instruments or devices <u>issued which will expire 1 year</u> following the date of issuance.

791 A person who holds a permit that has been issued under (3) 792 this section must notify the department within 30 days after a 793 change in permit status or if a permit will not be renewed due 794 to the termination in use or removal of all weighing and 795 measuring instruments or devices from the permitted location 796 Weights and measures instruments or devices that are not used 797 commercially may be tested by the department under this chapter 798 only if they are permitted and appropriate fees paid as 799 prescribed by this section and adopted rules.

800 Section 21. Section 531.61, Florida Statutes, is amended 801 to read:

802 531.61 Exemptions from permit requirement.-Commercial 803 weights or measures instruments or devices are exempt from the 804 permit requirements of ss. 531.60-531.66 if:

805 (1) The device is a taximeter that is licensed, permitted,806 or registered by a municipality, county, or other local

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government and is tested for accuracy and compliance with state standards by the local government in cooperation with the state as authorized in s. 531.421.

810 (2) The device is used exclusively for weighing railroad
811 cars and is tested for accuracy and compliance with state
812 standards by a private testing agency.

813 (3) The device is used exclusively for measuring aviation814 fuel or petroleum products inspected under chapter 525.

815 Section 22. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section 816 531.62, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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531.62 Permit application and renewal.-

(1) An application for a weights and measures commercial
use permit shall be submitted to the department on a form
prescribed and furnished by the department and must contain such
information as the department may require by rule.

(2) The application must be accompanied by a fee in an
amount determined by <u>the number and types of instruments or</u>
<u>devices covered by the permit as provided by</u> department rule.
However, the fee for each instrument or device <u>listed on the</u>
<u>permit</u> may not exceed the maximum limits set forth in s. 531.63.

(4) A permit expires <u>2 years</u> 1 year following its date of
issue and must be renewed <u>biennially</u> annually. If <u>a complete</u> an
application <u>package</u> for renewal is not received by the
department <u>before the permit expires</u> within 30 days after its
due date, a late fee of up to \$100 must be paid in addition to
the annual commercial use permit fee. However, a person may

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833	elect to renew a commercial use permit on an annual basis rather
834	than a biennial basis. An annual renewal must meet the same
835	requirements and conditions as a biennial renewal.
836	Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
837	(2) of section 531.63, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
838	531.63 Maximum permit feesThe commercial use permit fees
839	established for weights or measures instruments or devices shall
840	be in an amount necessary to administer this chapter but may not
841	exceed the amounts provided in this section.
842	(1) For weighing devices, the fees must be based on the
843	manufacturer's rated capacity or the device's design and use and
844	whether measuring by inch or pounds or the metric equivalent:
845	(a) For weighing devices of up to and including the 100-
846	pound capacity which are used during any portion of the period
847	covered by the permit, the maximum annual fees per <u>category of</u>
848	device retail establishment may not exceed the following:
849	Number of devices
850	in a single <u>category</u> retail
851	establishment Maximum Fee
852	1 to 5 \$60
853	6 to 10 \$150
854	11 to 30 \$200
855	More than 30 \$300
856	(2) For other measuring devices, the annual permit fees
857	per device may not exceed the following:
858	(a) Mass flow meters having a maximum flow rate of up to
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859	150 pounds per minute\$100.
860	This includes all mass flow meters used to dispense compressed
861	and liquefied natural gas for retail sale.
862	(b) Mass flow meters having a maximum flow rate greater
863	than 150 pounds per minute\$500.
864	(c) Volumetric flow meters having a maximum flow rate of
865	up to 20 gallons per minute\$50.
866	This includes all devices used to dispense diesel exhaust fluid
867	for retail sale.
868	(d) Volumetric flow meters having a maximum flow rate
869	greater than 20 gallons per minute
870	(e) Tanks, under 500 gallons capacity, used as measure
871	containers, with or without gage rods or markers\$100.
872	(f) Tanks, 500 or more gallons capacity, used as measure
873	containers, with or without gage rods or markers\$200.
874	(g) Taximeters\$50.
875	-(h) -Grain moisture meters
876	<u>(h)</u> Multiple-dimension measuring
877	devices\$100.
878	(i) Liquefied petroleum gas bulk delivery vehicles with a
879	meter owned or leased by a liquefied petroleum gas licensee\$150.
880	Section 24. Section 531.65, Florida Statutes, is amended
881	to read:
882	531.65 Unauthorized use; penalties.—If a weights or
883	measures instrument or device is used commercially without a
884	valid commercial use permit, the department may do one or more
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885	of the following:
886	(1) Prohibit the further commercial use of the unpermitted
887	instrument or device until the proper permit has been issued $_{\cdot} au$
888	(2) Employ and attach to the instrument or device such
889	form, notice, tag, or seal to prevent the continued unauthorized
890	use of the instrument or device <u>.</u> +
891	(3) In addition to the permit fees prescribed by rule for
892	the commercial use of a weights and measures instrument or
893	device, assess the late fee authorized under s. 531.62 <u>.; or</u>
894	(4) Impose penalties as prescribed in s. 531.50 in
895	addition to the payment of appropriate permit fees for the
896	commercial use of a weights and measures instrument or device.
897	Section 25. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
898	539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
899	539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act
900	(3) LICENSE REQUIRED
901	(c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
902	is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
903	shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
904	and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300
905	for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
906	license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
907	States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business
908	entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
909	spouse if the agency receives an application, in a format
910	prescribed by the agency, within 60 months after the date of the
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911 veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed 912 Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United 913 914 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 915 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 916 Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United 917 918 States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of 919 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 920 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 921 922 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 923 agency proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a 924 majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 925 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 926 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the 927 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 928 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 929 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 930 of discharge. 931 Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 559.904, Florida 932 Statutes, is amended to read: 933 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration; 934 application; exemption.-935 (3) (a) Each application for registration must be accompanied by a registration fee calculated on a per-year basis 936

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937 as follows: 938 1.(a) If the place of business has 1 to 5 employees: \$50. 939 2.(b) If the place of business has 6 to 10 employees: 940 \$150. 941 3.(c) If the place of business has 11 or more employees: 942 \$300. 943 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration 944 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States 945 Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity 946 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse 947 if the department receives an application, in a format 948 prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of 949 the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States 950 Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide 951 to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by 952 the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable 953 form of identification as specified by the Department of 954 Veterans' Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the 955 department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the 956 United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 957 958 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 959 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at 960 the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 961 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds 962 a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD

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963 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense 964 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 965 966 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 967 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 968 of discharge. 969 Section 27. Section 559.917, Florida Statutes, is amended 970 to read: 971 559.917 Bond to release possessory lien claimed by motor 972 vehicle repair shop.-973 (1) As used in this section, the term: 974 (a) "Lienholder" means a person claiming an interest in or 975 a lien on a vehicle pursuant to s. 713.585(5). "Lienor" means a person claiming a lien for motor 976 (b) 977 vehicle repair shop work under part II of chapter 713. 978 (2)(1)(a) A lienholder or Any customer may obtain the 979 release of a her or his motor vehicle for which the lienholder 980 or customer has a lien or ownership rights, respectively, from 981 any lien claimed under part II of chapter 713 by a motor vehicle 982 repair shop for repair work performed under a written repair 983 estimate by filing with the clerk of the court in the circuit in 984 which the disputed transaction occurred a cash or surety bond, 985 payable to the person claiming the lien and conditioned for the 986 payment of any judgment which may be entered on the lien. The 987 bond shall be in the amount stated on the invoice required by s. 988 559.911, plus accrued storage charges, if any, less any amount

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989 paid to the motor vehicle repair shop as indicated on the 990 invoice. The lienholder or customer is shall not be required to 991 institute judicial proceedings in order to post the bond in the 992 registry of the court, or nor shall the customer be required to 993 use a particular form for posting the bond_{τ} unless the clerk 994 provides shall provide such form to the lienholder or customer 995 for filing. Upon the posting of such bond, the clerk of the 996 court shall automatically issue a certificate notifying the 997 lienor of the posting of the bond and directing the lienor to release the lienholder's or customer's motor vehicle. 998

(b) The lienor shall have 60 days to file suit to recover the bond. The prevailing party in that action may be entitled to damages plus court costs and reasonable <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees. If the lienor fails to file suit within 60 days after the posting of such bond, the bond shall be discharged.

1004 (3) (2) The failure of a lienor to release or return to the 1005 lienholder or customer the motor vehicle upon which any lien is 1006 claimed, upon receiving a copy of a certificate giving notice of 1007 the posting of the bond and directing release of the motor 1008 vehicle, shall subject the lienor to judicial proceedings which may be brought by the lienholder or customer to compel 1009 1010 compliance with the certificate. If Whenever a lienholder 1011 pursuant to s. 713.585 or customer brings an action to compel 1012 compliance with the certificate, the lienholder or customer need 1013 only establish that:

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(a) Bond in the amount of the invoice, plus accrued

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1015 storage charges, if any, less any amount paid to the motor 1016 vehicle repair shop as indicated on the invoice, was posted; 1017 (b) A certificate was issued pursuant to this section;

1018 (c) The motor vehicle repair shop, or any employee or
1019 agent thereof who is authorized to release the motor vehicle,
1020 received a copy of a certificate issued pursuant to this
1021 section; and

(d) The motor vehicle repair shop or employee authorized
to release the motor vehicle failed to release the motor
vehicle.

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The <u>lienholder or</u> customer, upon a judgment in her or his favor in an action brought under this subsection, may be entitled to damages plus court costs and reasonable <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees sustained by her or him by reason of such wrongful detention or retention. Upon a judgment in favor of the motor vehicle repair shop, the shop may be entitled to reasonable <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees.

1033 (4) (3) Any motor vehicle repair shop that which, or any 1034 employee or agent thereof who is authorized to release the motor 1035 vehicle who, upon receiving a copy of a certificate giving 1036 notice of the posting of the bond in the required amount and 1037 directing release of the motor vehicle, fails to release or 1038 return the property to the lienholder or customer pursuant to 1039 this section commits is quilty of a misdemeanor of the second 1040 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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1041 (5)(4) Any lienholder or customer who stops payment on a 1042 credit card charge or a check drawn in favor of a motor vehicle 1043 repair shop on account of an invoice or who fails to post a cash 1044 or surety bond pursuant to this section shall be prohibited from 1045 any recourse under this section with respect to the motor 1046 vehicle repair shop.

1047Section 28.Subsections (1), (7), (8), (10), (11), and1048(13) of section 559.927, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1049 559.927 Definitions.—For the purposes of this part, the 1050 term:

(1) "Accommodations" means any hotel or motel room,
condominium or cooperative unit, cabin, lodge, or apartment; any
other commercial structure designed for occupancy by one or more
individuals; or any lodging establishment as provided by law.
<u>The term does not include long-term home rentals covered under a</u>
lease pursuant to chapter 83.

"Prearranged travel or τ tourist-related services τ or 1057 (7)1058 tour-guide services" includes, but is not limited to, car 1059 rentals, lodging, transfers, and sightseeing tours and all other 1060 such services that which are reasonably related to air, sea, 1061 rail, motor coach, or other medium of transportation, or 1062 accommodations for which a purchaser receives a premium or 1063 contracts or pays before prior to or after departure. This term 1064 These terms also includes include services for which a 1065 purchaser, whose legal residence is outside the United States, 1066 contracts or pays before prior to departure, and any arrangement

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1067 by which a purchaser prepays for, receives a reservation or any 1068 other commitment to provide services <u>before</u> prior to departure 1069 for, or otherwise arranges for travel directly to a terrorist 1070 state and which originates in Florida.

1071 (8) "Purchaser" means the purchaser of, or person 1072 otherwise entitled to receive, prearranged travel <u>or</u> tourist-1073 related services, or tour-guide services, for a fee or 1074 commission, or who has acquired a vacation certificate for 1075 personal use.

1076 "Satisfactory consumer complaint history" means no (10)1077 unresolved complaints regarding prearranged travel or τ tourist-1078 related services, or tour-guide services are on file with the 1079 department. A complaint is unresolved when a seller of travel 1080 does not respond to the department's efforts to mediate the 1081 complaint or a complaint where the department has determined 1082 that a violation of this part has occurred and the complainant 1083 complaint has not been satisfied by the seller of travel.

1084 "Seller of travel" means any resident or nonresident (11)1085 person, firm, corporation, or business entity who offers for 1086 sale, directly or indirectly, at wholesale or retail, 1087 prearranged travel or τ tourist-related services τ or tour-quide 1088 services for individuals or groups, including, but not limited 1089 to, vacation or tour packages, or vacation certificates in 1090 exchange for a fee, commission, or other valuable consideration. 1091 The term includes any business entity offering membership in a 1092 travel club or travel services for an advance fee or payment,

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1093 even if no travel contracts or certificates or vacation or tour 1094 packages are sold by the business entity. 1095 (13) "Vacation certificate" means any <u>advance travel</u> 1096 <u>purchase</u> arrangement, plan, program, or vacation package that 1097 promotes, discusses, or discloses a destination or itinerary or 1098 type of travel, whereby a purchaser for consideration paid in 1099 advance is entitled to the use of travel, accommodations, or

1100 facilities for any number of days, whether certain or uncertain, 1101 during the period in which the certificate can be exercised, and 1102 no specific date or dates for its use are designated. A vacation 1103 certificate does not include prearranged travel or τ tourist-1104 related services, or tour-guide services when a seller of travel 1105 remits full payment for the cost of such services to the provider or supplier within 10 business days of the purchaser's 1106 1107 initial payment to the seller of travel. The term does not 1108 include travel if exact travel dates are selected, guaranteed, 1109 and paid for at the time of the purchase.

