

## Section I

### Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**State Board of Education**

**RULE NO.:**       **RULE TITLE:**  
 6A-5.0411       Calculations of Student Learning Growth for Use in School Personnel Evaluations

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To adopt an updated “Florida VAM Course List,” which is the publication that lists the courses a teacher can teach to receive a value-added model (VAM) score, and to amend directory and rule reference information that has been updated since the rule was last amended in 2022. The effects of these changes are to align the “Florida VAM Course List” with the “Course Code Directory and Instructional Personnel Assignments,” adopted by Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C., and to ensure directory and rule reference information are current.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** VAM Course List  
**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.34, F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1012.34, F.S.  
**IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.**

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS:** Justin Tarin, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Accountability Reporting, Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, (850)245-0411 or justin.tarin@fldoe.org. To comment on this rule development or to request a rule development workshop, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, (850)245-9601 or email [Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org](mailto:Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org).

**THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:** Available at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules>.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

**RULE NO.:**       **RULE TITLE:**  
 68A-25.049       Regulations Governing Special-Use Alligator Harvests

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The proposed rule would establish a new alligator hunting opportunity, allowing a limited number of special-use alligator harvest permittees to take two alligators

during the statewide alligator harvest season on any established alligator management unit (AMU) where legal access can be gained. The effect of the proposed rules would be to allow for greater hunting opportunity for participants.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** Subject area covered includes the regulation of alligator hunting opportunities within the state of Florida.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** Art. IV, Sec. 9, Florida Constitution

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** Art. IV, Sec. 9, Florida Constitution  
**IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.**

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS:** Brooke Talley, Alligator Management Program Coordinator, Game Management and Public Hunting, Division of Hunting and Game Management, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, (850)488-3831

**THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.**

## Section II

### Proposed Rules

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**State Board of Education**

**RULE NOS.:**       **RULE TITLES:**  
 6A-5.069       School District Professional Learning Systems

6A-5.071       Professional Learning Catalogs

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose and effect of the changes to Rule 6A-5.069, F.A.C., is to include a system-wide shift from “professional development” to “professional learning;” to establish a revised format and calendar for the review and approval of professional learning systems by March 1, 2024; and to update the form incorporated into the rule. The purpose and effect of the changes to Rule 6A-5.071, F.A.C., is to incorporate a template for professional learning catalogs and to update rule language. These changes are largely prompted by House Bill 1537 and House Bill 7039.

**SUMMARY:** Rule 6A-5.069, F.A.C., revises the definition of substantial revisions to a professional learning system, provides notice of an annual calendar for review of systems and includes information on monitoring of systems. The incorporated template includes new requirements for approval, including requirements for contracted services and the science of reading.

Rule 6A-5.071, F.A.C., incorporates a template for professional learning catalogs, updates citations and adds clarifying information about the criteria for initial approval.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:**

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth or business competitiveness, or increase regulatory costs or any other factor set forth in s. 120.541(2), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. This is based upon the nature of the proposed rule, which updates language to reflect the revised standards for effective educators and to reiterate expectations outlined in statute.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.56(13), 1012.98(8), 1012.986(3), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1004.04, 1012.56, 1012.575, 1012.98, 1012.986, F.S.

**A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:**

**DATE AND TIME:** January 17, 2024, 9 a.m.

**PLACE:** Tallahassee Community College, Student Union Ballroom, 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:** Ashley Harvey, Director of Educator Retention and Professional Learning, Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Retention, (850)245-9933 or Ashley.Harvey1@fldoe.org.

**THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:**

**6A-5.069 School District Professional Learning Systems.**

(1) No change.

(2) Professional Learning Standards. Professional learning means learning that is designed for educators and is aligned to the state standards for effective professional learning, educator practices and leadership; incorporates active learning; is collaborative; provides models; and is sustained and

continuous. The professional learning standards define Florida’s expectations for high-quality professional learning systems and opportunities, and form the foundation for school district professional learning systems and catalogs. There are seven (7) standards grouped into five (5) domains (i.e., Foundation, Needs Assessment and Planning, Learning, Implementing, and Evaluating) representative of stages in an improvement cycle. Each standard includes a title, description, and multiple indicators of what the standard may look like in practice.

(a) through (g) No change.

(3) Professional Learning System Requirements. To receive approval of its professional learning system, the school district must provide the following:

(a) through (h) No change.

(i) Confirmation that the system meets the requirements of Section 1012.98, F.S., as outlined in the Professional Learning System Template, Form PLST-~~2024~~ 2022.

(4) Submission Process.

(a) School districts must submit professional learning systems to the Department for review and approval under the following circumstances:

1. No change.

2. The school district is making substantial revisions (i.e., revisions to the professional learning standards set forth in subsection (3) of this rule or the professional learning catalog other than editing for grammar, name changes, or year updates) to a previously approved professional learning system; or

3. No change.

(b) The timelines for submission and approval of professional learning systems will be posted to the Department’s website at least thirty (30) days before the submission due date. ~~Initial or substantially revised systems may not be implemented by the school district prior to Department approval.~~

(c) ~~Beginning in the 2022-23 school year,~~ Professional learning systems must shall be submitted ~~drafted~~ using the Professional Learning System Template, Form PLST-~~2024~~ 2022.

(d) School districts must shall submit the Template ~~professional learning systems~~ and any supporting documentation electronically to ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org ~~ProfessionalDevelopment@fldoe.org~~.

(5) Approval Criteria and Period.

(a) A professional learning system shall be approved by the Department when the system:

1. Is submitted to ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org ~~ProfessionalDevelopment@fldoe.org~~;

2. No change.

3. Fulfills the requirements of subsection (3) of this rule and Section 1012.98, F.S.; and

4. No change.

(b) A professional learning system ~~shall~~ maintains its approval designation for a period of five (5) years, if the system is not substantially revised and continues to comply with the requirements listed in Section 1012.98, F.S., and this rule.

(c) Annually, the Department will post at <https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/professional-dev/> the calendar for review of professional learning systems for the following school year.

(6) Monitoring of Professional Learning Systems.

(a) The implementation of professional learning systems will be monitored by the Department through off-site and on-site reviews. Districts will be provided no less than thirty (30) days notice of off-site monitoring and no less than sixty (60) days notice of on-site monitoring.

(b) Following an off-site or on-site review, the Department will provide districts a monitoring report that includes areas of noncompliance as well identification of strengths and weakness of the district's professional learning system.

(c) School district must complete an action plan designed to address areas of noncompliance and any weaknesses identified by the Department. Districts must submit their action plan within sixty (60) days of receipt of the Department's monitoring report and submit documentation of the correction of identified deficiencies within sixty (60) days of submission of the action plan. Action plans and documentation of correction must be submitted to the following address: [ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org](mailto:ProfessionalLearning@fldoe.org).

(d) Within sixty (60) days of receipt of documentation of correction, the Department will notify the district of any additional monitoring the Department will conduct to support the district's implementation of its professional learning system, including its action plan and any corrections of noncompliance.

(7) Prohibitions.

