



Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

3:30 PM

Webster Hall (212 Knott)

MEETING PACKET

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Start Date and Time: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 03:30 pm
End Date and Time: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 05:30 pm
Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)
Duration: 2.00 hrs

Update on Issues from the 2017 Legislative Session:

- Professional Regulation - CS/CS/HB 615 (2017)
- Public Accountancy - CS/HB 987 (2017)
- Condominiums and Cooperatives - HB 6027 (2017)
- Online Registry of Places of Public Accommodation - CS/CS/CS HB 727 (2017)
- The Florida Building Code - CS/CS/HB 1021 (2017)
- Building Inspectors - CS/CS/HB 1021 (2017)
- Appraisal Management Companies - CS/CS/HB 927 (2017)
- Economic Development - HB 1A (2017)

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The Florida House of Representatives

Commerce Committee

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Richard Corcoran
Speaker

Halsey Beshears
Chair

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
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3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Subcommittee Overview - Chair Beshears
 - Department of Business & Professional Regulation Presentation – 2017 Legislation
 - Sissy Proctor – Department of Economic Development
- IV. Adjournment



Paul Waters

Deputy Secretary of Professional Regulation

Kevin Stanfield

Director, Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes

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2017 Legislation

Professions

- HB 615 - Armed Forces
- HB 727 - Accessibility
- HB 927 - Real Estate
- HB 987 - Public Accountancy
- HB 1021 - Construction

Condominiums

- HB 1237 – Condominiums
- HB 2500 – Gen. Appropriations
- HB 6027 – Financial Reporting

HB 615 - Armed Forces

- Veterans' licenses remain in good standing for two years after honorable discharge.
- Spouses and surviving spouses of military members remain in good standing while on deployment with their spouse.
- Military members and their spouses may obtain permanent licenses in Florida if they hold same license type in other jurisdiction.
- Waiver of license fees for military members and their spouses.
- Waiver of license fees for low-income individuals.

Implementation of HB 615

Effective July 1, 2017

- DBPR has updated its internal computer databases.
- DBPR has created three new license applications.
- DBPR updated its website to notify licensees of new changes and added links to the federal poverty guideline calculator.

HB 727 - Accessibility

- Businesses may request experts to perform inspections to determine compliance with the Americans with Disability Act.
- Upon completion of the inspection, the expert provides businesses with certificates of conformity or remediation plans.
- Businesses may file inspection results with DBPR. The Florida Building Commission (FBC) will create an on-line registry for inspection results.

Implementation of HB 727

Effective July 1, 2017

- The Bill provides an appropriation of \$155,000 in nonrecurring funds and \$5,000 in recurring funds for the purpose of implementing the registry.
 - August 11: DBPR hired vendor to build on-line registry.
 - August 25: Vendor began work on on-line registry.
- The online registry is scheduled to go live on or before October 31, 2017.

HB 927 - Real Estate

- Modernizes pre-licensure education requirements for real estate sales associates to allow for webinars and live streaming courses.
- Simplifies education requirements for appraisal trainees by eliminating post-licensure education requirements.
- Creates stricter guidelines for Appraisal Management Companies (AMC) who have owners, officers, managers with disciplinary history.
- Allows the Department to collect registration fees and forms for the federal registry from AMCs.

Implementation of HB 927

Effective October 1, 2017

- July 10: Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board (FREAB) initiated rule making to repeal post licensure education rule for registered trainee appraisers.
- October 1: The Department updated its website to notify licensees; updated internal computer databases; and, updated relevant licensure forms.
- October 2: FREAB will move forward with conforming rules regarding AMC registration with the federal registry.

HB 987 - Public Accountancy

- Eliminates the need for out-of-state accountancy firms to obtain licenses when performing services for Florida clients.
- Allows the Board of Accountancy to discipline licensee who have been disciplined by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

Implementation of HB 987

Effective July 1, 2017

- June 30: DBPR website updated to notify licensees of new changes.
- The Florida Accountancy Board conducted rule workshops to conform rules to statutory changes:
 - Conformed the new accountancy firm “mobility” rule
 - Updated disciplinary guidelines
 - Approved new application forms

HB 1021 - Construction

- Local gas utilities are now exempt from licensure from the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB).
- Eases regulation on local governments, building code officials and plans examiners.
- Changes the FBC's process for updating the Florida Building Code.

Implementation of HB 1021

Effective July 1, 2017

- FBC has held a series of rules workshops to incorporate changes to the Florida Building Code development process.
- Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board (BCAIB) has held a series workgroups to create administrative rules associated with internship programs.
- CLB has initiated rulemaking to remove the definition of “incidental to their business” as related to changes to exemption to municipal gas utilities.

Business Portal

- In 2015, the Legislature appropriated funds for the Department to build an internet portal to help prospective entrepreneurs start businesses.
- On June 30, 2017, the portal was launched on time and on budget.
- www.OpenMyFloridaBusiness.gov

HB 1237 – Condominiums

- Requires condominium associations with 150 units or more to create a website for posting certain records online, by July 1, 2018.
- Requires condominium associations to report financial institutions to the division and amends the process for requesting financial information.
- Introduces criminal penalties in certain circumstances.
- Addresses conflicts of interest regarding association managers, board members and legal counsel.
- Prohibits the use of a debit card by an association.
- Establishes term limits for association board members and amends the recall process.
- Amends the circumstances for suspending unit owner voting rights.

Implementation of HB 1237

Effective July 1, 2017

- DBPR has initiated rulemaking to update our resolution guidelines to conform to the legislative changes.
- Trained investigative staff regarding the legislative changes.
- Incorporated notification of the requirement to maintain certain association records online in the association annual billing statement.

SB 2500 – General Appropriations Act

- Provides for the establishment of a Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes field office in Miami-Dade County.

Implementation of SB 2500

Effective July 1, 2017

- The Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes reclassified and reassigned existing positions to staff this office.
- The field office is located at 8240 NW 52nd Terrace in Doral, Florida with the field offices of the Divisions of Hotels and Restaurants, Real Estate, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, and Regulation

HB 6027 – Financial Reporting

- Applies to Chapters 718, 719, and 720, F.S.
- Deletes the requirement placed on associations with less than 50 units, regardless of revenues, to prepare a report of cash receipts and expenditures. Absent this requirement, financial reporting is based on the amount of revenue received, regardless of the number of units or parcels in an association.
- Deletes the provision prohibiting condominium and cooperative associations from waiving the financial reporting requirement.

Implementation of HB 6027

Effective July 1, 2017

- Updated the DBPR website to notify associations of this amendment to the financial reporting requirements.
- Trained investigative staff regarding the statutory change.
- Alerted associations of the financial reporting change on the annual billing statement.



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