1110 Section 29. Section 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended 1111 to read:

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559.928 Registration.-

(1) Each seller of travel shall annually register with the department, providing: its legal business or trade name, mailing address, and business locations; the full names, addresses, and telephone numbers of its owners or corporate officers and directors and the Florida agent of the corporation; a statement whether it is a domestic or foreign corporation, its state and

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1119 date of incorporation, its charter number, and, if a foreign corporation, the date it registered with this state, and 1120 1121 business tax receipt where applicable; the date on which a 1122 seller of travel registered its fictitious name if the seller of 1123 travel is operating under a fictitious or trade name; the name 1124 of all other corporations, business entities, and trade names 1125 through which each owner of the seller of travel operated, was known, or did business as a seller of travel within the 1126 1127 preceding 5 years; a list of all authorized independent agents, 1128 including the agent's trade name, full name, mailing address, 1129 business address, and telephone numbers; the business location 1130 and address of each branch office and full name and address of 1131 the manager or supervisor; the certification required under s. 1132 559.9285; and proof of purchase of adequate bond as required in this part. A certificate evidencing proof of registration shall 1133 1134 be issued by the department and must be prominently displayed in the seller of travel's primary place of business. 1135

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(2)(a) Registration fees shall be as follows:

Three hundred dollars per year per registrant
 certifying its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(a).

1139 2. One thousand dollars per year per registrant certifying1140 its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(b).

11413. Twenty-five hundred dollars per year per registrant1142certifying its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(c).

1143(b) All amounts collected shall be deposited by the Chief1144Financial Officer to the credit of the General Inspection Trust

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pursuant to s. 570.20, for the sole purpose of administration of 1146 1147 this part. 1148 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration 1149 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States 1150 Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity 1151 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse 1152 if the department receives an application, in a format 1153 prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of 1154 the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver, a veteran must provide 1155 1156 to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by 1157 the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable 1158 form of identification as specified by the Department of 1159 Veterans' Affairs; the spouse of a veteran must provide to the 1160 department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form 1161 1162 of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' 1163 Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate 1164 verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or a business entity must provide to the 1165 1166 department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds 1167 a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD 1168 Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, 1169 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a 1170

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1171 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse 1172 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time 1173 of discharge.

1174 Each independent agent shall annually file an (3) 1175 affidavit with the department before prior to engaging in business in this state. This affidavit must include the 1176 1177 independent agent's full name, legal business or trade name, 1178 mailing address, business address, telephone number, and the 1179 name and address of each seller of travel represented by the 1180 independent agent. A letter evidencing proof of filing must be 1181 issued by the department and must be prominently displayed in 1182 the independent agent's primary place of business. Each 1183 independent agent must also submit an annual registration fee of \$50. All moneys collected pursuant to the imposition of the fee 1184 1185 shall be deposited by the Chief Financial Officer into the 1186 General Inspection Trust Fund of the Department of Agriculture 1187 and Consumer Services for the sole purpose of administrating 1188 this part. As used in this subsection, the term "independent 1189 agent" means a person who represents a seller of travel by 1190 soliciting persons on its behalf; who has a written contract 1191 with a seller of travel which is operating in compliance with 1192 this part and any rules adopted thereunder; who does not receive 1193 a fee, commission, or other valuable consideration directly from 1194 the purchaser for the seller of travel; who does not at any time 1195 have any unissued ticket stock or travel documents in his or her 1196 possession; and who does not have the ability to issue tickets,

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1197 vacation certificates, or any other travel document. The term 1198 "independent agent" does not include an affiliate of the seller 1199 of travel, as that term is used in s. 559.935(3), or the 1200 employees of the seller of travel or of such affiliates.

(4) Any person applying for or renewing a local business
tax receipt to engage in business as a seller of travel must
exhibit a current registration certificate from the department
before the local business tax receipt may be issued or reissued.

(5) Each contract, advertisement, or certificate, or any other travel document, of a seller of travel must include the phrase "...(NAME OF FIRM)... is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration No....."

1209 (6) Each advertisement of a seller of travel must include 1210 the phrase "Fla. Seller of Travel Reg. No....."

1211 (6)(7) A No registration is not shall be valid for any 1212 seller of travel transacting business at any place other than 1213 that designated in its application, unless the department is 1214 first notified in writing in advance of any change of location. 1215 A Nor shall the registration is not be valid for an affiliate of 1216 the seller of travel who engages in the prearranged travel and 1217 tourist business. A registration issued under this part may 1218 shall not be assignable, and the seller of travel may shall not 1219 be permitted to conduct business under more than one name except 1220 as registered. A seller of travel desiring to change its 1221 registered name or location or designated agent for service of 1222 process at a time other than upon renewal of registration shall

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1223 notify the department of such change. (7) (8) Applications under this section are shall be 1224 subject to the provisions of s. 120.60. 1225 1226 (8) (9) The department may deny, or refuse to renew, or revoke the registration of any seller of travel based upon a 1227 1228 determination that the seller of travel, or any of its 1229 directors, officers, owners, or general partners: 1230 (a) Has failed to meet the requirements for registration 1231 as provided in this part; 1232 Has been convicted of a crime involving fraud, theft, (b) 1233 embezzlement, dishonest dealing, or any other act of moral 1234 turpitude or any other act arising out of conduct as a seller of 1235 travel; 1236 Has not satisfied a civil fine or penalty arising out (C) 1237 of any administrative or enforcement action brought by any 1238 governmental agency or private person based upon conduct 1239 involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, dishonest dealing, or any 1240 violation of this part; 1241 (d) Has pending against her or him any criminal, 1242 administrative, or enforcement proceedings in any jurisdiction, 1243 based upon conduct involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, 1244 dishonest dealing, or any other act of moral turpitude or any 1245 other act arising out of conduct as a seller of travel; or 1246 Has had a judgment entered against her or him in any (e) 1247 action brought by the department or the Department of Legal Affairs pursuant to ss. 501.201-501.213 or this act part. 1248

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1249 Section 30. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 559.929, 1250 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

559.929 Security requirements.-

1252 The bond must be filed with the department on a form (2) 1253 adopted by department rule and must be in favor of the 1254 department for the use and benefit of a traveler who is injured by the fraud, misrepresentation, breach of contract, or 1255 1256 financial failure, or any other violation of this part by the 1257 seller of travel. Such liability may be enforced by proceeding 1258 in an administrative action as specified in subsection (3) or by 1259 filing a civil action. However, in such civil action the bond 1260 posted with the department may shall not be amenable or subject 1261 to a judgment or other legal process issuing out of or from such 1262 court in connection with such civil action, but such bond shall 1263 be amenable to and enforceable only by and through 1264 administrative proceedings before the department. It is the 1265 intent of the Legislature that such bond be applicable and 1266 liable only for the payment of claims duly adjudicated by order 1267 of the department. The bond must be open to successive claims, 1268 but the aggregate amount awarded may not exceed the amount of 1269 the bond. In addition to the foregoing, a bond provided by a 1270 registrant or applicant for registration which certifies its 1271 business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(b) or (c) must be in favor of the department, with payment in the following order of 1272 1273 priority:

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(a) The expenses for prosecuting the registrant or

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1275 applicant in an administrative or civil action under this part, 1276 including attorney fees and fees for other professionals, court 1277 costs or other costs of the proceedings, and all other expenses 1278 incidental to the action.

(b) The costs and expenses of investigation before the
commencement of an administrative or civil action under this
part.

(c) An unpaid administrative fine imposed by final order
or an unpaid civil penalty imposed by final judgment under this
part.

1285 (d) Damages or compensation for a traveler injured as 1286 provided in this subsection.

1287 The department may waive the bond requirement on an (6)1288 annual basis if the seller of travel has had 5 or more 1289 consecutive years of experience as a seller of travel in this 1290 state in compliance with this part, has not had a civil, 1291 criminal, or administrative action instituted against the seller 1292 of travel in the vacation and travel business by a governmental 1293 agency or an action involving fraud, theft, misappropriation of 1294 property, violation of a statute pertaining to business or 1295 commerce with a terrorist state, or moral turpitude, or other 1296 violation of this part and has a satisfactory consumer complaint 1297 history with the department, and certifies its business 1298 activities under s. 559.9285. Such waiver may be revoked if the 1299 seller of travel violates this part. A seller of travel which 1300 certifies its business activities under s. 559.9285(1)(b) or (c)

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1301 is not entitled to the waiver provided in this subsection.

1302Section 31.Subsections (10), (14), and (17) of section1303559.9295, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1304 559.9295 Submission of vacation certificate documents.-1305 Sellers of travel who offer vacation certificates must submit 1306 and disclose to the department with the application for 1307 registration, and any time such document is changed, but prior 1308 to the sale of any vacation certificate, the following 1309 materials:

1310 (10) A statement of the number of certificates to be 1311 issued and the date of their expiration.

1312 (13)(14) A listing of the full name, address, and 1313 telephone number of each person through which the distribution 1314 and sale of vacation certificates is to be carried out₇ 1315 including the number of vacation certificates allocated or sold 1316 to each such person and the name and address of a Florida 1317 registered agent for service of process.

1318 (17) Within 10 working days after receipt of any materials 1319 submitted subsequent to filing an initial registration 1320 application or any annual renewal thereof, the department shall 1321 determine whether such materials are adequate to meet the 1322 requirements of this section. The department shall notify the 1323 seller of travel that materials submitted are in substantial 1324 compliance, or shall notify the seller of travel of any specific 1325 deficiencies. If the department fails to notify the seller of 1326 travel of its determination within the period specified in this

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1327	subsection, the materials shall be deemed in compliance;
1328	however, the failure of the department to send notification in
1329	either case will not relieve the seller of travel from the duty
1330	of complying with this section. Neither the submission of these
1331	materials nor the department's response implies approval,
1332	recommendation, or endorsement by the department or that the
1333	contents of said materials have been verified by the department.
1334	Section 32. Section 559.932, Florida Statutes, is amended
1335	to read:
1336	559.932 Vacation certificate disclosure
1337	(1) <u>A</u> It shall be unlawful for any seller of travel <u>must</u>
1338	to fail to provide each person solicited with a contract <u>that</u>
1339	includes which shall include the following in a 10-point font,
1340	unless otherwise specified:
1341	(a) A space for the date, name, address, and signature of
1342	the purchaser.
1343	(b) The expiration date of the vacation certificate and
1344	the terms and conditions of its extension or renewal, if
1345	available.
1346	(c) The name and business address of any seller of travel
1347	who may solicit vacation certificate purchasers for further
1348	purchases, and a full and complete statement as to the nature
1349	and method of that solicitation.
1350	(d) The total financial obligation of the purchaser which
1351	shall include the initial purchase price and any additional
1352	charges to which the purchaser may be subject, including, but
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1353 not limited to, any per diem, seasonal, reservation, or 1354 recreational charge.

(e) The name and street address of any person who has the
right to alter, amend, or add to the charges to which the
purchaser may be subject and the terms and conditions under
which such charges may be imposed.

(f) If any accommodation or facility which a purchaser acquires the right to use pursuant to the vacation certificate is not completed at the time the certificate is offered for sale, the date of availability of each component of the accommodation or facility.

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(g) By means of a section entitled "terms and conditions":

All eligibility requirements for use of the vacation
 certificate, including, but not limited to, age, sex, marital
 status, group association, residency, or geographic limitations.

1368 2. All eligibility requirements for use of any discount or1369 complimentary coupon or ticket.

13703. A statement as to whether transportation and meals are1371 provided pursuant to use of the certificate.

Any room deposit requirement, including all conditions
 for its return or refund.

13745. The manner in which reservation requests are to be made1375and the method by which they are to be confirmed.

1376 6. Any identification, credential, or other means by which
1377 a purchaser must establish her or his entitlement to the rights,
1378 benefits, or privileges of the vacation certificate.