(a) Initial or substantially revised systems must not be implemented by the school district prior to Department approval.

(b) A school district must not process certification forms for educators under Section 1012.56, F.S., unless it has an approved professional learning system and that system has not undergone substantial revision since approval by the Department.

~~(8)(6)~~ Forms. The following form is hereby incorporated by reference: Professional Learning System Template, Form PLST-2024 ~~2022~~ (February 2024 ~~November 2022~~) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14907>). Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department

of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Room 124, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1),(2)(n), 1012.56(13), 1012.98(8) FS. Law Implemented 1012.56, 1012.575, 1012.98 FS. History—New 5-3-22, Amended 11-22-22.

### **6A-5.071 Professional Learning Catalogs.**

(1) The purpose of this rule is to set forth the requirements for professional learning catalogs, formerly known as master inservice plans, pursuant to Section 1012.98, Florida Statutes (F.S.), by outlining the requirements for catalog components, setting submission, amendment, and review criteria; identifying the entities eligible to create a catalog; providing specifications for awarding inservice points; prescribing record maintenance and data reporting requirements and providing a template for catalog submissions.

(2) Professional Learning Catalog Requirements. Pursuant to Section 1012.98~~(5)(4)~~(b)5., F.S., all school districts shall maintain, as a corollary of their professional learning system, a catalog that outlines all professional learning opportunities, referred to as components, for all school district employees from all funding sources.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Each school district and each other entity with a professional learning system must provide confirmation that the catalog components satisfy professional learning requirements outlined in the Professional Learning Catalog Template, Form PLCT-2024.

(3) Submission, Amendment, and Review Criteria by School Districts.

(a) through (d) No change.

(4) Alternative Preparation Programs. The approval of program plans for add-on certification programs by the Department of Education pursuant to Section 1012.575, F.S., shall be for a period of five (5) years. Components associated with the approved programs shall remain in the professional learning catalog throughout the approval period.

(5) Approval by the Department ~~Other Eligible Entities.~~ A developmental research school operated under the control of the State University System; an eligible state educational agency; an organization of private schools or consortium of charter schools that meets criteria specified in Section 1012.98~~(7)(6)~~, F.S.; or a public or private college or university with a teacher preparation program approved pursuant to Section 1004.04, F.S., may develop a professional learning system and catalog.

(a) The catalog shall be developed meeting the criteria outlined in subsection (2) of this rule and submitted to the department for initial approval by the Department, based upon the requirements outlined in subsection (2) of this rule and the requirements of Section 1012.98(5)(b)5., F.S. ~~Commissioner.~~

(b) After initial approval of a catalog, continued approval shall be in accordance with the criteria and procedures outlined in subsections (2) and (3) of this rule, ~~and~~ the requirements for reporting and data maintenance as required in subsection (7) of this rule and the requirements of Section 1012.98(5)(b)5., F.S.

(c) No change.

(6) Awarding of Inservice Points.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) Inservice points for any mandatory component not linked to student learning or professional growth may only be awarded to an educator holding a Florida Professional Certificate with a coverage area classified as “academic” or “degreed career and technical” once during their certificate’s five-year validity period, pursuant to Section 1012.585(3)(h)(~~e~~), F.S. Components linked to student learning or professional growth are defined as those that support increased student academic achievement, enhanced classroom instructional strategies that promote rigor and relevance throughout the curriculum, and the preparedness of students for continuing education and the workforce.

(7) No change.

(8) Forms. The following form is hereby incorporated by reference: Professional Learning Catalog Template, Form PLCT-2024 (February 2024) (DOS Link). Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Room 124, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1012.98(8), 1012.56(13), 1012.986(3) FS. Law Implemented 1004.04, 1012.986, 1012.98, 1012.56, 1012.575 FS. History—New 11-25-75, Formerly 6A-5.72, Amended 4-10-79, 6-28-83, 7-15-84, 12-26-85, Formerly 6A-5.71, Amended 8-28-95, 7-2-98, 5-2-10, 11-28-18, 5-3-22.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Ashley Harvey, Director of Educator Retention and Professional Learning, Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Retention.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 15, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 16, 2023

**AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

**Medicaid**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59G-4.150 Inpatient Hospital Services

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment to Rule 59G-4.150, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), is to incorporate by reference the Florida Inpatient Hospital Services Coverage Policy, \_\_\_\_\_.

SUMMARY: The amendment aligns policy language with updated standard policy language and includes language relating to coverage of Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS) for recipients 20 years of age or younger.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:**

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: A checklist was prepared by the Agency to determine the need for a SERC. Based on this information at the time of the analysis and pursuant to section 120.541, Florida Statutes, the rule will not require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 409.919, 409.961 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.902, 409.905, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973 FS.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 12, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com.

Please note that a preliminary draft of the reference material, if available, will be posted prior to the hearing at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml>.

Official comments to be entered into the rule record will be received until 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2024, and may be emailed to MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

59G-4.150 Inpatient Hospital Services.

(1) This rule applies to all providers rendering Florida Medicaid inpatient hospital services to recipients.

(2) All providers must be in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Medicaid Inpatient Hospital Services Coverage Policy, \_\_\_\_\_, ~~July 2016~~, incorporated by reference. The policy is available on the Agency for Health Care Administration’s website at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml>, and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06968>.

(3) The United States Department of Health and Human Services’ Consent for Sterilization Form – HHS-687 (07/25) (~~10/12~~), is incorporated by reference, <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07025>, and available at <https://opa.hhs.gov/grant-programs/title-x-service-grants/key-resources-title-x-grantees> ~~<http://www.hhs.gov/opa/pdfs/consent-for-sterilization-english-updated.pdf>~~.

(4) This rule is in effect for 5 years from its effective date. Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.905, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973 FS. History—New 1-1-77, Amended 3-30-78, 1-2-79, 2-3-81, 7-28-81, 7-1-83, 3-1-84, 10-31-85, Formerly 10C-7.39, Amended 10-2-86, 2-28-89, 10-17-89, 10-14-90, 5-21-91, 11-14-91, 3-25-92, 5-13-92, 7-12-92, 8-9-93, 12-21-93, Formerly 10C-7.039, Amended 6-13-94, 12-27-94, 2-21-95, 9-11-95, 11-12-95, 2-20-96, 6-9-96, 5-12-99, 1-1-01, 2-25-09, 7-11-16, \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
John Mattson  
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Jason Weida  
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 6, 2023  
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: August 28, 2023

**AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

**Medicaid**

RULE NO.: 59G-4.190  
RULE TITLE: Laboratory Services  
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment to Rule 59G-4.190, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), is to incorporate by reference the Florida Medicaid Laboratory Services Coverage Policy, \_\_\_\_\_.  
SUMMARY: The amendment aligns policy language with updated standard policy language and includes coverage of

Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS) for recipients 20 years of age or younger.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:**

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: A checklist was prepared by the Agency to determine the need for a SERC. Based on this information at the time of the analysis and pursuant to section 120.541, Florida Statutes, the rule will not require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 409.919, 409.961 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.905, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973 FS.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 12, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407.

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**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:**

MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com. Please note that a preliminary draft of the reference material, if available, will be posted prior to the hearing at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/review/Rules.shtml>. Official comments to be entered into the rule record will be received until 5:00 p.m., January 15, 2024. Comments may be emailed to MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

59G-4.190 Laboratory Services.

(1) This rule applies to all ~~any person or entity prescribing or reviewing a request for laboratory services and to all providers rendering of Florida Medicaid laboratory services to recipients who are enrolled in or registered with the Florida Medicaid program.~~

(2) All ~~providers persons or entities described in subsection (1),~~ must be in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Medicaid Laboratory Services Coverage Policy, \_\_\_\_\_ ~~June 2016,~~ incorporated by reference. The policy is available on the Agency for Health Care Administration’s website at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml>, and available \_\_\_\_\_ at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06760>.

(3) This rule is effective for 5 years after its effective date. Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.905, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973 FS. History—New 1-1-77, Amended 10-11-81, Formerly 10C-7.41, Amended 6-30-92, Formerly 10C-7.041, Amended 9-28-94, 1-9-96, 10-20-96, 9-14-97, 3-22-00, 5-16-01, 2-14-02, 8-25-03, 9-3-03, 10-27-03, 8-18-05, 5-7-07, 6-29-16, \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
John Mattson

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Jason Weida

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 6, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: August 28, 2023

**NAVIGATION DISTRICTS**

**Florida Inland Navigation District**

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
66B-2.008	Project Eligibility
66B-2.014	Small-Scale Spoil Island Restoration and Enhancement Projects
66B-2.015	Small-Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Projects

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment is being promulgated to implement changes in the administration of the District’s Waterways Assistance Program. This makes minor changes to the Waterways Assistance program rule sections: Project Eligibility, Small-Scale Spoil Island Enhancement Projects, and Small-Scale Derelict Vessel projects and increases potential funding for law enforcement vessels, derelict vessel removal, and spoil island restoration and enhancement projects. In-kind construction cost labor for spoil island restoration projects will be valued at Independent Sector estimated value of each volunteer hour and funding will also be provided for trash removal management, and sign installation.

SUMMARY: The amendments being proposed at this time will increase potential funding for law enforcement vessels, derelict vessel removal, and spoil island restoration and enhancement projects. In-kind construction cost labor for spoil island restoration projects will now be valued at Independent Sector estimated value of each volunteer hour and funding will also be provided for trash removal and management, and sign installation.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:**

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: 1) No requirement for a SERC was triggered under Section 120.541(1), F.S. and 2) Based upon the nature of the rule, the adverse impact or regulatory cost, if any, do not exceed nor would be expected to exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria set forth in Section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. It is anticipated that the proposed rule will not have any negative economic impact. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 374.976(2)FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 374.976(1)-(3)FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 10, 2024, 10:00am

PLACE: 600 County Hwy 707, Unit C, Jupiter, FL 33469-3516

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Chris Kelley, Deputy Director, Florida Inland Navigation District, 600 County Hwy 707, Unit C, Jupiter, FL 33469-3516 Telephone Number (561)561-627-3386 Email: CKelley@aicw.org

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**66B-2.008 Project Eligibility.**

(1) Eligible Projects: Financial assistance and support through this program shall be used to plan or carry out public navigation and anchorage management, public recreation, environmental education, boating safety, acquisition and development of spoil sites and publicly owned commercial/industrial waterway access directly related to the waterways, acquisition and development of public boat ramps, launching facilities and boat docking and mooring facilities, inlet management, maritime management planning, environmental mitigation and beach renourishment.

(a) through (b) No Change

(c) Project Elements with Eligibility Limits: Subject to approval by the Board of an itemized expense list:

1. No Change.

2. Marine fire-fighting, Marine law enforcement and other vessels are eligible for a maximum of ~~\$125,000~~ ~~\$100,000~~ in initial District funding. All future replacement and maintenance costs of the vessel and related equipment will be the responsibility of the applicant.

3. No change.

(d) No change.

(2) through (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 374.976(2) FS. Law Implemented 374.976(1)-(3) FS. History—New 12-17-90, Amended 9-2-92, 6-24-93, 2-3-94, 4-12-95, 9-5-96, 2-6-97, Formerly 16T-2.008, Amended 5-17-98, 3-31-99, 5-25-00, 3-21-01, 7-30-02, 3-20-03, 3-3-04, 4-15-07, 3-25-08, 4-1-09, 2-22-10, 3-7-11, 3-7-12, 1-27-14, 2-17-15, 2-21-16, 3-25-21, 3-9-23.

**66B-2.014 Small-Scale Spoil Island Restoration and Enhancement Projects.**

Proposals shall be accepted for the restoration or enhancement of spoil islands and natural islands within the District’s waterways for recreational, navigational, educational, and environmental purposes. The applicable provisions of this rule apply to these applications with the following additions or exceptions:

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Funds Allocation: Funds shall be allocated pursuant to Rule 66B-2.005, F.A.C., subject to the exceptions identified in this rule, and with the following additions:

(a) The District shall fund a maximum of up to ~~\$10,000~~ ~~\$7,500~~ per project, not to exceed ~~\$30,000~~ ~~\$22,500~~ per County, per fiscal year.

(b) The Project Sponsor may contribute in-kind construction labor; such in-kind construction labor costs will be valued at the Independent Sector estimated national value of each volunteer hour ~~not be counted by the District as exceeding \$10.00 per hour~~. No administrative costs can be incorporated into the Project as Project costs.

(c) The funding provided by the District shall only be allocated for specific Project expenses such as construction

materials, trash removal and management, sign installation, plant materials, herbicides, etc. The funding provided by the District shall not be allocated for parties, food or beverages.

Rulemaking Authority 374.976(2) FS. Law Implemented 374.976(1) FS. History—New 7-30-02, Amended 4-24-06, 3-7-11, 3-25-21.

**66B-2.015 Small-Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Projects.**

Proposals shall be accepted for financial assistance for the removal of derelict vessels within the District’s waterways. The applicable provisions of this rule apply to these applications with the following additions or exceptions:

(1) through (3) No changes.

(4) District funding shall be limited to ~~\$75,000.00~~ ~~\$150,000~~ per county, per year, provided on a reimbursement basis only. The limitation on pre-agreement expenses may be waived by the Board in accordance with subsection 66B-2.005(3), F.A.C.

(5) through (11) No changes.

Rulemaking Authority 374.976(2) FS. Law Implemented 374.976(1) FS. History—New 4-24-06, Amended 4-15-07, 3-25-08, 3-7-11, 1-27-14, 3-25-21, 3-9-23.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
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NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Inland Navigation District Board of Commissioners

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 08, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: 11/30/23

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: 68A-9.006 RULE TITLE: Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed amendments is to update the regulations relating to native wildlife rehabilitation, including but not limited to permitting, applicant qualifications, wildlife care, and continuing education requirements.