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1379 7. Any restriction or limitation upon transfer of the vacation certificate or any right, benefit, or privilege 1380 1381 thereunder. 1382 8. Any other term, limitation, condition, or requirement 1383 material to use of the vacation certificate or any right, 1384 benefit, or privilege thereunder. 1385 (h) In immediate proximity to the space reserved in the 1386 contract for the date and the name, address, and signature of 1387 the purchaser, the following statement in boldfaced type of a 1388 size of 10 points: 1389 1390 "YOU MAY CANCEL THIS CONTRACT WITHOUT ANY PENALTY OR OBLIGATION WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE OR RECEIPT 1391 1392 OF THE VACATION CERTIFICATE, WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER." 1393 "YOU MAY ALSO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT IF ACCOMMODATIONS OR 1394 FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR USE AS 1395 PROVIDED IN THE CONTRACT." 1396 "IF YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE SELLER IN 1397 WRITING OF YOUR INTENT TO CANCEL BY RETURNING THE CERTIFICATE 1398 AND SENDING NOTICE TO: ... (NAME OF SELLER)... AT ... (SELLER'S 1399 ADDRESS)" 1400 1401 (i) In immediate proximity to the statement required in 1402 paragraph (h), the following statement in boldfaced type of a 1403 size of 12 10 points: 1404

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1405	"NO PURCHASER SHOULD RELY UPON REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN
1406	THOSE INCLUDED IN THIS CONTRACT."
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1408	However, inclusion of this statement shall not impair any
1409	purchaser's right to bring legal action based on verbal
1410	statements.
1411	(j) In immediate proximity to the statement required in
1412	paragraph (i), the following statement:
1413	"This contract is for the purchase of a vacation
1414	certificate and puts all assignees on notice of the consumer's
1415	right to cancel under section 559.933, Florida Statutes."
1416	(2) If a sale or agreement to purchase a vacation
1417	certificate is completed over the telephone, the seller shall
1418	inform the purchaser over the telephone that:
1419	(a) The purchaser may cancel the contract without any
1420	penalty or obligation within 30 days from the date of purchase
1421	or receipt of the vacation certificate, whichever occurs later.
1422	(b) The purchaser may also cancel the contract if
1423	accommodations or facilities are not available upon request for
1424	use as provided in the contract.
1425	(3) Upon receipt of a copy of a vacation certificate or
1426	contract required pursuant to s. 559.9295, the department must
1427	review the certificate or contract for compliance with the
1428	disclosures required under this section.
1429	Section 33. Section 559.933, Florida Statutes, is amended
1430	to read:

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1431	559.933 Vacation certificate cancellation and refund
1432	provisions
1433	(1) A It shall be unlawful for any seller of travel or
1434	assignee must honor a purchaser's request to cancel a vacation
1435	certificate if such request is made:
1436	(1) To fail or refuse to honor a purchaser's vacation
1437	certificate request to cancel if such request is made:
1438	(a) Within 30 days <u>after</u> from the date of purchase or
1439	receipt of the vacation certificate, whichever occurs later; or
1440	(b) At any time accommodations or facilities are not
1441	available pursuant to a request for use as provided in the
1442	contract, provided that:
1443	1. The contract <u>may</u> shall not require notice greater than
1444	60 days in advance of the date requested for use;
1445	2. If acceptable to the purchaser, comparable alternate
1446	accommodations or facilities in a city, or reservations for a
1447	date different than that requested, may be provided.
1448	(2) <u>A seller of travel or assignee must</u> To fail to refund
1449	any and all payments made by the vacation certificate purchaser
1450	within 30 days after receipt of the certificate and notice of
1451	cancellation made pursuant to this section, if the purchaser has
1452	not received any benefits pursuant to the vacation certificate.
1453	(3) A seller of travel or assignee must, if the purchaser
1454	has received any benefits pursuant to the vacation certificate,
1455	to fail to refund within 30 days after receipt of the
1456	certificate and notice of cancellation made pursuant to this
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1457 section any and all payments made by the purchaser which exceed 1458 a pro rata portion of the total price, representing the portion 1459 of any benefits actually received by the vacation certificate 1460 purchaser during the time preceding cancellation.

(4) <u>If Where any purchaser has received confirmation of</u> reservations in advance and is refused accommodations upon arrival, <u>a seller of travel or assignee must</u> to fail to procure comparable alternate accommodations for the purchaser in the same city at no expense to the purchaser, or to fail to fully compensate the purchaser for the room rate incurred in securing comparable alternate accommodations himself or herself.

1468(5)A seller of travel or assignee may notTo collect more1469than the full contract price from the purchaser.

1470 (6) <u>A seller of travel or assignee may not</u> To sell,
1471 assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in a seller of travel
1472 business, or to sell, assign, or otherwise transfer to a third
1473 party any interest in any vacation certificate unless:

(a) The third party agrees in writing to fully honor the
rights of vacation certificate purchasers to cancel and to
receive an appropriate refund or reimbursement as provided in
this section.

(b) The third party agrees in writing to comply with all
other provisions of this part for as long as the third party
continues the sale of vacation certificates or for the duration
of the period of validity of outstanding vacation certificates,
whichever is longer in time.

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1483 The seller of travel agrees to be liable for and fully (C) indemnify a purchaser from any loss occasioned by the failure of 1484 1485 the third party to honor the purchaser's right to cancel and 1486 failure to make prompt and complete refund to the purchaser of all sums paid to the third party, or occasioned by the third 1487 party's failure to comply with the provisions of this part. 1488 1489 (7)A seller of travel or assignee must To fail to fulfill 1490 the terms of a vacation certificate within 18 months after of 1491 the initial payment of any consideration by the purchaser to a 1492 seller of travel or third party. Section 34. Section 559.9335, Florida Statutes, is amended 1493 1494 to read: 1495 559.9335 Violations.-It is a violation of this part for 1496 any seller of travel, independent agent, or other person: To conduct business as a seller of travel without 1497 (1)1498 registering annually with the department unless exempt pursuant to s. 559.935. 1499 (2) To conduct business as a seller of travel without an 1500 1501 annual purchase of a performance bond in the amount set by the 1502 department unless exempt pursuant to s. 559.935. 1503 Knowingly to make any false statement, representation, (3)1504 or certification in any application, document, or record 1505 required to be submitted or retained under this part or in any 1506 response to an inquiry or investigation conducted by the department or any other governmental agency. 1507 1508 Knowingly to sell or market any number of vacation (4) Page 58 of 88

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1509 certificates that exceed the accommodations available at the 1510 time of sale the number disclosed to the department pursuant to 1511 this section.

(5) Knowingly to sell or market vacation certificates with
an expiration date of more than 18 months from the date of
issuance.

1515 (6) Knowingly to require, request, encourage, or suggest, 1516 directly or indirectly, that payment for the right to obtain a 1517 travel contract, certificate, or vacation package must be by 1518 credit card authorization or to otherwise announce a preference 1519 for that method of payment over any other when no correct and 1520 true explanation for such preference is likewise stated.

1521 (6)(7) Knowingly to state, represent, indicate, suggest, 1522 or imply, directly or indirectly, that the travel contract, 1523 certificate, or vacation package being offered by the seller of 1524 travel cannot be purchased at some later time or may not 1525 otherwise be available after the initial contact, or that 1526 callbacks by the prospective purchaser are not accepted, when no 1527 such restrictions or limitations in fact exist.

1528 <u>(7) (8)</u> To misrepresent in any manner the purchaser's right 1529 to cancel and to receive an appropriate refund or reimbursement 1530 as provided by this part.

1531 (8)(9) To sell any vacation certificate the duration of 1532 which exceeds the duration of any agreement between the seller 1533 and any business entity obligated thereby to provide 1534 accommodations or facilities pursuant to the vacation

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1535 certificate.

1536 <u>(9) (10)</u> To misrepresent or deceptively represent: 1537 (a) The amount of time or period of time accommodations or 1538 facilities will be available.

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(b) The location of accommodations or facilities offered.

(c) The price, size, nature, extent, qualities, orcharacteristics of accommodations or facilities offered.

1542 (d) The nature or extent of other goods, services, or1543 amenities offered.

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(e) A purchaser's rights, privileges, or benefits.

1545 (f) The conditions under which the purchaser may obtain a 1546 reservation for the use of offered accommodations or facilities.

(g) That the recipient of an advertisement or promotional materials is a winner, or has been selected, or is otherwise being involved in a select group for receipt, of a gift, award, or prize, unless this fact is the truth.

1551 (10)(11) To fail to inform a purchaser of a nonrefundable 1552 cancellation policy <u>before</u> prior to the seller of travel 1553 accepting any fee, commission, or other valuable consideration.

1554 (12) To fail to include, when offering to sell a vacation 1555 certificate, in any advertisement or promotional material, the 1556 following statement: "This is an offer to sell travel."

1557 <u>(11)(13)</u> To fail to honor and comply with all provisions 1558 of the vacation certificate regarding the purchaser's rights, 1559 benefits, and privileges thereunder.

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(12) (14) (a) To include in any vacation certificate or

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contract any provision purporting to waive or limit any right or 1561 benefit provided to purchasers under this part; or 1562

1563 (b) To seek or solicit such waiver or acceptance of 1564 limitation from a purchaser concerning rights or benefits 1565 provided under this part.

(13) (15) To offer vacation certificates for any 1566 1567 accommodation or facility for which there is no contract with 1568 the owner of the accommodation or facility securing the 1569 purchaser's right to occupancy and use, unless the seller is the 1570 owner.

1571 (16) To use a local mailing address, registration facility, drop-box, or answering service in the promotion, 1572 1573 advertising, solicitation, or sale of vacation certificates, 1574 unless the seller's fixed business address is clearly disclosed 1575 during any telephone solicitation and is prominently and 1576 conspicuously disclosed on all solicitation materials and on the 1577 contract.

1578 (14) (17) To use any registered trademark, trade name, or 1579 trade logo in any promotional, advertising, or solicitation 1580 materials without written authorization from the holder of such 1581 trademark, trade name, or trade logo.

1582 (15) (18) To represent, directly or by implication, any 1583 affiliation with, or endorsement by, any governmental, 1584 charitable, educational, medical, religious, fraternal, or civic 1585 organization or body, or any individual, in the promotion, 1586 advertisement, solicitation, or sale of vacation certificates

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1587 without express written authorization.

1588 (16)(19) To sell a vacation certificate to any purchaser 1589 who is ineligible for its use.

1590 (20) To sell any number of vacation certificates exceeding 1591 the number disclosed pursuant to this part.

1592 <u>(17)(21)</u> During the period of a vacation certificate's 1593 validity, in the event, for any reason whatsoever, of lapse or 1594 breach of an agreement for the provision of accommodations or 1595 facilities to purchasers, to fail to procure similar agreement 1596 for the provision of comparable alternate accommodations or 1597 facilities in the same city or surrounding area.

1598 <u>(18)(22)</u> To offer to sell, at wholesale or retail, 1599 prearranged travel <u>or</u>, tourist-related services, or tour-guide 1600 services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist 1601 state and which originate in Florida, without disclosing such 1602 business activities in a certification filed under s. 1603 559.9285(1)(b) or (c).

1604 <u>(19)-(23)</u> To violate any state or federal law restricting 1605 or prohibiting commerce with terrorist states.

1606 (20) (24) To engage in do any other fraudulent action that 1607 act which constitutes fraud, misrepresentation, or failure to 1608 disclose a material fact, or to commit any other violation of, 1609 or fail to comply with, this part.

1610 (21)(25) To refuse or fail, or for any of its principal
1611 officers to refuse or fail, after notice, to produce any
1612 document or record or disclose any information required to be

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1613 produced or disclosed.

1614 <u>(22)</u> (26) Knowingly to make a material false statement in 1615 response to any request or investigation by the department, the 1616 Department of Legal Affairs, or the state attorney.

1617 Section 35. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 559.935,1618 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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559.935 Exemptions.-

(3) Sections 559.928, 559.929, 559.9295, 559.931, and 559.932 shall also do not apply to a seller of travel that is an affiliate of an entity exempt pursuant to subsection (2) subject to the following conditions:

(a) <u>If In the event</u> the department finds the affiliate
does not have a satisfactory consumer complaint history or the
affiliate fails to respond to a consumer complaint within 30
days, the related seller of travel exempt pursuant to subsection
(2) <u>is shall be</u> liable for the actions of the affiliate, subject
to the remedies provided in ss. 559.9355 and 559.936.

(b) <u>If</u> In the event the department is unable to locate an affiliate, the related seller of travel exempt pursuant to subsection (2) <u>is shall be</u> fully liable for the actions of the affiliate, subject to the remedies provided in ss. 559.9355 and 559.936.

1635 (c) In order to obtain an exemption under this subsection, 1636 the affiliate shall file an affidavit of exemption on a form 1637 prescribed by the department and shall certify its business 1638 activities under s. 559.9285(1)(a). The affidavit of exemption

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1639 shall be executed by a person who exercises identical control 1640 over the seller of travel exempt pursuant to subsection (2) and 1641 the affiliate. Failure to file an affidavit of exemption or 1642 certification under s. 559.9285(1) (a) prior to engaging in 1643 seller of travel activities shall subject the affiliate to the 1644 remedies provided in ss. 559.9355 and 559.936. 1645 (c) (d) Revocation by the department of an exemption 1646 provided to a seller of travel under subsection (2) shall 1647 constitute automatic revocation by law of an exemption obtained 1648 by an affiliate under the subsection. 1649 (d) (e) This subsection does shall not apply to: 1650 1. An affiliate that independently qualifies for another exemption under this section. 1651 1652 2. An affiliate that sells, or offers for sale, vacation 1653 certificates. 1654 3. An affiliate that certifies its business activities 1655 under s. 559.9285(1)(b) or (c). 1656 (e) (f) For purposes of this section, the term an 1657 "affiliate" means an entity that meets the following: 1658 The entity has the identical ownership as the seller of 1. 1659 travel that is exempt under subsection (2). The ownership controlling the seller of travel that is 1660 2. 1661 exempt under subsection (2) also exercises identical control 1662 over the entity. 1663 The owners of the affiliate hold the identical 3. 1664 percentage of voting shares as they hold in the seller of travel Page 64 of 88

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1665 that is exempt under subsection (2).

The department may revoke the exemption provided in 1666 (4) 1667 subsection (2) or subsection (3) if the department finds that 1668 the seller of travel does not have a satisfactory consumer 1669 complaint history, has been convicted of a crime involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, misappropriation of property, 1670 1671 deceptive or unfair trade practices, or moral turpitude, or has 1672 not complied with the terms of any order or settlement agreement 1673 arising out of an administrative or enforcement action brought 1674 by a governmental agency or private person based on conduct 1675 involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, misappropriation of 1676 property, deceptive or unfair trade practices, or moral 1677 turpitude. 1678 Section 36. Subsection (3) of section 559.936, Florida 1679 Statutes, is amended to read: 1680 559.936 Civil penalties; remedies.-1681 The department may seek a civil penalty in the Class (3) 1682 III category pursuant to s. 570.971 for each act or omission in 1683 violation of s. 559.9335(18) or (19) s. 559.9335(22) or (23). 1684 Section 37. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5), paragraph (a) 1685 of subsection (10), and subsections (15) and (16) of section 1686 616.242, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1687 616.242 Safety standards for amusement rides.-1688 (5) ANNUAL PERMIT.-

(b) To apply for an annual permit, an owner must submit to the department a written application on a form prescribed by

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1691 rule of the department, which must include the following: 1692 1. The legal name, address, and primary place of business 1693 of the owner.