SUMMARY: Subject area covered in the proposed amendments includes native wildlife rehabilitation.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency by calling (850)488-9542.. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Major Grant Burton, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Substantial rewording of Rule 68A-9.006, F.A.C., follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

**68A-9.006 Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit.**

(1) No person shall possess any sick, injured, orphaned, or otherwise impaired wildlife native to the state of Florida for rehabilitation purposes without a permit from the Commission in accordance with this rule section, except as provided by paragraph (d) below. Wildlife possessed under the authority of this rule remains under the control of the Commission.

(a) Wildlife shall be rehabilitated at the approved facility location, except as provided herein.

(b) The wildlife rehabilitation permit does not authorize rehabilitation of wildlife not native to the state of Florida.

Possession of nonnative wildlife shall be in accordance with 379.3761, F.S., 379.3762, F.S., or Chapter 68-5, F.A.C.

(c) The wildlife rehabilitation permit does not authorize rehabilitation of wildlife that did not originate from the wild in Florida, except as provided herein.

(d) This wildlife rehabilitation permit does not authorize rehabilitation of marine turtles or marine mammals. Rehabilitation of marine turtles and marine mammals shall be as otherwise authorized by the Commission.

(e) Sick or injured native crocodylian species may be temporarily possessed by a rehabilitation permittee for the limited purpose of treatment and care in preparation for placement at the direction of the Commission. Permittees shall not possess uninjured hatchlings or eggs of these species unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

(f) For the purposes of this rule, reptiles may only be possessed if they are sick or injured and shall not be considered orphaned.

(g) Veterinarians licensed by the state of Florida are authorized to be in temporary possession of sick, injured, or impaired wildlife for the purpose of practicing veterinary medicine without obtaining a wildlife rehabilitation permit. Once such wildlife is no longer in need of veterinary medical treatment, it shall be transferred to a permitted rehabilitator or released in accordance with paragraph (12)(c) below. Veterinarians who intake native wildlife in need of rehabilitative care shall contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator for consultation within 48 hours of intake.

(2) Definitions.

(a) Apprentice rehabilitator – a permittee who is operating under the supervision of a General rehabilitator while learning the necessary skills to be a successful rehabilitator.

(b) Dissolve – the legal process of winding down and officially closing an entity or organization, involving the cessation of all permitted activities.

(c) Fledged – the point at which a juvenile flying animal has become capable of flight.

(d) Habituated wildlife - animals which have become accustomed to the presence and activities of humans to the extent that they have lost their fear of humans and no longer demonstrate fight or flight behavior.

(e) Humane euthanasia - intentionally ending the life of an animal in a manner that minimizes pain, distress, and suffering, as outlined in the American Veterinary Medicine Association guidelines for the euthanasia of animals.

(f) Living area - the part of a residential property that is used for living purposes, which includes rooms such as living rooms, kitchen areas, dens, play rooms, and bedrooms. Rooms used exclusively for housing wildlife shall not be considered a living area.



(g) Mal-imprinting - also referred to as mis-imprinting or improper imprinting, a behavior observed in certain wildlife species where young animals form strong and often irreversible attachments to inappropriate specific objects, individuals, or members of other species during a critical period early in their development.

(h) Non-releasable - wildlife that is determined by the Commission to be unsuitable for release back into its natural habitat due to mal-imprinting, habituation, or physical impairment.

(i) Off-site volunteer – an individual authorized under a General rehabilitation permit to temporarily possess wildlife at a location other than the permitted facility for the sole purpose of caring for migratory birds or orphaned infant wildlife as provided in this rule.

(j) Orphaned wildlife – an infant mammal or bird which has been permanently separated from its natural parents and cannot survive on its own.

(k) Refusal of inspection – when a permittee, applicant, employee, or volunteer intentionally denies access by Commission personnel to the facility, inventory, or facility’s records or directs another to deny such access.

(l) Rehabilitation - temporary possession of sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife to provide for the proper treatment and care of such wildlife for the specific purpose of release back into the wild. This process aims to minimize human interaction while maximizing the animal's chances of survival and successful reintegration into the wild.

(m) Soft release – a means of gradually acclimating rehabilitated wildlife to a more natural environment before permanent release. Animals undergoing soft release must have at least twelve (12) hours of unrestricted access to the wild daily.

(n) Sponsor – a General wildlife rehabilitation permittee who elects to mentor an Apprentice wildlife rehabilitation permittee for the purpose of providing oversight, guidance, and training to assist the Apprentice in becoming a General wildlife rehabilitator.

(o) Weaned – an early stage in a mammal’s life in which they would normally shift their dependency from milk and transition to other sources of food; no longer relying on milk for nourishment.

(3) Qualification requirements for a permit to possess wildlife for rehabilitation purposes (Apprentice and General):

(a) Applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(b) Applicant shall not have been convicted of any violation of captive wildlife regulations or venomous reptile or reptile of concern regulations involving unsafe housing of wildlife or that could potentially endanger the public; any violation involving the illegal commercialization of wildlife; any violation involving cruelty to animals; any violation

involving importation of wildlife; or any violation involving improper rehabilitation of wildlife within three (3) years of the date of application.

(c) Applicant shall not have refused a captive wildlife inspection within three (3) years of the date of application.

(d) Applicant shall specify the location of the facility at which wildlife undergoing rehabilitation shall be maintained. There shall only be one General wildlife rehabilitator permitted at each facility location. The facility shall be constructed on property owned or leased by the applicant, except Apprentice wildlife rehabilitators may be permitted at the same facility location as their sponsor. Facilities for wildlife rehabilitation shall be inspected and approved by Commission personnel prior to the issuance of the permit and placement of animals at the facility location.

(e) Applicants shall provide proof of completion of a Commission-approved Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation course provided through the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC), the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (NWRA), or the Florida Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (FWRA). Individuals with a valid rehabilitation permit on [effective date of this rule] shall be exempt from this requirement.

(f) Applicants requesting to renew an existing permit shall provide documentation of sixteen (16) hours of continuing education completed during the current permit period. Approved continuing education courses or symposiums shall only include the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC) Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator Approved Continuing Education List or other relevant Commission-approved courses. If a symposium is used for continuing education, such documentation of continuing education shall include a list of courses attended and proof of attendance provided by facilitator. Individuals with a valid rehabilitation permit on [effective date of this rule] shall come into compliance with this requirement by [2 years after effective date of rule].

(g) Initial applicants for a General wildlife rehabilitation permit must have maintained an active Apprentice wildlife rehabilitation permit and have been operating as an Apprentice wildlife rehabilitator under a sponsor for at least one (1) year.

(h) A wildlife rehabilitation permit shall authorize the rehabilitation of all native wildlife, except those outlined below. To add additional authorizations, applicants shall meet the qualifications outlined in paragraphs (i)-(m) below, as applicable.

(i) In order to rehabilitate native species designated as Class I or Class II wildlife per Rule 68A-6.002, F.A.C., applicants shall demonstrate experience requirements in accordance with Rule 68A-6.004(2)(c) or (d), F.A.C., respectively.

(j) In order to rehabilitate native venomous reptiles, applicants shall demonstrate experience requirements in accordance with Rule 68A-6.017(2)(e), F.A.C.

(k) General wildlife rehabilitation permittees shall gain experience or training before being authorized to rehabilitate the following:

1. Raccoons
2. Foxes
3. Otters
4. Beavers
5. Bats
6. Reptiles

(l) Experience or training for the species listed in subparagraphs (k)1 – 6 above shall consist of the following:

1. For initial General wildlife rehabilitation permit applicants, experience and training gained under a General wildlife rehabilitation permittee who is authorized for the specific wildlife requested. Such experience or training shall consist of successful rehabilitation of at least two (2) individuals of the requested wildlife under the guidance of a General wildlife rehabilitation permittee who is authorized for the specific wildlife requested.

2. For permitted General wildlife rehabilitators, experience shall be gained through experience and training as provided in subparagraph (l)1. above, or education courses which include topics specifically related to the care and treatment of the wildlife requested. Such education courses shall consist of at least two (2) hours of courses from the approved list specified in paragraph (f) above.

(m) A federal permit authorizing rehabilitation of migratory birds, issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), is also required if possessing migratory birds for rehabilitation purposes. Such permit shall be obtained and maintained and shall be made available for inspection upon request of Commission personnel.

(n) Individuals with a valid rehabilitation permit on [effective date of this rule] shall be considered General wildlife rehabilitators and shall be exempt from the requirements in paragraphs (g)-(l) above.

(4) Permit application requirements for General and Apprentice rehabilitators: An applicant shall make application to the Commission by submitting the online application through <http://www.GoOutdoorsFlorida.com>. The applicant for a permit to possess wildlife for rehabilitation purposes shall provide the following information:

(a) The applicant's legal name, date of birth, and contact information to include personal phone number, business phone number, and email address, if any.

(b) To be permitted as a business, in addition to paragraph (a), the applicant shall provide the name of the business and the

business shall be currently registered through the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

(c) The complete mailing address to include city, state, and zip code for the applicant/business.

(d) The complete facility address where the wildlife is located to include city, state, and zip code.

(e) The county or counties where the facility is located.

(f) Whether the facility is owned or leased by the applicant. A copy of the valid and current lease agreement shall be submitted with the application in the event that the facility location is under lease to the applicant.

(g) The applicant's driver's license number/ID number and a copy of the applicant's valid government-issued photo ID.

(h) Description of the types of holding facilities, cages, or enclosures the applicant maintains.

(i) Whether the applicant is requesting authorization for rehabilitation of orphaned infant wildlife only.

(j) The name, business name (if applicable), physical address, and personal or business phone number for a veterinarian who will assist applicant by providing consulting and referral services regarding treatment and diagnosis.

(k) A signed letter from an attending veterinarian as described in paragraph (j) above, verifying such consulting and referral services. The letter shall include a list of the types of wildlife for which the veterinarian agrees to provide services and assistance.

(l) Initial applicants for a General wildlife rehabilitation permit shall submit a notarized letter from their sponsor(s) verifying the sponsor has provided supervision, direction, and adequate training of the duties and regulations involved in proper wildlife rehabilitation. The letter shall specify the length of time the applicant was an Apprentice under the sponsor.

(m) Initial applicants for a General wildlife rehabilitation permit who wish to be authorized to rehabilitate wildlife listed in subparagraphs (3)(k)1-6 above shall submit a notarized letter from their sponsor(s) verifying the sponsor has provided experience and training with the specific wildlife they wish to be authorized for. The letter shall specify the length and type of training the applicant received under the sponsor.

(n) General wildlife rehabilitation permittees who did not possess a valid rehabilitation permit on [effective date of this rule] who wish to rehabilitate wildlife listed in subparagraphs (3)(k)1-6 above shall submit documentation verifying experience and training with the specific wildlife they wish to be authorized for. Such documentation shall include:

1. A notarized letter from a General wildlife rehabilitation permittee who is authorized for the specific wildlife requested verifying they have provided experience and training with the specific wildlife requested. Such letter shall specify the length and type of training the applicant received under the permittee; or

2. Proof of education courses required in subparagraph (3)(1)2. above which include topics specifically related to the care and treatment of the wildlife requested.

(o) An estimate of the maximum number and type(s) of wildlife applicant is equipped to handle at any one time.

(p) The applicant's acknowledgement that the information provided in the application is true, accurate, and complete.

(q) Apprentice rehabilitator applicants shall also provide a current notarized letter from a holder of a valid General wildlife rehabilitation permit stating that he or she will sponsor and assist the applicant as necessary in the items outlined in subparagraphs (6)(a)1-4 below.

(5) Apprentice rehabilitators.

(a) Apprentice rehabilitation facilities shall be located no more than 120 miles from the sponsor facility.

(b) Apprentice rehabilitation permittees shall maintain a sponsor at all times while operating as an Apprentice. Any change in sponsorship status shall be reported by the Apprentice to the FWC Captive Wildlife Section in writing no later than one (1) week after a change in sponsorship status.

(c) Apprentice rehabilitation permittees shall be authorized for rehabilitation of the wildlife species for which their sponsor is authorized without meeting additional experience requirements.

(d) Apprentice rehabilitators who are permitted at the same facility location as their sponsor shall maintain independent records, shall specifically identify which animals are under their care, and shall not commingle wildlife under their care with wildlife under the care of their sponsor.

(e) If a sponsor withdraws their sponsorship, the Apprentice shall obtain a new sponsor within thirty (30) days. An apprentice shall not be in possession of wildlife held under the authority of this rule without a sponsor.

(f) Apprentice rehabilitation permittees shall not utilize off-site volunteers.

(6) Sponsor responsibilities.

(a) A sponsor is responsible for assisting their Apprentice(s) as necessary with:

1. Learning about relevant wildlife laws and regulations;

2. Basic care of native wildlife, to include animal behavior, husbandry, nutritional requirements, rehabilitative care, and ecology;

3. Determining appropriate equipment needed for wildlife rehabilitation; and

4. Learning and understanding standards in wildlife rehabilitation, as established by the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council.

(b) A sponsor must perform a physical site check of each Apprentice's facility no less than once during every three (3) month period. Documentation of each site check shall be submitted to the Commission no more than seven (7) days after

the completion of the site check. Such documentation shall include verification of complete and accurate records as follows:

1. Species and number of all wildlife currently undergoing rehabilitation at the facility.

2. Intake records for all wildlife at the facility.

3. Treatment plan for all sick or injured wildlife at the facility.

4. Care records for all orphaned infant wildlife at the facility.

5. All disposition records.

6. Overview of condition of the facility, to include sanitation, nutrition, and caging.

7. Verification that rehabilitation is being conducted in a manner that minimizes human interaction and maximizes the wildlife's chances of survival and successful reintegration into the wild.

8. Deficiencies noted and guidance given for areas of improvement.

(c) Documentation of Apprentice facility site visits shall be maintained at the sponsor's facility for a period of three (3) years and shall be available to Commission personnel upon request.