1694 2. A description, manufacturer's name, serial number,
1695 model number and, if previously assigned, the United States
1696 Amusement Identification Number of the amusement ride.

1697 3. A valid certificate of insurance or bond for each1698 amusement ride.

1699 4. An affidavit of compliance that the amusement ride was 1700 inspected in person by the affiant and that the amusement ride 1701 is in general conformance with the requirements of this section 1702 and all applicable rules adopted by the department. The affidavit must be executed by a professional engineer or a 1703 1704 qualified inspector no earlier than 60 days before, but not 1705 later than, the date of the filing of the application with the 1706 department. The owner shall request inspection and permitting of 1707 the amusement ride within 60 days of the date of filing the application with the department. The department shall inspect 1708 1709 and permit the amusement ride within 60 days after filing the 1710 application with the department.

5. If required by subsection (6), an affidavit of nondestructive testing dated and executed no earlier than 60 days <u>before</u> prior to, but not later than, the date of the filing of the application with the department. The owner shall request inspection and permitting of the amusement ride within 60 days of the date of filing the application with the department. The

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department shall inspect and permit the amusement ride within 60days after filing the application with the department.

1719 6. A request for inspection.

7. Upon request, the owner shall, at no cost to the department, provide the department a copy of the manufacturer's current recommended operating instructions in the possession of the owner, the owner's operating fact sheet, and any written bulletins in the possession of the owner concerning the safety, operation, or maintenance of the amusement ride.

1726 1727 (10) EXEMPTIONS.-

(a) This section does not apply to:

1728 Permanent facilities that employ at least 1,000 full-1. 1729 time employees and that maintain full-time, in-house safety 1730 inspectors. Furthermore, the permanent facilities must file an 1731 affidavit of the annual inspection with the department, on a form prescribed by rule of the department. Additionally, the 1732 1733 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may consult 1734 annually with the permanent facilities regarding industry safety 1735 programs.

1736 2. Any playground operated by a school, local government, 1737 or business licensed under chapter 509, if the playground is an 1738 incidental amenity and the operating entity is not primarily 1739 engaged in providing amusement, pleasure, thrills, or 1740 excitement.

17413. Museums or other institutions principally devoted to1742the exhibition of products of agriculture, industry, education,

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1743 science, religion, or the arts.

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4. Conventions or trade shows for the sale or exhibit of amusement rides if there are a minimum of 15 amusement rides on display or exhibition, and if any operation of such amusement rides is limited to the registered attendees of the convention or trade show.

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1749 Skating rinks, arcades, laser lazer or paint ball war 5. 1750 games, bowling alleys, miniature golf courses, mechanical bulls, inflatable rides, trampolines, ball crawls, exercise equipment, 1751 1752 jet skis, paddle boats, airboats, helicopters, airplanes, 1753 parasails, hot air or helium balloons whether tethered or 1754 untethered, theatres, batting cages, stationary spring-mounted 1755 fixtures, rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, games, side shows, live animal rides, or live animal shows. 1756

1757 6. Go-karts operated in competitive sporting events if1758 participation is not open to the public.

1759 7. Nonmotorized playground equipment that is not required1760 to have a manager.

8. Coin-actuated amusement rides designed to be operated by depositing coins, tokens, credit cards, debit cards, bills, or other cash money and which are not required to have a manager, and which have a capacity of six persons or less.

1765 9. Facilities described in s. 549.09(1)(a) when such1766 facilities are operating cars, trucks, or motorcycles only.

176710. Battery-powered cars or other vehicles that are1768designed to be operated by children 7 years of age or under and

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1769	that cannot exceed a speed of 4 miles per hour.
1770	11. Mechanically driven vehicles that pull train cars,
1771	carts, wagons, or other similar vehicles, that are not confined
1772	to a metal track or confined to an area but are steered by an
1773	operator and do not exceed a speed of 4 miles per hour.
1774	12. A water-related amusement ride operated by a business
1775	licensed under chapter 509 if the water-related amusement ride
1776	is an incidental amenity and the operating business is not
1777	primarily engaged in providing amusement, pleasure, thrills, or
1778	excitement and does not offer day rates.
1779	13. An amusement ride at a private, membership-only
1780	facility if the amusement ride is an incidental amenity and the
1781	facility is not open to the general public; is not primarily
1782	engaged in providing amusement, pleasure, thrills, or
1783	excitement; and does not offer day rates.
1784	14. A nonprofit permanent facility registered under
1785	chapter 496 which is not open to the general public.
1786	(15) INSPECTION BY OWNER OR MANAGER <u>Before</u> Prior to
1787	opening on each day of operation and <u>before</u> prior to any
1788	inspection by the department, the owner or manager of an
1789	amusement ride must inspect and test the amusement ride to
1790	ensure compliance with all requirements of this section. Each
1791	inspection must be recorded on a form prescribed by rule of the
1792	department and signed by the person who conducted the
1793	inspection. In lieu of the form prescribed by rule of the
1794	department, the owner or manager may request approval of an
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1795 <u>alternative form if the alternative form includes, at a minimum,</u> 1796 <u>the information required on the form prescribed by rule of the</u> 1797 <u>department.</u> Inspection records of the last 14 daily inspections 1798 must be kept on site by the owner or manager and made 1799 immediately available to the department upon request.

1800 TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES.-The owner or manager of an any (16)1801 amusement ride shall maintain a record of employee training for 1802 each employee authorized to operate, assemble, disassemble, 1803 transport, or conduct maintenance on an amusement ride τ on a 1804 form prescribed by rule of the department. In lieu of the form 1805 prescribed by rule of the department, the owner or manager may 1806 request approval of an alternative form if the alternative form includes, at a minimum, the information required on the form 1807 1808 prescribed by rule of the department. The training record must 1809 be kept on site by the owner or manager and made immediately 1810 available to the department upon request. Training may not be 1811 conducted when an amusement ride is open to the public unless 1812 the training is conducted under the supervision of an employee 1813 who is trained in the operation of that ride. The owner or 1814 manager shall certify that each employee is trained, as required 1815 by this section and any rules adopted thereunder, on the 1816 amusement ride for which the employee is responsible. 1817 Section 38. Subsections (1), (2), (5), (7), and (13) of

1818 section 713.585, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1819713.585Enforcement of lien by sale of motor vehicle.-A1820person claiming a lien under s. 713.58 for performing labor or

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1821 services on a motor vehicle may enforce such lien by sale of the 1822 vehicle in accordance with the following procedures:

1823 (1)The lienor must give notice, by certified mail, return 1824 receipt requested, within $\frac{7}{15}$ business days, excluding Saturday 1825 and Sunday, from the beginning date of the assessment of storage charges on said motor vehicle, to the registered owner of the 1826 1827 vehicle, to the customer as indicated on the order for repair, 1828 and to all other persons claiming an interest in or lien 1829 thereon, as disclosed by the records of the Department of 1830 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or as disclosed by the records 1831 of any corresponding agency of any other state in which the 1832 vehicle is identified through a records check of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent 1833 1834 commercially available system as being the current state where the vehicle is titled. Such notice must contain: 1835

(a) A description of the vehicle, including, at a minimum,
 1836 the vehicle's (year, make, vehicle identification number,) and
 1838 its location.

(b) The name and address of the owner of the vehicle, the
customer as indicated on the order for repair, and any person
claiming an interest in or lien thereon.

(c) The name, address, and telephone number of the lienor.
(d) Notice that the lienor claims a lien on the vehicle
for labor and services performed and storage charges, if any,
and the cash sum which, if paid to the lienor, would be
sufficient to redeem the vehicle from the lien claimed by the

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(e) Notice that the lien claimed by the lienor is subject
to enforcement pursuant to this section and that the vehicle may
be sold to satisfy the lien.

(f) If known, the date, time, and location of any proposed
or scheduled sale of the vehicle. <u>A No vehicle may not</u> be sold
earlier than 60 days after completion of the repair work.

(g) Notice that the owner of the vehicle or any person claiming an interest in or lien thereon has a right to a hearing at any time <u>before prior to</u> the scheduled date of sale by filing a demand for hearing with the clerk of the circuit court in the county in which the vehicle is held and mailing copies of the demand for hearing to all other owners and lienors as reflected on the notice.

(h) Notice that the owner of the vehicle has a right to recover possession of the vehicle without instituting judicial proceedings by posting bond in accordance with the provisions of s. 559.917.

(i) Notice that any proceeds from the sale of the vehicle remaining after payment of the amount claimed to be due and owing to the lienor will be deposited with the clerk of the circuit court for disposition upon court order pursuant to subsection (8).

1870 (j) Notice that a lienholder, if any, has the right, as 1871 specified in subsection (5), to demand a hearing or to post a 1872 bond.

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1873 If attempts to locate the owner or lienholder are (2)1874 unsuccessful after a check of the records of the Department of 1875 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and any state disclosed by the 1876 check of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System or 1877 an equivalent commercially available system, the lienor must 1878 notify the local law enforcement agency in writing by certified 1879 mail or acknowledged hand delivery that the lienor has been 1880 unable to locate the owner or lienholder, that a physical search 1881 of the vehicle has disclosed no ownership information, and that 1882 a good faith effort, including records checks of the Department 1883 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles database and the National 1884 Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent 1885 commercially available system, has been made. A description of 1886 the motor vehicle which includes the year, make, and 1887 identification number must be given on the notice. This 1888 notification must take place within 7 15 business days, 1889 excluding Saturday and Sunday, from the beginning date of the 1890 assessment of storage charges on said motor vehicle. For 1891 purposes of this paragraph, the term "good faith effort" means 1892 that the following checks have been performed by the company to 1893 establish the prior state of registration and title:

(a) A check of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
Vehicles database for the owner and any lienholder;

(b) A check of the federally mandated electronic National
Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent
commercially available system to determine the state of

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1899 registration when there is not a current title or registration 1900 record for the vehicle on file with the Department of Highway 1901 Safety and Motor Vehicles;

(c) A check of vehicle for any type of tag, tag record,temporary tag, or regular tag;

(d) A check of vehicle for inspection sticker or other
stickers and decals that could indicate the state of possible
registration; and

(e) A check of the interior of the vehicle for any papers
that could be in the glove box, trunk, or other areas for the
state of registration.

1910 (5) At any time before prior to the proposed or scheduled 1911 date of sale of a vehicle, the owner of the vehicle, or any 1912 person claiming an interest in the vehicle or a lien thereon, may post a bond following the procedures outlined in s. 559.917 1913 1914 or file a demand for hearing with the clerk of the circuit court 1915 in the county in which the vehicle is held to determine whether 1916 the vehicle has been wrongfully taken or withheld from her or 1917 him. Any person who files a demand for hearing shall mail copies 1918 of the demand to all other owners and lienors as reflected on 1919 the notice required in subsection (1).

(a) Upon the filing of a demand for hearing, a hearing
shall be held <u>before prior to</u> the proposed or scheduled date of
sale of the vehicle.

1923 (b) Upon the posting of the bond and payment of the 1924 applicable fee set forth in s. 28.24, the clerk of the court

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1925	shall issue a certificate notifying the lienor of the posting of
1926	the bond and directing the lienor to release the vehicle to the
1927	lienholder or the owner, based upon whomever posted the bond.
1928	(c) If a lienholder obtains the vehicle and the owner of
1929	the vehicle is not in default under the installment sales
1930	contract or title loan at the time the lienholder has possession
1931	of the vehicle, the lienholder must return the vehicle to the
1932	owner within 5 days after the owner repays the lienholder for
1933	the amount of the bond, or makes arrangements to repay the
1934	lienholder for the bond under terms agreeable to the lienholder.
1935	A lienholder may retain possession of the vehicle if the owner
1936	is in default until such time as the default is cured and the
1937	amount of the bond is repaid by the owner, or an arrangement
1938	agreeable to the lienholder is made with the owner.
1939	(7) At <u>a</u> the hearing on <u>a</u> the complaint <u>relating to the</u>
1940	requirements of this section, the court shall forthwith issue <u>an</u>
1941	its order determining:
1942	(a) Whether the vehicle is subject to a valid lien by the
1943	lienor and the amount thereof;
1944	(b) The priority of the lien of the lienor as against any
1945	existing security interest in the vehicle;
1946	(c) The distribution of any proceeds of the sale by the
1947	clerk of the circuit court;
1948	(d) The award of damages, if any;
1949	<u>(e)</u> The award of reasonable <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees
1950	and costs, at the court's discretion, to the prevailing party;
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1951 and 1952 (f) (c) The reasonableness of storage charges. 1953 1954 A final order issued by the court must also provide for 1955 immediate payment of any proceeds or awards and the immediate 1956 release of the bond to the posting party, if applicable. 1957 (13) A failure to make good faith efforts as defined in 1958 subsection (2) precludes the imposition of any storage charges 1959 against the vehicle. If a lienor fails to provide notice to any 1960 person claiming a lien on a vehicle under subsection (1) within 1961 7 15 business days after the assessment of storage charges has 1962 begun, then the lienor is precluded from charging for more than 1963 7 15 days of storage, but failure to provide timely notice does 1964 not affect charges made for repairs, adjustments, or 1965 modifications to the vehicle or the priority of liens on the 1966 vehicle. 1967 Section 39. Subsections (2), (4), (5), and (10) of section 1968 790.06, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (f) is 1969 added to subsection (6) of that section, to read: 1970 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.-The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 1971 (2)1972 shall issue a license if the applicant: 1973 (a) Is a resident of the United States and a citizen of 1974 the United States or a permanent resident alien of the United 1975 States, as determined by the United States Bureau of Citizenship 1976 and Immigration Services, or is a consular security official of Page 76 of 88