(d) A General wildlife rehabilitation permittee shall sponsor no more than three (3) Apprentices at any time.

(e) A General wildlife rehabilitation permittee who no longer wishes to sponsor a current Apprentice shall notify the FWC Captive Wildlife Section in writing no later than one (1) week after change in sponsorship status.

(7) Off-site volunteers.

(a) A General rehabilitation permittee may have up to and no more than ten (10) off-site volunteers at any one time.

(b) To add an off-site volunteer to their permit, a General rehabilitator shall provide the legal name, date of birth, phone number, off-site location address, and a copy of a current valid government-issued identification of the off-site volunteer to the Commission.

(c) The addition of an off-site volunteer to a General rehabilitator's permit shall be approved by the Commission prior to wildlife being housed at an off-site location.

(d) The off-site volunteer location shall be located no more than 120 miles from the main permitted rehabilitation facility.

(e) When not at the main facility location, wildlife shall only be rehabilitated at the approved off-site location.

(f) Off-site volunteers shall meet the requirements outlined in paragraphs (3)(a)-(c) above.

(g) In order to possess native species designated as Class I or Class II wildlife per Rule 68A-6.002, F.A.C., off-site volunteers shall demonstrate experience requirements in accordance with Rule 68A-6.004(2)(c) or (d), F.A.C., respectively.

(h) Off-site volunteer facilities are subject to inspection at all times. If an inspection is refused, off-site volunteer shall lose their privileges to possess wildlife for rehabilitation and all wildlife possessed at the off-site volunteer's location shall be transferred to the main rehabilitation facility within forty-eight (48) hours following the refusal.

(i) General rehabilitators shall be fully responsible for the off-site volunteer's care and possession of the wildlife.

(j) Wildlife rehabilitators who utilize off-site volunteers shall maintain a current valid list of all off-site volunteers at their facility. Such list shall include name, address, and phone number of each off-site volunteer. The list shall be available to Commission personnel upon request.

(k) Wildlife rehabilitators who utilize off-site volunteers shall maintain a current list of all wildlife possessed by each off-site volunteer, listed by species and number.

(l) All wildlife shall be physically admitted to the main rehabilitation facility prior to being transferred to an off-site volunteer's location.

(m) Off-site volunteers shall maintain a copy of the General rehabilitator's valid permit at their location at all times wildlife is present.

(n) If possessing migratory birds for rehabilitation purposes, off-site volunteers shall be authorized on a federal permit issued by the United State Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and authorizing rehabilitation of migratory birds. Such permit shall be made available for inspection upon request of Commission personnel.

(o) Migratory birds shall be held off-site and returned to the General rehabilitator's facility in accordance with the conditions of their federal rehabilitation permit.

(p) All wildlife, except migratory birds, shall be returned to the General rehabilitator's facility no more than one (1) week after the animal is weaned, or when they reach twelve (12) weeks in age, whichever comes first.

(8) Facility requirements.

(a) The facility shall be constructed on property owned or leased by the permittee except for those permitted as Apprentices located at the same facility as their sponsor. If leased, the permittee shall maintain a current lease agreement for the facility property which shall be available for inspection by Commission personnel upon request.

(b) Wildlife undergoing rehabilitation shall be housed in a way which minimizes human interaction to prevent mal-imprinting or habituation. Wildlife undergoing rehabilitation shall not be housed in a space that is actively being used as a living area.

(c) When hands-on care is necessary, wildlife may be cared for temporarily in a living area before the animal's eyes have opened.

(d) The facility shall have a designated area suitable to quarantine animals.

(e) Caging requirements:

1. Wildlife being held for rehabilitation shall be housed or caged in outdoor enclosures which meet the standard caging requirements set forth in Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., unless otherwise specified herein. Increased cage size for additional animals as provided in Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., shall not be required, so long as the enclosure allows for natural behavior and movement for the animals enclosed.

2. Sick or injured wildlife being held for rehabilitation, for veterinary care, or for quarantine may be housed or caged in indoor or outdoor enclosures smaller than the sizes set forth in Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days. This period may be extended in circumstances where a licensed veterinarian has certified in writing that a longer holding period is medically necessary in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the subject animals or the public. Medical records concerning all animals for which an extension of the sixty (60) day period is obtained shall be maintained at the facility and shall be made available for inspection upon request by Commission personnel.

3. Prior to being weaned or fledged, infant wildlife may be housed in indoor or outdoor enclosures smaller than the sizes set forth in Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C.

4. After being weaned or fledged, juvenile wildlife must be housed outdoors and may be housed in enclosures smaller than the sizes set forth in Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from intake of the animal.

5. Once wildlife being housed in indoor enclosures are in stable health and any injuries have sufficiently healed, animals shall be released or moved to outdoor enclosures.

6. The caging or enclosures of all wildlife temporarily held under this section shall not be smaller than that required for the caged animal to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of the enclosure or another animal.

7. Cages or enclosures housing wildlife shall be constructed so as to prevent escape and protect the caged animal from injury. Such cages or enclosures shall be free of sharp edges, projections, or objects detrimental to the animal(s)' safety. Such cages or enclosures shall be free of objects that impede the movement of the animal(s) unless necessary to prevent injury to the animal(s).

8. Wildlife shall be maintained in humane conditions and within compatible groups, including separation of prey and predator species by visual barriers.

9. Wildlife twelve (12) weeks of age or older shall not be grouped in enclosures in a way which impedes the rehabilitation, natural behavior, or movement for the species being housed.

10. All enclosures shall be marked, so as to be traceable to written records identifying the animal(s) held within each enclosure. Such records shall be maintained and made available for inspection by Commission personnel.

(9) Inspection requirements.

(a) Commission personnel shall inspect and approve an applicant's facility prior to the issuance of a rehabilitation permit. Applicant shall have at least one (1) outdoor enclosure which meets the requirements set forth in subparagraph (8)(e)1. for the wildlife they are intending to rehabilitate.

(b) Commission personnel may enter and inspect a permittee's rehabilitation facility to determine whether the permittee is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(c) Wildlife rehabilitation permits issued to an entity who refuses any such inspection shall be revoked.

(d) If a wildlife rehabilitation permit is revoked, denied, non-renewed, or dissolved, Commission personnel shall have the authority to verify the final disposition of wildlife previously authorized under the revoked, denied, non-renewed, or dissolved permit for a period of twelve (12) months after the permit is no longer active. Verification may include inspection by officers of the Commission, pursuant to Section 379.304, F.S.

(10) Intake requirements.

(a) Permittees shall not refuse to accept native wildlife except as provided herein. If a permittee receives wildlife they are not authorized to care for due to reasons listed in subsection (1), they shall notify the Commission or immediately transfer to an appropriately permitted rehabilitator. If a permittee is unable to care for the wildlife for one of the reasons listed in subparagraphs (a)1-5 below, the permittee shall transfer the wildlife to another rehabilitation facility or refer the member of the public to another rehabilitation facility. Exceptions:

1. The permittee does not have appropriate space or facilities.

2. The permittee lacks experience or expertise with the species of wildlife so as to prevent successful rehabilitation of the wildlife, or so as to present a danger to the wildlife, the permittee or the public.