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1977 a foreign government that maintains diplomatic relations and 1978 treaties of commerce, friendship, and navigation with the United 1979 States and is certified as such by the foreign government and by 1980 the appropriate embassy in this country;

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(b) Is 21 years of age or older;

1982 (c) Does not suffer from a physical infirmity which1983 prevents the safe handling of a weapon or firearm;

(d) Is not ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to s.
790.23 by virtue of having been convicted of a felony;

(e) Has not been committed for the abuse of a controlled
substance or been found guilty of a crime under the provisions
of chapter 893 or similar laws of any other state relating to
controlled substances within a 3-year period immediately
preceding the date on which the application is submitted;

1991 Does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic (f) 1992 beverages or other substances to the extent that his or her 1993 normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an 1994 applicant chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages or 1995 other substances to the extent that his or her normal faculties 1996 are impaired if the applicant has been committed under chapter 1997 397 or under the provisions of former chapter 396 or has been convicted under s. 790.151 or has been deemed a habitual 1998 1999 offender under s. 856.011(3), or has had two or more convictions 2000 under s. 316.193 or similar laws of any other state, within the 2001 3-year period immediately preceding the date on which the 2002 application is submitted;

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2003 (g) Desires a legal means to carry a concealed weapon or 2004 firearm for lawful self-defense;

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2005 (h) Demonstrates competence with a firearm by any one of 2006 the following:

Completion of any hunter education or hunter safety
 course approved by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 or a similar agency of another state;

2010 2. Completion of any National Rifle Association firearms2011 safety or training course;

3. Completion of any firearms safety or training course or class available to the general public offered by a law enforcement <u>agency</u>, junior college, college, or private or public institution or organization or firearms training school, <u>using utilizing</u> instructors certified by the National Rifle Association, Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;

2019 4. Completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or
2020 training course or class offered for security guards,
2021 investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision
2022 of <u>a</u> law enforcement <u>agency</u> or security enforcement;

2023 5. Presents evidence of equivalent experience with a 2024 firearm through participation in organized shooting competition 2025 or military service;

2026 6. Is licensed or has been licensed to carry a firearm in
2027 this state or a county or municipality of this state, unless
2028 such license has been revoked for cause; or

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2029 Completion of any firearms training or safety course or 7. 2030 class conducted by a state-certified or National Rifle 2031 Association certified firearms instructor; 2032 2033 A photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the courses 2034 or classes; or an affidavit from the instructor, school, club, 2035 organization, or group that conducted or taught such said course or class attesting to the completion of the course or class by 2036 2037 the applicant; or a copy of any document that which shows 2038 completion of the course or class or evidences participation in 2039 firearms competition shall constitute evidence of qualification 2040 under this paragraph. A_{i} any person who conducts a course 2041 pursuant to subparagraph 2., subparagraph 3., or subparagraph 2042 7., or who, as an instructor, attests to the completion of such 2043 courses, must maintain records certifying that he or she 2044 observed the student safely handle and discharge the firearm in 2045 his or her physical presence and that the discharge of the 2046 firearm included live fire using a firearm and ammunition as 2047 defined in s. 790.001; 2048 (i) Has not been adjudicated an incapacitated person under 2049 s. 744.331, or similar laws of any other state, unless 5 years 2050 have elapsed since the applicant's restoration to capacity by 2051 court order; 2052 (j) Has not been committed to a mental institution under 2053 chapter 394, or similar laws of any other state, unless the 2054 applicant produces a certificate from a licensed psychiatrist Page 79 of 88

2055 that he or she has not suffered from disability for at least 5 2056 years <u>before</u> prior to the date of submission of the application; 2057 (k) Has not had adjudication of guilt withheld or

imposition of sentence suspended on any felony or misdemeanor crime of domestic violence unless 3 years have elapsed since probation or any other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled, or expunction has occurred the record has been sealed or expunged;

2063 (1) Has not had adjudication of guilt withheld or 2064 imposition of sentence suspended on any misdemeanor crime of 2065 domestic violence unless 3 years have elapsed since probation or 2066 any other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled, or 2067 the record has been sealed or expunged;

2068 (m) (1) Has not been issued an injunction that is currently 2069 in force and effect and that restrains the applicant from 2070 committing acts of domestic violence or acts of repeat violence; 2071 and

2072 <u>(n) (m)</u> Is not prohibited from purchasing or possessing a 2073 firearm by any other provision of Florida or federal law.

(4) The application shall be completed, under oath, on a
 form <u>adopted promulgated</u> by the Department of Agriculture and
 Consumer Services and shall include:

2077 (a) The name, address, place <u>of birth</u>, and date of birth,
 2078 <u>and</u> race, and occupation of the applicant;

2079 (b) A statement that the applicant is in compliance with 2080 criteria contained within subsections (2) and (3);

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A statement that the applicant has been furnished a (C) copy of this chapter and is knowledgeable of its provisions; A conspicuous warning that the application is executed (d) under oath and that a false answer to any question, or the submission of any false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to criminal prosecution under s. 837.06; and (e) A statement that the applicant desires a concealed weapon or firearms license as a means of lawful self-defense; and-(f) Directions for an applicant who is a servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, or a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, to request expedited processing of his or her application. The applicant shall submit to the Department of (5) Agriculture and Consumer Services or an approved tax collector pursuant to s. 790.0625: (a) A completed application as described in subsection (4). A nonrefundable license fee of up to \$60 $\frac{70}{10}$ if he or (b) she has not previously been issued a statewide license or of up to \$50 \$60 for renewal of a statewide license. The cost of processing fingerprints as required in paragraph (c) shall be borne by the applicant. However, an individual holding an active certification from the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission as a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), or (9) is exempt from the licensing Page 81 of 88

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requirements of this section. If such individual wishes to 2107 2108 receive a concealed weapon weapons or firearm firearms license, he or she is exempt from the background investigation and all 2109 background investigation fees, but must pay the current license 2110 2111 fees regularly required to be paid by nonexempt applicants. 2112 Further, a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, or a 2113 correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), (2), 2114 or (3) is exempt from the required fees and background 2115 investigation for a period of 1 year after his or her 2116 retirement.

(c) A full set of fingerprints of the applicant 2117 2118 administered by a law enforcement agency or the Division of 2119 Licensing of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 2120 or an approved tax collector pursuant to s. 790.0625 together 2121 with any personal identifying information required by federal 2122 law to process fingerprints.

(d) A photocopy of a certificate, affidavit, or document 2123 2124 as described in paragraph (2)(h).

2125 A full frontal view color photograph of the applicant (e) 2126 taken within the preceding 30 days, in which the head, including 2127 hair, measures 7/8 of an inch wide and 1 1/8 inches high.

2128 2129 (f) For expedited processing of an application:

1. A servicemember shall submit a copy of the Common 2130 Access Card, United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, or current deployment orders. 2131 2. A veteran shall submit a copy of the DD Form 214,

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2133	issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another
2134	acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
2135	of Veterans' Affairs.
2136	(6)
2137	(f) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
2138	shall, upon receipt of a completed application and the
2139	identifying information required under paragraph (5)(f),
2140	expedite the processing of a servicemember's or a veteran's
2141	concealed weapon or firearm license application.
2142	(10) A license issued under this section shall be
2143	suspended or revoked pursuant to chapter 120 if the licensee:
2144	(a) Is found to be ineligible under the criteria set forth
2145	in subsection (2);
2146	(b) Develops or sustains a physical infirmity which
2147	prevents the safe handling of a weapon or firearm;
2148	(c) Is convicted of a felony which would make the licensee
2149	ineligible to possess a firearm pursuant to s. 790.23;
2150	(d) Is found guilty of a crime under the provisions of
2151	chapter 893, or similar laws of any other state, relating to
2152	controlled substances;
2153	(e) Is committed as a substance abuser under chapter 397,
2154	or is deemed a habitual offender under s. 856.011(3), or similar
2155	laws of any other state;
2156	(f) Is convicted of a second violation of s. 316.193, or a
2157	similar law of another state, within 3 years <u>after</u> of a <u>first</u>
2158	previous conviction of such section $_{m{ au}}$ or similar law of another
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state, even though the first violation may have occurred before 2159 2160 prior to the date on which the application was submitted; 2161 Is adjudicated an incapacitated person under s. (q) 744.331, or similar laws of any other state; or 2162 2163 Is committed to a mental institution under chapter (h) 2164 394, or similar laws of any other state. 2165 2166 Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), service of a notice of the 2167 suspension or revocation of a concealed weapon or firearm 2168 license must be given by either certified mail, return receipt 2169 requested, to the licensee at his or her last known mailing 2170 address furnished to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 2171 Services, or by personal service. If a notice given by certified 2172 mail is returned as undeliverable, a second attempt must be made 2173 to provide notice to the licensee at that address, by either 2174 first-class mail in an envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to 2175 the licensee at his or her last known mailing address furnished 2176 to the department, or, if the licensee has provided an e-mail address to the department, by e-mail. Such mailing by the 2177 2178 department constitutes notice, and any failure by the licensee to receive such notice does not stay the effective date or term 2179 2180 of the suspension or revocation. A request for hearing must be 2181 filed with the department within 21 days after notice is received by personal delivery, or within 26 days after the date 2182 2183 the department deposits the notice in the United States mail (21 days plus 5 days for mailing). The department shall document its 2184

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2185 attempts to provide notice and such documentation is admissible 2186 in the courts of this state and constitutes sufficient proof 2187 that notice was given. Section 40. Effective upon this act becoming a law, 2188 2189 paragraph (a) of subsection (11) of section 790.06, Florida 2190 Statutes, is amended to read: 2191 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.-2192 At least No less than 90 days before the (11)(a) 2193 expiration date of the license, the Department of Agriculture 2194 and Consumer Services shall mail to each licensee a written 2195 notice of the expiration and a renewal form prescribed by the 2196 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The licensee 2197 must renew his or her license on or before the expiration date 2198 by filing with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 2199 Services the renewal form containing an a notarized affidavit 2200 submitted under oath and under penalty of perjury stating that 2201 the licensee remains qualified pursuant to the criteria 2202 specified in subsections (2) and (3), a color photograph as 2203 specified in paragraph (5)(e), and the required renewal fee. 2204 Out-of-state residents must also submit a complete set of 2205 fingerprints and fingerprint processing fee. The license shall 2206 be renewed upon receipt of the completed renewal form, color 2207 photograph, appropriate payment of fees, and, if applicable, 2208 fingerprints. Additionally, a licensee who fails to file a 2209 renewal application on or before its expiration date must renew 2210 his or her license by paying a late fee of \$15. A license may

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2211	not be renewed 180 days or more after its expiration date, and
2212	such a license is deemed to be permanently expired. A person
2213	whose license has been permanently expired may reapply for
2214	licensure; however, an application for licensure and fees under
2215	subsection (5) must be submitted, and a background investigation
2216	shall be conducted pursuant to this section. A person who
2217	knowingly files false information under this subsection is
2218	subject to criminal prosecution under s. 837.06.
2219	Section 41. Subsection (8) is added to section 790.0625,
2220	Florida Statutes, to read:
2221	790.0625 Appointment of tax collectors to accept
2222	applications for a concealed weapon or firearm license; fees;
2223	penalties
2224	(8) Upon receipt of a completed renewal application, a new
2225	color photograph, and appropriate payment of fees, a tax
2226	collector authorized to accept renewal applications for
2227	concealed weapon or firearm licenses under this section may,
2228	upon approval and confirmation of license issuance by the
2229	department, print and deliver a concealed weapon or firearm
2230	license to a licensee renewing his or her license at the tax
2231	collector's office.
2232	Section 42. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection
2233	(3) of section 559.9285, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
2234	559.9285 Certification of business activities
2235	(1) Each certifying party, as defined in s. 559.927(2):
2236	(a) Which does not offer for sale, at wholesale or retail,
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2237 prearranged travel <u>or</u>, tourist-related services, or tour-guide 2238 services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist 2239 state and which originate in Florida;

(b) Which offers for sale, at wholesale or retail, only prearranged travel $\underline{or_{\tau}}$ tourist-related services, or tour-guide services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist state and which originate in Florida, but engages in no other business dealings or commerce with any terrorist state; or

(c) Which offers for sale, at wholesale or retail,
prearranged travel <u>or</u>, tourist-related services, or tour-guide
services for individuals or groups directly to any terrorist
state and which originate in Florida, and also engages in any
other business dealings or commerce with any terrorist state,

shall annually certify its business activities by filing a disclosure statement with the department which accurately represents the scope of the seller's business activities according to the criteria provided in paragraph (a), paragraph (b), or paragraph (c).

(3) The department shall specify by rule the form of each
certification under this section which shall include the
following information:

(d) The type of all prearranged travel \underline{or}_{τ} tourist-related services, or tour-guide services that the certifying party offers for sale to individuals or groups traveling directly to any terrorist state and that originate in Florida, and the

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2263 frequency with which such services are offered.

2264 Section 43. Subsection (2) of section 559.937, Florida 2265 Statutes, is amended to read:

2266 559.937 Criminal penalties.—Any person or business that 2267 violates this part:

2268 (2) Which violation directly or indirectly pertains to an 2269 offer to sell, at wholesale or retail, prearranged travel $\underline{or_{\tau}}$ 2270 tourist-related services, or tour-guide services for individuals 2271 or groups directly to any terrorist state and which originate in 2272 Florida, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as 2273 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

2274 Section 44. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 2275 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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Bill No. CS/HB 641 (2016)

Amendment No. 1

	COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION
	ADOPTED (Y/N)
	ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
	ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
	FAILED TO ADOPT(Y/N)
	WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
	OTHER
1	Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Agriculture & Natural
2	Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
3	Representative Trumbull offered the following:
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5	Amendment (with title amendment)
6	Between lines 2273 and 2274, insert:
7	Section 43. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the sum of
8	\$1,305,097 in nonrecurring funds from the Division of Licensing
9	Trust Fund is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and
10	Consumer Services for the purpose of implementing s. 493.6108,
11	Florida Statutes, regarding the collection and subsequent
12	payment of fingerprint retention and processing fees to the
13	Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
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16	TITLE AMENDMENT
17	Remove line 187 and insert:
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18 F.S.; conforming terminology; providing an appropriation;

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 989 Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment SPONSOR(S): Harrell and others TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 1168

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee		Massengale	Massengale
2) Appropriations Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

In 2014, the voters of the state of Florida approved an amendment to the Florida Constitution to create Article X, Section 28, which requires that 33 percent of documentary stamp taxes collected be deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) and prohibits funds from the LATF from being used for a purpose not specified in the constitution. In 2015, chapter 2015-229, Laws of Florida, became law and amended the relevant statutes to comply with this constitutional requirement. The bill amended section 375.041, F.S., related to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to require that funds be used for certain debt service obligations and to require that \$32 million be distributed to the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan. The section further provides that any remaining moneys in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund that are not distributed as provided above may be appropriated from time to time for the purposes set forth in s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution.

HB 989 amends s. 375.041, F.S. to provide for the distribution of funds deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. Of the funds remaining after the payment of certain debt service obligations, the Legislature will be required to appropriate a minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million for Everglades projects that implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), including the Central Everglades Planning Project subject to congressional authorization, the Long-Term Plan, and the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program.

The bill requires that from these funds, \$32 million will be distributed each fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for the Long-Term Plan. After deducting the \$32 million, from the funds remaining, a minimum of the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million will be appropriated each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the planning, design, engineering and construction of the CERP.

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the SFWMD to give preference to projects that reduce harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner.

The House proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act provides \$32 million for the Long-Term Plan, \$100 million for the CERP and \$66 million for the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program.

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2016.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

On November 4, 2014, Florida voters approved an initiative petition relating to water and land conservation. The provision added a section 28 to Article X of the Florida Constitution:

SECTION 28. Land Acquisition Trust Fund.—

a) Effective on July 1 of the year following passage of this amendment by the voters, and for a period of 20 years after that effective date, the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall receive no less than 33 percent of net revenues derived from the existing excise tax on documents¹, as defined in the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, as amended from time to time, or any successor or replacement tax, after the Department of Revenue first deducts a service charge to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the excise tax on documents.

b) Funds in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be expended only for the following purposes: 1) As provided by law, to finance or refinance: the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitat; wildlife management areas; lands that protect water resources and drinking water sources, including lands protecting the water quality and quantity of rivers, lakes, streams, springsheds, and lands providing recharge for groundwater and aquifer systems; lands in the Everglades Agricultural Area and the Everglades Protection Area, as defined in Article II, Section 7(b); beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic or geologic sites; together with management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands.

2) To pay the debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 11(e). c) The moneys deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, as defined by the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, shall not be or become commingled with the General Revenue Fund of the state.

As a result of Special Session A in 2015, chapter 2015-229, Laws of Florida, became law and amended the relevant statutes to comply with this constitutional requirement. As part of chapter 2015-229, L.O.F., s. 375.041, F.S. was amended to require moneys from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to be allocated as follows:

- 1. First, to pay debt service or to fund debt service reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to Florida Forever bonds issued under s. 215.618; and pay debt service, provide reserves, and pay rebate obligations and other amounts due with respect to Everglades restoration bonds issued under s. 215.619;
- 2. Then, to pay the debt service on bonds issued before February 1, 2009, by the South Florida Water Management District and the St. Johns River Water Management District, which are secured by revenues provided pursuant to former s. 373.59, Florida Statutes 2014, or which are necessary to fund debt service reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to such bonds. This paragraph expires July 1, 2016; and

¹ The documentary stamp tax is imposed on documents that transfer interest in Florida real property and certain types of debt. Documents subject to the tax include deeds, bonds, corporate shares, notes and written obligations to pay money, and mortgages, lines and other evidences of indebtedness. ss. ss. 201.02, 201.07 and 201.208, F.S. STORAGE NAME: h0989a.ANRAS DATE: 1/27/2016

3. Then, to distribute \$32 million each fiscal year to the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2). This paragraph expires July 1, 2024.

The section further provides that any remaining moneys in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund that are not distributed as provided above may be appropriated from time to time for the purposes set forth in s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution.

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program (CERP) is a large, comprehensive, long-term 50-50 partnership with the federal government to restore the Everglades. The plan originally approved in the 2000 federal Water Resources Development Act includes more than 60 projects that will take more than 30 years to complete and will cost an estimated \$13.5 billion.² The program works in conjunction with other state and federal efforts to revitalize wetlands, lakes, bays and estuaries across south Florida's ecosystem, for the purpose of improving the Everglades and ensuring the area's water supply can meet future needs. DEP and the South Florida Water Management District work in collaboration to review each program proposal, with DEP having final approval authority. Projects must receive DEP approval before being submitted to Congress or the Legislature for funding.

The Central Everglades Planning Project

The Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) is a suite of projects in the central Everglades intended to allow more water to be directed south to the central Everglades, Everglades National Park, and Florida Bay. On December 23, 2014, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Engineers submitted his Project Implementation Report for CEPP to the Secretary of the Army for transmission to Congress for congressional authorization. The proposed CEPP is comprised of increments of six components of CERP, including the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir - Phase I, which was conditionally authorized by Section 601 (b)(2)(C)(ii) of WRDA 2000. However, the reporting officers recommended new authorization consistent with Section 601 (d) of WRDA 2000 due to changes in scope and the inclusion of additional CERP components. The reporting officers recommended increments of the following six components of CERP to be integrated with the existing facilities of the C&SF system: Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoirs (Component G); Water Conservation Area (WCA)-3 Decompartmentalization and Sheetflow Enhancement (Components AA and QQ); S-356 Pump Station Modifications (Component FF); L-31 N Improvements for Seepage Management (Component V); System-wide Operational Changes - Everglades Rain-Driven Operations (Component H); and Flow to Northwest and Central.WCA-3A (Component II).³

Long-Term Plan

Section 373.4592(2), F.S. references the "Long-Term Plan" relating to Everglades protection. The Long-Term Plan resulted from the 1994 Everglades Forever Act, which requires the SFWMD to submit a water quality plan to DEP. The Plan's overarching purpose is to ensure all water entering the Everglades Protection Area complies with state and federal water quality standards. The plan calls for enhancements to existing storm water treatment areas, expanded best management practices and integration with CERP projects.⁴ In 2012, the DEP and the SFWMD, in consultation with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, developed a technical plan to meet water quality standards, which includes additional stormwater treatment areas and storage reservoirs at a cost of \$880 million over a 13-year period. A total of \$500.7 million in funds will be provided by the South Florida Water Management District with the balance to be provided by the state. The 2013 Legislature appropriated \$32 million on a recurring basis to support the implementation of the technical water quality plan.⁵

³ U.S, Army Corps of Engineers CEPP Project Implementation Report, available at:

⁵ http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/long-range-financial-outlook/3-Year-Plan_Fall-2015_1617-1819.pdf

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² http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/everglades/ (last visited 1/19/2015).

http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Portals/44/docs/Environmental/CEPP/CentralEverglades-Dec2014%20Chief's%20Report.pdf (last accessed 1/27/2016).

⁴ South Florida Water Management District, available at:

http://my.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xweb%20protecting%20and%20restoring/water%20quality%20stormwater%20treatment%20are as (last accessed 1/13/2016).

Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP)

The term "Northern Everglades" refers to the Lake Okeechobee watershed, the Caloosahatchee River watershed, and the St. Lucie River watershed.⁶ The Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) promotes a comprehensive, interconnected watershed approach to protect Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie River watersheds. It includes the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Protection Program and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Watershed Protection Program. The 2016 Legislature enacted legislation, Chapter 2016-1, L.O.F., updating and restructuring NEEPP to reflect and build upon the DEP's completion of basin management action plans (BMAPs) for Lake Okeechobee, the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary, and the St. Lucie River and Estuary, and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' (DACS) implementation of best management practices (BMPs.⁷

Provisions of Bill

The bill amends s. 375.041, F.S. to provide for distribution of funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. The bill retains the requirement that funds first be distributed to pay debt service or to fund debt service reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to Florida Forever bonds issued under s. 215.618, F.S., and Everglades restoration bonds issued under s. 215.619, F.S.

Of the funds remaining after this debt service distribution, the Legislature will be required to appropriate a minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million for Everglades projects that implement:

- 1. the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades Planning Project subject to congressional authorization;
- 2. the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2); and
- 3. the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program as set forth in s. 373.4595.

From these funds, \$32 million will be distributed each fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan. After deducting the \$32 million, from the funds remaining, a minimum of the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million will be appropriated each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the planning, design, engineering and construction of the CERP.

The bill requires DEP and the SFWMD to give preference to projects that reduce harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner.

Finally, the bill repeals the provision, which expires July 1, 2016, paying for the SFWMD's and the St. Johns River Water Management District's debt service on bonds issued before February 1, 2009.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends s. 375.041, F.S. relating to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

Section 2: Provides effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

⁶ s. 373.4595(2)(I)
 ⁷ Florida Senate Bill Analysis, CS/CS/SB 552
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The bill specifies how the Land Acquisition Trust Fund would be distributed for Everglades restoration. See the table below.

			(In millions)			
			Lesser of		CERP	
State			25% or		(Lesser of	Remaining
Fiscal		Less Debt	\$200M for	Long-	76.5% or	Everglades
Year	33% LATF	Service	Everglades	Term Plan	\$100M)	Funds
2016-17	\$823.8	\$171.3	\$163.1	\$32.0	\$100.0	\$31.1
2017-18	\$879.6	\$171.4	\$177.1	\$32.0	\$100.0	\$45.1
2018-19	\$922.9	\$171.5	\$187.9	\$32.0	\$100.0	\$55.9
2019-20	\$957.4	\$171.6	\$196.4	\$32.0	\$100.0	\$64.4
2020-21	\$992.4	\$171.6	\$200.00	\$32.0	\$100.0	\$68.0
2021-22	\$1,026.1	\$150.2	\$200.00	\$32.0	\$100.0	\$68.0
2022-23	\$1,064.7	\$139.3	\$200.00	\$32.0	\$100.0	\$68.0
2023-24	\$1,105.6	\$119.2	\$200.00	\$32.0	\$100.0	\$68.0
2024-25	\$1,149.6	\$119.2	\$200.00		\$100.0	\$100.0
2025-26	\$1,194.9	\$93.8	\$200.00		\$100.0	\$100.0

The House proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act provides \$32 million for the Long-Term Plan, \$100 million for the CERP and \$66 million for the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program.

- B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:
 - 1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

- C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR: None.
- D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

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IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to implementation of the water and
land conservation constitutional amendment; amending
s. 375.041, F.S.; requiring a minimum specified
percentage of funds within the Land Acquisition Trust
Fund to be appropriated for Everglades restoration
projects; providing a preference in the use of funds
to certain projects that reduce discharges to the St.
Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries; providing an
effective date.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 375.041, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:
375.041 Land Acquisition Trust Fund
(3) Funds distributed into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund
pursuant to s. 201.15 shall be applied:
(a) First, to pay debt service or to fund debt service
reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other amounts payable with
respect to Florida Forever bonds issued under s. 215.618; and
pay debt service, provide reserves, and pay rebate obligations
and other amounts due with respect to Everglades restoration
bonds issued under s. 215.619; and
(b) Of the funds remaining after the payments required
under paragraph (a) but before funds may be appropriated or
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27	dedicated for other uses, a minimum of the lesser of 25 percent
28	or \$200 million shall be appropriated annually for Everglades
29	projects that implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration
30	Plan as set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central
31	Everglades Planning Project subject to congressional
32	authorization; the Long-Term Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2);
33	and the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program as
34	set forth in s. 373.4595. From these funds, \$32 million shall be
35	distributed each fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year
36	to the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term
37	Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2). After deducting the \$32
38	million distributed under this paragraph, from the funds
39	remaining, a minimum of the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100
40	million shall be appropriated each fiscal year through the 2025-
41	2026 fiscal year for the planning, design, engineering, and
42	construction of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as
43	set forth in s. 373.470, including the Central Everglades
44	Planning Project subject to congressional authorization. The
45	Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida
46	Water Management District shall give preference to those
47	Everglades restoration projects that reduce harmful discharges
48	of water from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee
49	estuaries in a timely manner Then, to pay the debt service on
50	bonds issued before February 1, 2009, by the South Florida Water
51	Management District and the St. Johns River Water Management
52	District, which are secured by revenues provided pursuant to
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53	former s. 373.59, Florida Statutes 2014, or which are necessary	
54	to fund debt service reserve funds, rebate obligations, or other	£
55	amounts payable with respect to such bonds. This paragraph	
56	expires July 1, 2016; and	
57	(c) Then, to distribute \$32 million each fiscal year to	
58	the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term	
59	Plan as defined in s. 373.4592(2). This paragraph expires July	
60	1, 2024 .	
61	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.	