3. Accepting the wildlife presents a disease concern for the permittee or others interacting with the wildlife or presents a disease concern for other animals housed at the facility.

4. Wildlife received is older than an infant or is injured and the permittee is only authorized for rehabilitation of orphaned infants; or

5. The permittee has other exigent circumstances. The permittee shall obtain approval from the Commission prior to refusing to accept wildlife due to exigent circumstances.

(b) Permittees who receive any species classified as state threatened or endangered, per Rule 68A-27.003, F.A.C., shall

notify the FWC Captive Wildlife Section within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt.

(c) Permittees who receive any native species designated as Class I or Class II wildlife per Rule 68A-6.002, F.A.C., shall notify the FWC Captive Wildlife Section within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt.

(d) Migratory birds originating in another state may be transferred to a permitted rehabilitator in Florida for the purposes of rehabilitation and release in accordance with naturally occurring migratory patterns of the species.

(e) If utilizing an unmanned "drop-off" site, the site must be on the permitted facility property, must be checked no less than every twelve (12) hours, and a contact phone number must be posted at the site. If a permittee is unable to check the drop-off site every twelve (12) hours for any period of time, notice must be posted at the site informing the public that the drop-off site is not being monitored and not to leave animals at the site.

(11) Care requirements.

(a) Wildlife rehabilitation permittees shall not perform rehabilitative care and treatment beyond their scope and training.

(b) If a wildlife rehabilitation permittee receives an animal that is uninjured or does not require further treatment or care after initial observation, such animal shall be released as soon as practicable, but no longer than forty-eight (48) hours after initial observation, in accordance with this rule.

(c) When an animal is experiencing severe, unmanageable pain or suffering due to injuries, illness, or other condition, and there is no reasonable expectation of improvement, it shall be euthanized in accordance with (12)(d).

(d) Care and treatment of animals undergoing wildlife rehabilitation shall be conducted in a manner which minimizes human interaction to prevent mal-imprinting or habituation and maximizes the animal's chances of survival and successful reintegration into the wild after release.

(e) Wildlife rehabilitation permits do not authorize treatment beyond basic medical care. Treatment beyond basic medical care shall include, but is not limited to:

1. Surgery.

2. Amputation.

3. Administering prescription medication which has not been prescribed by a veterinarian.

(f) When treatment beyond basic medical care is required, an animal shall be evaluated by a veterinarian as soon as practicable.

(g) No wildlife undergoing rehabilitative care shall be altered in the following ways:

1. Spayed or neutered.

2. Descended.

3. Declawed.

4. Amputations beyond what is medically necessary.

5. Amputations beyond what is allowed by federal regulations.

(h) Sanitation and Nutritional Requirements:

1. Sanitation, water disposal, and waste disposal shall be in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

2. Water: Clean drinking water shall be provided daily. Animals shall have continuous access to clean water in a manner which is appropriate for the species. Any water containers used shall be clean. All pools, tanks, water areas and water containers provided for swimming, wading or drinking shall be clean. Enclosures shall provide drainage for surface water and runoff.

3. Food: Food shall be of a type that is palatable and nutritionally balanced in a form and presentation appropriate to the animal's natural behavior and medical condition. Specialized diets shall be at the recommendation of a veterinarian. Food shall be provided in an unspoiled and uncontaminated condition. Clean containers shall be used for feeding.

4. Waste: Fecal and food waste shall be removed daily from inside, under, and around cages and stored or disposed of in a manner which prevents noxious odors or pests. Cages and enclosures shall be ventilated to prevent noxious odors.

5. Cleaning and maintenance: Hard floors within cages or enclosures shall be cleaned a minimum of once a week. Bedding materials shall be changed once soiled. Walls of cages and enclosures shall be spot cleaned daily. The surfaces of housing facilities, including perches, shelves, and any furniture-type fixtures within the facility, shall be cleaned weekly, and shall be constructed in a manner and made of materials that permits thorough cleaning. Cages or enclosures with dirt floors shall be raked a minimum of once every three (3) days and all waste material shall be removed. Any surface of cages or enclosures that may come into contact with animal(s) shall be free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning or that affects the structural strength. Any painted surface that may come into contact with wildlife shall be free of peeling or flaking paint.

(i) Wildlife rehabilitation permittees shall comply with all applicable state and county health regulations or orders, including, but not limited to, reporting in accordance with Rule 64D-3.033(1)(e), F.A.C.

(j) Domestic animals allowed on the premises shall be fully vaccinated and have no direct contact with native wildlife undergoing rehabilitation.

(k) Nonnative wildlife shall not be commingled in the same cage or enclosure with native wildlife authorized under this permit.

(12) Disposition requirements.

(a) Wildlife possessed for rehabilitation purposes shall be held no longer than the designated rehabilitation period outlined below before it must be released, euthanized, or deemed non-releasable.

1. Native Class I and II wildlife, except coyotes, shall be held for a rehabilitation period as directed by Commission personnel.

2. Beavers and otters shall be held no longer than twelve (12) months.

3. All other wildlife shall be held no longer than 180 days.

4. Wildlife may be retained for rehabilitation purposes longer than the designated period above in instances where a licensed veterinarian has certified that a longer holding period is necessary in the interest of the health and welfare of the wildlife. Medical records concerning all wildlife for which an extension of the designated period is obtained shall be maintained at the facility and made available for inspection upon request by Commission personnel.

5. Migratory birds may be retained for rehabilitation purposes longer than the designated period above for the purposes of release in accordance with naturally occurring migratory patterns of the species. Records concerning all wildlife for which an extension of the designated period is necessary shall be maintained at the facility and made available for inspection upon request by Commission personnel.

(b) Transfer.

1. Wildlife possessed under the authority of this permit shall only be transferred under the following conditions:

a. A permittee may transfer wildlife to a different permitted wildlife rehabilitator for continuation of care and treatment. If an animal undergoing rehabilitation is transferred to another wildlife rehabilitator, the designated rehabilitation period does not restart at time of transfer.

b. A permittee may temporarily transfer orphaned infant wildlife to their off-site volunteer in accordance with paragraph (7)(l).

c. A permittee may temporarily transfer wildlife to a licensed veterinarian for medical treatment in accordance with paragraph (1)(g).

d. Raptors may also be temporarily transferred to an individual who holds a valid General or Master Falconry permit for the falconer to assist in conditioning the raptors for release to the wild.

(I) The rehabilitation permittee must provide the falconer with a letter or form that identifies the bird and explains that the falconer is assisting in its rehabilitation.

(II) The falconer is exempt from wildlife rehabilitation facility standards. The falconer must meet the facility standards specified in Rule 68A-9.005, F.A.C.

(III) The falconer does not have to add the raptor possessed for rehabilitation purposes to his or her falconry permit; it will remain under the permit of the rehabilitator.