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1205 Fumigation SPONSOR(S): Magar TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 1498

ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
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		12 Y, 0 N Gregory

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Individuals who perform fumigation must be licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) and follow the safety procedures set forth in rule. In addition, each brand of pesticide that is distributed, sold, or offered for sale within this state or delivered for transportation or transported in intrastate commerce or between points within this state through any point outside this state must be registered with DACS.

The bill updates DACS' rulemaking authority relating to safety procedures for fumigation to:

- Require that fumigators notify DACS where the fumigation will be performed at least 24 hours in advance of any general fumigation, rather than notify a DACS inspector;
- Authorize DACS to specify circumstances when notification of less than 24 hours in advance is allowed, rather than only during an authentic and verifiable emergency; and
- Authorize DACS to require safety procedures for the clearance of residential structures before reoccupation after fumigation.

Further, the bill updates DACS' rulemaking authority to allow DACS to place conditions on fumigant registration including:

- Requiring registrants to train distributors and end users in safety measures, proper use, safe storage, and the management of fumigant materials;
- Obtaining continuing education program approval for stewardship training programs;
- Conducting quality assurance reviews;
- Reporting to DACS probation and stop-sale notifications issued to end users. DACS must notify other sulfuryl fluoride registrants of the reported probation or stop-sale notice; and
- Assisting DACS upon its request with the removal of fumigant containers from distributors and end users for compliance with permanent or extended stop-sales.

The bill appears to have an insignificant negative fiscal impact on DACS, which can be absorbed within existing resources. The bill may have an insignificant negative fiscal impact on licensees who apply fumigants and on individuals who register fumigants. See Fiscal Analysis & Economic Impact Statement.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

A "fumigant" is a chemical which, at a required temperature and pressure, can exist in the gaseous state in sufficient concentration to be lethal to a given organism.¹ "Fumigation" is the use, within an enclosed space or in or under a structure or tarpaulins, of a fumigant in concentrations that may be hazardous to human beings.² The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) regulates fumigation and registering fumigants.

Fumigation Requirements

Individuals who perform fumigation must obtain a special identification card from DACS or be a certified fumigation operator.³ Fumigators must notify DACS 24 hours in advance before any general fumigation via DACS' website or facsimile.⁴ This requirement may be waived during a verifiable emergency when notification is not possible.⁵

The fumigators must follow the instructions on the fumigant's label, possess any keys or access devices to gain entry into the structure, possess a self-contained breathing apparatus, and possess and maintain two clearance devices.⁶ The structure or enclosed space to be fumigated may not be occupied during fumigation.⁷ The fumigator must inspect the structure or enclosed space to make sure no persons remain.⁸ Further, the structure or enclosed space must be made as gas-tight as possible.⁹ Prior to application of the fumigant, the fumigators must affix and conspicuously post warning signs that meet standards adopted by DACS.¹⁰

After fumigation, the structure must be aerated.¹¹ The aeration process includes a minimum one-hour active aeration and a minimum five-hour passive aeration.¹² An active aeration requires the doors and windows of the structure to be opened and fans used to allow the fumigant to dissipate.¹³ The passive aeration occurs after the active aeration and requires the structure to be re-secured.¹⁴ Currently, fumigators are not required to provide DACS with the initiation time of the aeration process.¹⁵ Once aeration is complete, the certified operator in charge must personally inspect the structure or enclosed space to assure the space has been safely ventilated as required by the fumigant's label.¹⁶ The space must be inspected with suitable gas-detecting equipment or devices required by the fumigant's label to assure the structure is safe for human entry and occupancy.¹⁷ Currently, licensees are required to maintain evidence of device calibration, but are not required to provide these records to DACS unless

¹ Section 482.021(9), F.S.

² Section 482.021(10), F.S.

³ Section 482.151(1), F.S.; Rule 5E-14.108(1), F.A.C.

⁴ Section 482.051(4), F.S.; Rule 5E-14.110(1), F.A.C.

⁵ Section 482.051(4), F.S.; Rule 5E-14.110(2), F.A.C.

⁶ Rule 5E-14.108, F.A.C.

⁷ Rule 5E-14.111(2), F.A.C.

⁸ Rule 5E-14.111(4), F.A.C.

⁹ Rule 5E-14.111(7), F.A.C.

¹⁰ Rules 5E-14.112(1) through (6), F.A.C.

¹¹ DACS, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 1205, p. 1 (January 15, 2016).

¹² Id.

¹³ Id.

¹⁴ Id.

¹⁵ Id.

¹⁶ Rule 5E-14.113(1), F.A.C.

¹⁷ Rule 5E-14.113(2), F.A.C.

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requested.¹⁸ Once the structure or enclosed space is safe for reentry and reoccupancy, the certified operator must certify his final personal inspection and monitoring examination and must conspicuously post the certification on all entrances.¹⁹

Pesticide Registration

Each brand of pesticide²⁰ that is distributed, sold, or offered for sale within this state or delivered for transportation or transported in intrastate commerce or between points within this state through any point outside this state must be registered with DACS, and such registration shall be renewed biennially.²¹ Applicants seeking to register their pesticide must submit:

- Product chemistry data demonstrating a pesticide's relative susceptibility to leaching into groundwater and its relative stability in groundwater;
- Toxicology data demonstrating human risk assessment and environmental risk assessment;
- Environmental fate data demonstrating chemical degradation, metabolic transformation, persistence (half-life), bioaccumulation potential, and mobility of the pesticide;
- Residue chemistry data which describes pesticide residues detected in or on applicable crops, processed foods, and animal feed; and
- Worker and applicator safety data demonstrating use of the pesticide in accordance with the label does not pose any unreasonable risk to applicators or agricultural workers exposed to treated areas or commodities.²²

DACS may approve the pesticide registration, conditionally approve the product with limitations, or deny registration and state the basis for denial.²³

If DACS finds a pesticide is being offered or exposed for sale, used, or held in violation of its pesticide regulations, it may issue and enforce a stop-sale, stop-use, removal, or hold order.²⁴ This order may order that the pesticide or device be held at a designated place until the pesticide regulations are complied with and the pesticide or device is released.²⁵

If a pesticide registered in the state is suspended or canceled to prevent harm to the public or the environment, the registrant must reclaim and provide reimbursement for that pesticide from any distributor, dealer, user, or other party possessing it in this state and provide for the proper removal or disposal of the pesticide within 90 days.²⁶

Office of Inspector General Review

On January 6, 2016, DACS' Office of Inspector General issued a report on structural fumigation regulations and processes.²⁷ The report makes several recommendations to improve public safety, including increasing aeration time, increasing reporting requirements, requiring proof that chemical

¹⁸ DACS, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 1205, p. 1 (January 15, 2016).

¹⁹ Rule 5E-14.113(2), F.A.C.

²⁰ Section 487.021(49), F.S., defines the term "pesticide" to mean any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any insects, rodents, nematodes, fungi, weeds, or other forms of plant or animal life or viruses, except viruses, bacteria, or fungi on or in living humans or other animals, which the department by rule declares to be a pest, and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.

²¹ Section 487.041(1)(a), F.S.

²² Rule 5E-2.031(3), F.A.C.

²³ Rule 5E-2.031(6) and (7), F.A.C.

²⁴ Section 487.101(1), F.S.

²⁵ Id.

²⁶ Section 487.15, F.S.

²⁷ DACS, Review of the Division of Agricultural and Environmental Services, Structural Fumigation Regulation Regulations and Processes, available at http://media.wptv.com/image/Report.pdf?_ga=1.26570170.646122863.1452805180 (last visited January 14, 2016).

detection devices are properly calibrated, requiring notice of aeration times, changing warning requirements, and adding notification requirements for alternative methods of termite control.²⁸

Effect of the Proposed Bill

The bill amends s. 482.051, F.S., to update DACS' rulemaking authority relating to safety procedures for fumigation. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires fumigators to notify DACS where the fumigation will be performed at least 24 hours in advance of any general fumigation, rather than notify a DACS inspector;
- Authorizes DACS to specify circumstances when notification of less than 24 hours in advance is allowed, rather than only during an authentic and verifiable emergency; and
- Authorize DACS to require safety procedures for the clearance of residential structures before reoccupation after fumigation.

The bill amends s. 487.051, F.S., to update DACS' rulemaking authority to allow DACS to place conditions on fumigant registration. Specifically, DACS will be authorized to make rules to:

- Require registrants to train distributors and end users in safety measures, proper use, safe storage, and the management of fumigant materials;
- Obtain continuing education program approval for stewardship training programs;
- Conduct quality assurance reviews;
- Report to DACS probation and stop-sale notifications issued to end users. DACS must notify other sulfuryl fluoride registrants of the reported probation or stop-sale notice; and
- Assist DACS upon its request with the removal of fumigant containers from distributors and end users for compliance with permanent or extended stop-sales.
- B. SECTION DIRECTORY:
 - Section 1. Amends s. 482.051, F.S., relating to rules for pest control regulations.
 - **Section 2.** Amends s. 487.051, F.S., relating to administration, rules, and procedure for pesticide regulation and safety.
 - Section 3. Providing an effective date of July 1, 2016.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

The department is authorized to revise rules, which can be absorbed within existing resources.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

The bill authorizes the department by rule to require manufacturers to train distributors and end users in safety measures, to obtain continuing education and to conduct quality assurance reviews. Since manufacturers already train distributors and users, they will continue to work with the department to fortify the training. This may have an insignificant negative fiscal impact on registrants and licensees who apply fumigants and on individuals who register fumigants.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

- A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
 - 1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

The bill grants additional rulemaking authority to DACS to regulate fumigation safety procedures and place conditions on the registration of fumigants. The bill will likely require DACS to revise its rules to conform to the changes made in the bill.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to fumigation; amending s. 482.051,
3	F.S.; revising general fumigation notification
4	requirements; authorizing the Department of
5	Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt safety
6	procedures for the clearance of residential structures
7	before reoccupation after fumigation; amending s.
8	487.051, F.S.; authorizing the department to establish
9	certain conditions for the registration or continued
10	registration of fumigants; providing an effective
11	date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 482.051, Florida Statutes, is amended
16	to read:
17	482.051 Rules.—The department <u>may</u> has authority to adopt
18	rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the
19	provisions of this chapter. <u>Before</u> Prior to proposing the
20	adoption of a rule, the department shall counsel with members of
21	the pest control industry concerning the proposed rule. The
22	department shall adopt rules for the protection of the health,
23	safety, and welfare of pest control employees and the general
24	public which require:
25	(1) That all pesticides or economic poisons be used only
26	in accordance with the registered labels and labeling or as
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27 directed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or 28 the department.

(2) That vehicles and trailers used in pest control be permanently marked with the licensee's name that is registered with the department. However, vehicles that are used to perform only sales and solicitation may have temporary or removable markers.

(3) That written contracts be required for providing
termites and other wood-destroying organisms pest control, that
provisions necessary to assure consumer protection as specified
by the department be included in such contracts, and that
require licensees to comply with the contracts issued.

39 (4)That a licensee, before performing general fumigation, notify in writing the department of inspector having 40 41 jurisdiction over the location where the fumigation is to be 42 performed, which notice must be received by the department 43 inspector at least 24 hours before the fumigation and must 44 contain such information as the department requires. The 45 department may specify circumstances under which notification of 46 less than 24 hours is allowed and what notice is required in 47 those circumstances. However, in an authentic and verifiable 48 emergency, when 24 hours' advance notice is not possible, 49 advance notice may be given by telephone, facsimile, or any 50 other form of acceptable electronic communication, but such notice must be immediately followed by written confirmation 51 52 providing the required information.

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That any pesticide used as the primary preventive 53 (5)54 treatment for subterranean termites in new construction be applied in the amount, concentration, and treatment area in 55 56 accordance with the label; that a copy of the label of the registered pesticide being applied be carried in a vehicle at 57 58 the site where the pesticide is being applied; and that the 59 licensee maintain for 3 years the record of each preconstruction 60 treatment, indicating the date of treatment, the location or address of the property treated, the total square footage of the 61 structure treated, the type of pesticide applied, the 62 concentration of each substance in the mixture applied, and the 63 total amount of pesticide applied. 64

That the department may issue an immediate stop-use or 65 (6)stop-work order for fumigation performed in violation of 66 67 fumigant label requirements or department rules, or in a manner 68 that presents an immediate serious danger to the health, safety, 69 or welfare of the public, including, but not limited to, failure 70 to use required personal protective equipment, failure to use a required warning agent, failure to post required warning signs, 71 72 failure to secure a structure's usual entrances as required, or 73 using a fumigant in a manner that will likely result in 74 hazardous exposure to humans, animals, or the environment.

75 That the department may require safety procedures for (7) 76 the clearance of residential structures before reoccupation 77 after fumigation. Section 2. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of

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79	section 487.051, Florida Statutes, to read:		
80	487.051 Administration; rules; procedure		
81	(1) The department may by rule:		
82	(f) Establish conditions for the registration or continued		
83	registration of fumigants, including:		
84	1. Requiring registrants to train distributors and end		
85	users in safety measures, proper use, safe storage, and the		
86	management of fumigant materials;		
87	2. Obtaining continuing education program approval for		
88	stewardship training programs;		
89	3. Conducting quality assurance reviews;		
90	4. Reporting to the department probation and stop-sale		
91	notifications issued to end users. The department shall notify		
92	other sulfuryl fluoride registrants of the reported probation or		
93	stop-sale notice; and		
94	5. Assisting the department upon its request with the		
95	removal of fumigant containers from distributors and end users		
96	for compliance with permanent or extended stop-sales.		
97	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.		
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 4035 Pesticide Registration SPONSOR(S): Combee TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Gregory	Harrington
2) Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee		Lolley	Massengale Sm
3) State Affairs Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Generally, each brand of pesticide distributed, sold, or offered for sale within the state must register with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) biennially and pay a registration fee. In 2009, the Legislature created a supplemental biennial registration fee (supplemental fee) for each registered brand of pesticide that contains an active ingredient for which the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established a food tolerance limit in 40 C.F.R. part 180 to defray the expense of the Chemical Residue Laboratory. DACS uses the supplemental fee to support the Chemical Residue Laboratory which performs chemical analyses of poisonous or deleterious chemical residues remaining in or on human food produced or marketed in Florida.

The bill eliminates the supplemental fee for each registered brand of pesticide that contains an active ingredient for which the EPA has established a food tolerance limit in 40 C.F.R. part 180.

The House proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act provides \$1,801,131 from the General Revenue Fund to support the Chemical Residue Laboratory.

The bill will have a positive fiscal impact on individuals who distribute, sell, or offer to sell pesticides by eliminating the supplemental fee.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

Pesticide Registration

Effective January 1, 2009, each brand of pesticide¹ distributed, sold, or offered for sale, except as otherwise provided, within the state or delivered for transportation or transported in intrastate commerce or between points within this state through any point outside this state, must register with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) and pay a biennial registration fee.² DACS assess each pesticide registration beginning in an odd-numbered year a fee of \$700 per brand of pesticide and a fee of \$200 for each special local need label and experimental use permit.³ The registration expires on December 31 of the following year.⁴ DACS assesses each pesticide registration beginning in an even-numbered year a fee of \$350 per brand of pesticide and fee of \$100 for each special local need label and experimental use permit.⁵ That registration expires on December 31 of that year.⁶

Supplemental Registration Fee

In 2009, the Legislature amended s. 487.041, F.S., to defray the expense of the Chemical Residue Laboratory by creating a supplemental biennial registration fee (supplemental fee) for each registered brand of pesticide that contains an active ingredient for which the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established a food tolerance limit in 40 C.F.R. part 180.⁷ DACS must biennially publish by rule a list of the pesticide active ingredients for which a brand of pesticide is subject to the supplemental fee.⁸ DACS assesses each registration beginning in an odd-numbered year a supplemental registration fee of \$630 per brand of pesticide that is subject to the supplemental registration fee of \$630 per brand of pesticide that is subject to the supplemental registration beginning in an even-numbered year a supplemental registration fee of \$315 per brand of pesticide that is subject to the supplemental fee.¹⁰

The revenue from these two fees, less those costs determined by DACS to be nonrecurring or one-time costs, must be deferred over the 2-year registration period, deposited in the General Inspection Trust Fund, and used by DACS to carry out the provisions of the Florida Pesticide Law.¹¹ Revenues collected from the supplemental fee may also be used by DACS to test pesticides for food safety.¹²

¹ Section 487.021(49), F.S., defines the term "pesticide" to mean any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any insects, rodents, nematodes, fungi, weeds, or other forms of plant or animal life or viruses, except viruses, bacteria, or fungi on or in living humans or other animals, which the department by rule declares to be a pest, and any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant. The term does not include any article that is a "new animal drug" within the meaning of s. 201(w) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, has been determined by the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services not to be a new animal drug by a regulation establishing conditions of use for the article; or is an animal feed within the meaning of s. 201(x) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

² Section 487.041(1), F.S.

³ Section 487.041(1)(c), F.S.

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id.

⁶ Id.

⁷ Section 32, ch. 2009-66, Laws of Fla.

⁸ Section 487.041(1)(d)1., F.S.

⁹ Section 487.041(1)(d)2., F.S.

¹⁰ Id.

¹¹ Section 487.041(1)(e), F.S.

¹² Id.

Chemical Residue Laboratory

For food safety purposes, the Chemical Residue Laboratory tests food for pesticides. The Chemical Residue Laboratory performs chemical analyses of poisonous or deleterious chemical residues remaining in or on human food produced or marketed in Florida.¹³ The Bureau of Chemical Residue Laboratories uses the laboratory for the regulatory enforcement of federal pesticide and antibiotic residue tolerances and guidelines adopted by the state for raw agricultural produce.¹⁴ DACS operates the Chemical Residue Laboratory in Tallahassee.¹⁵ This is the only state laboratory in Florida dedicated to chemical residue analysis in foods.¹⁶

Prior to the creation of the supplemental fee in 2009, DACS received General Revenue to support the Chemical Residue Laboratory.¹⁷ Currently, DACS uses revenues received from the supplemental fee to fund the Chemical Residue Laboratory.¹⁸

Effect of the Proposed Changes

The bill eliminates the supplemental fee for each registered brand of pesticide that contains an active ingredient for which the EPA has established a food tolerance limit in 40 C.F.R. part 180 by repealing paragraph 487.041(1)(d), F.S., and removing references to the supplemental fee throughout the section.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 487.041, F.S., relating to pesticide registration.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2016.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

See Fiscal Comments.

2. Expenditures:

See Fiscal Comments.

- B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:
 - 1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

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None.

¹³ DACS, *Bureau of Chemical Residue Laboratory*, http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Food-Safety/Bureaus-and-Sections/Bureau-of-Chemical-Residue-Laboratory (last visited November 17, 2015).

¹⁴ Id. ¹⁵ Id.

i Id.

¹⁶ DACS, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 4035, p. 1 (November 16, 2015).

¹⁷ Full Appropriations Council on General Government and Health Care, 2009 House of Representatives Staff Analysis for House Bill 5125, p. 2 (April 7, 2009).

¹⁸ DACS, Agency Analysis of 2016 House Bill 4035, p. 1 (November 16, 2015).

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C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

The bill will have a positive fiscal impact on individuals who distribute, sell, or offer to sell pesticides by eliminating the supplemental fee for each registered brand of pesticide that contains an active ingredient for which the EPA has established a food tolerance limit in 40 C.F.R. part 180.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The House proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act provides \$1,801,131 from the General Revenue Fund to support the Chemical Residue Laboratory.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not Applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.

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2	An act relating to pesticide registration; amending s.
3	487.041, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to
4	supplemental registration fees for certain pesticides
5	that contain active ingredients for which the United
6	States Environmental Protection Agency has established
7	food tolerance limits; providing an effective date.
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9	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11	Section 1. Section 487.041, Florida Statutes, is amended
12	to read:
13	487.041 Registration
14	(1)(a) Effective January 1, 2009, each brand of pesticide,
15	as defined in s. 487.021, which is distributed, sold, or offered
16	for sale, except as provided in this section, within this state
17	or delivered for transportation or transported in intrastate
18	commerce or between points within this state through any point
19	outside this state must be registered in the office of the
20	department, and such registration shall be renewed biennially.
21	Emergency exemptions from registration may be authorized in
22	accordance with the rules of the department. The registrant
23	shall file with the department a statement including:
24	1. The name, business mailing address, and street address
25	of the registrant.
26	2. The name of the brand of pesticide.
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27 An ingredient statement and a complete current copy of 3. 28 the labeling accompanying the brand of pesticide, which must 29 conform to the registration, and a statement of all claims to be made for it, including directions for use and a guaranteed 30 31 analysis showing the names and percentages by weight of each 32 active ingredient, the total percentage of inert ingredients, 33 and the names and percentages by weight of each "added ingredient." 34

35 (b) Effective January 1, 2009, for the purpose of 36 defraying expenses of the department in connection with carrying 37 out the provisions of this part, each registrant shall pay a 38 biennial registration fee for each registered brand of 39 pesticide. The registration of each brand of pesticide shall cover a designated 2-year period beginning on January 1 of each 40 41 odd-numbered year and expiring on December 31 of the following 42 year.

43 Each registration issued by the department to a (C) 44 registrant for a period beginning in an odd-numbered year shall be assessed a fee of \$700 per brand of pesticide and a fee of 45 \$200 for each special local need label and experimental use 46 47 permit, and the registration shall expire on December 31 of the following year. Each registration issued by the department to a 48 registrant for a period beginning in an even-numbered year shall 49 50 be assessed a fee of \$350 per brand of pesticide and fee of \$100 for each special local need label and experimental use permit, 51 52 and the registration shall expire on December 31 of that year.

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53 (d)1. Effective January 1, 2009, in addition to the fees 54 assessed pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (c), for the purpose of 55 defraying the expenses of the department for testing pesticides 56 for-food-safety, each-registrant-shall pay a supplemental 57 biennial registration fee for each registered brand of pesticide 58 that contains an active ingredient for which the United States Environmental Protection Agency has established a food tolerance 59 limit in 40 C.F.R. part 180. The department shall biennially 60 publish by rule a list of the pesticide active ingredients for 61 62 which a brand of pesticide is subject to the supplemental 63 registration fee. 64 2. Each registration issued by the department to a 65 registrant-for-a period beginning in an odd-numbered year shall 66 be assessed a supplemental registration fee of \$630 per brand of 67 pesticide that is subject to the fee pursuant to subparagraph 1. 68 Each registration issued by the department to a registrant for a 69 period beginning in an even-numbered year shall be assessed a 70 supplemental registration fee of \$315 per brand of pesticide 71 that is subject to the fee pursuant to subparagraph 1. The 72 department shall retroactively assess the supplemental 73 registration fee for each-brand of pesticide that registered on 74 or after January 1, 2009, and that is subject to the fee 75 pursuant to subparagraph 1. 76 (d) (e) All revenues collected, less those costs determined 77 by the department to be nonrecurring or one-time costs, shall be 78 deferred over the 2-year registration period, deposited in the

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General Inspection Trust Fund, and used by the department in carrying out the provisions of this chapter. Revenues collected from the supplemental registration fee may also be used by the department for testing pesticides for food safety.

83 (e) (f) If the renewal of a brand of pesticide, including the special local need label and experimental use permit, is not 84 filed by January 31 of the renewal year, an additional fee of 85 \$25 per brand of pesticide shall be assessed per month and added 86 to the original fee. This additional fee may not exceed \$250 per 87 88 brand of pesticide. The additional fee must be paid by the registrant before the renewal certificate for the registration 89 of the brand of pesticide is issued. The additional fee shall be 90 91 deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund.

<u>(f)</u> This subsection does not apply to distributors or retail dealers selling brands of pesticide if such brands of pesticide are registered by another person.

95 (g) (h) All registration fees, including supplemental fees 96 and late fees, are nonrefundable.

97 (h) (i) For any currently registered pesticide product brand that undergoes labeling revisions during the registration 98 period, the registrant shall submit to the department a copy of 99 100 the revised labeling along with a cover letter detailing such 101 revisions before the sale or distribution in this state of the product brand with the revised labeling. If the labeling 102 103 revisions require notification of an amendment review by the 104 United States Environmental Protection Agency, the registrant

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105 shall submit an additional copy of the labeling marked to 106 identify those revisions.

107 <u>(i)(j)</u> Effective January 1, 2013, all payments of any 108 pesticide registration fees, including supplemental fees and 109 late fees, shall be submitted electronically using the 110 department's Internet website for registration of pesticide 111 product brands.

112 The department shall adopt rules governing the (2)113 procedures for the registration of a brand of pesticide and τ for 114 the review of data submitted by an applicant for registration of 115 the brand of pesticide, and for biennially publishing the list 116 of active ingredients for which a brand of pesticide is subject 117 to the supplemental registration fee pursuant to subparagraph 118 $\frac{(1)}{(d)}$. The department shall determine whether the brand of pesticide should be registered, registered with conditions, or 119 120 tested under field conditions in this state. The department 121 shall determine whether each request for registration of a brand 122 of pesticide meets the requirements of current state and federal 123 law. The department, whenever it deems it necessary in the 124 administration of this part, may require the manufacturer or 125 registrant to submit the complete formula, quantities shipped 126 into or manufactured in the state for distribution and sale, 127 evidence of the efficacy and the safety of any pesticide, and 128 other relevant data. The department may review and evaluate a 129 registered pesticide if new information is made available that 130 indicates that use of the pesticide has caused an unreasonable

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131 adverse effect on public health or the environment. Such review shall be conducted upon the request of the State Surgeon General 132 133 in the event of an unreasonable adverse effect on public health 134 or the Secretary of Environmental Protection in the event of an 135 unreasonable adverse effect on the environment. Such review may 136 result in modifications, revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the registration of a brand of pesticide. The department, for 137 138 reasons of adulteration, misbranding, or other good cause, may 139 refuse or revoke the registration of the brand of any pesticide 140 after notice to the applicant or registrant giving the reason 141 for the decision. The applicant may then request a hearing, 142 pursuant to chapter 120, on the intention of the department to 143 refuse or revoke registration, and, upon his or her failure to 144 do so, the refusal or revocation shall become final without 145 further procedure. The registration of a brand of pesticide may 146 not be construed as a defense for the commission of any offense 147 prohibited under this part.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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