(IV) Upon coordination with the rehabilitation permittee, the falconer must release all releasable raptors to the wild or return them to the rehabilitation permittee for release within the 180-day timeframe in which the permittee is authorized to possess the birds, unless the Commission or USFWS authorizes the falconer to retain and condition a bird for longer than 180 days, or unless the permittee permanently transfers the bird to the falconer in accordance with sub-subparagraph (b)1.e. below.

e. Raptors may also be permanently transferred to a General or Master Falconer in order to add the raptor to the falconer's permit.

(I) The falconer may acquire a raptor of any age of a species that he/she is permitted to possess directly from a rehabilitator.

(II) The transfer shall be reported pursuant to Rule 68A-9.005(14)(a), F.A.C.

(III) If the falconer acquires a bird from a rehabilitator, it will count as one of the raptors the falconer is authorized to take from the wild that year.

(c) Release.

1. Permission from landowner or manager shall be obtained prior to release of wildlife.

2. Wildlife shall be released onto suitable habitat near or at the point of capture, if able. If not able, wildlife shall be released onto habitat where such wildlife naturally occurs and which will biologically support the species.

3. Released wildlife shall not create a public nuisance.

4. Wildlife capable of surviving in the wild shall be released as soon as practical and shall not be held for the full designated rehabilitation period specified for the species in paragraph (12)(a) if unnecessary.

5. Crocodylian species shall not be released.

6. Mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*), and any fertile hybrids, shall not be released, in accordance with Rule 68A-4.0052, F.A.C.

(d) Euthanasia.

1. Euthanasia of wildlife shall be humane.

2. Wildlife that dies while in the custody of the permittee shall be disposed of or offered to a museum, university, or other educational facility, in accordance with Rule 68A-12.004, F.A.C.

3. Crocodylians that die or are euthanized while in the custody of the permittee shall be completely destroyed and disposed of in accordance with local laws and ordinances. The alligator harvest report form (FWC form 1001AT, effective April 30, 2000) shall be completed and signed immediately upon death of the animal and submitted to the Commission

within 30 days of the animal's death. Permittees shall not receive compensation from alligator parts following the death of the animal.

4. Possession of migratory bird parts or carcasses shall be in compliance with federal regulations.

(e) Non-releasable wildlife.

1. Wildlife shall not be considered non-releasable unless such finding is approved by the Commission.

2. All wildlife deemed non-releasable shall be placed at a permitted facility. The placement shall be approved in writing by the Commission prior to the placement of such wildlife.

3. In order to be deemed non-releasable due to mal-imprinting or habituation, all of the following criteria must be met:

a. Attending rehabilitation permittee shall document in writing that that animal is mal-imprinted or habituated, and steps taken by permittee to prevent such condition.

b. An independent rehabilitation permittee shall corroborate the non-releasable condition of the animal, in writing. The independent rehabilitation permittee shall make an evaluation of the animal in person. The independent rehabilitation permittee shall not be the sponsor or Apprentice of the attending rehabilitation permittee.

c. A veterinarian shall corroborate the non-releasable condition of the animal, in writing. The veterinarian shall make an evaluation of the animal in person.

d. Commission personnel shall approve the non-releasable condition of the animal in writing.

4. In order to be deemed non-releasable due to physical impairment, all of the following criteria must be met:

a. Attending rehabilitation permittee shall document in writing that that animal is physically impaired.

b. A veterinarian shall corroborate the non-releasable condition of the animal, in writing. The veterinarian shall make an evaluation of the animal in person.

c. Commission personnel shall approve the non-releasable condition of the animal in writing.

5. Animals deemed as non-releasable shall be permanently identified by means of tattoo, brand, passive integrated transponder (PIT tag), band (birds only), photographic identification, or other method that clearly and permanently identifies that particular specimen so as to be distinguished from other specimens of the same species. Such permanent identification shall occur no more than five (5) days after the animal has been transferred.

6. Wildlife deemed non-releasable due to mal-imprinting or habituation shall be placed with an independent entity who did not participate in the rehabilitative care of the wildlife, except as specified in subparagraph (e)7. below.

7. When mal-imprinted or habituated wildlife is transferred by the Commission to a rehabilitator in an attempt to correct the

mal-imprinted or habituated condition and rehabilitation is unsuccessful, such non-releasable wildlife may be placed at the current rehabilitation facility, in accordance with subparagraph (e)2. above.

8. Facility receiving non-releasable wildlife must maintain documentation of the non-releasable status provided by the Commission for the life of the animal. Such records shall be maintained with the animal if the animal is transferred to a different facility.

9. If a facility that received non-releasable wildlife would like to transfer such non-releasable wildlife to a different facility, they shall contact Commission personnel for direction on the placement of the animal.

10. All non-releasable wildlife shall be maintained in enclosures that meet or exceed the minimum caging specifications in Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., except as otherwise authorized by the Commission.

(13) All wildlife rehabilitation permittees shall maintain records as specified below. Records shall be maintained at the permittee's facility for a period of three (3) years and shall be available to Commission personnel upon request.

(a) Individual intake records shall be maintained for each live animal entering the facility for treatment with the exception of groupings of orphaned infant wildlife of the same species which were admitted on the same day which may be maintained on the same record. Such intake records shall include the following:

1. Species of wildlife;
2. Number of animals, if in a group;
3. Location where wildlife was found, to include the full address of location, if known;
4. Name and contact information for the individual who found the wildlife or brought the wildlife for treatment, if known, to include phone number and/or email address;
5. Cause of admission; and
6. Acquisition date.

(b) Individual treatment records for sick or injured wildlife shall be maintained for each animal admitted to the facility for treatment, except animals released within seventy-two (72) hours or euthanized within seventy-two (72) hours of intake. Such treatment records shall include the following:

1. Treatment plan, including, but not limited to, diet, medical needs, unique care requirements, and estimated length of care required for each animal;
2. Name of attending veterinarian, if applicable; and
3. Type of treatment performed at the rehabilitation facility.

(c) Care records for orphaned infant wildlife shall be maintained for all wildlife admitted to the facility for care. Groupings of orphaned infant wildlife of the same species

which were admitted on the same day may be maintained on the same record. Such care records shall include the following:

1. Type of care provided; and
2. If utilizing off-site volunteers for temporary care, the date of transfer, name of off-site volunteer, and date of transfer back to the main rehabilitation facility.
3. Copy of intake and care records for orphaned infant wildlife shall be maintained at the off-site volunteer's location while wildlife is temporarily housed for care.

(d) Individual disposition records shall be maintained for each animal admitted to the facility for treatment. Such disposition records shall include the following:

1. Disposition date;
2. Method of disposition (transferred, euthanized, released, deemed non-releasable, or died);
3. If transferred, the full name, facility address, type of permit, and permit number of the recipient.
4. If euthanized, method of euthanasia.
5. If released, the location of release, to include county, city, and closest cross street.
6. If deemed non-releasable, the items outlined in subparagraphs (12)(e)3 or 4, and any record provided to the rehabilitator by the Commission.

(e) Medical records concerning all wildlife for which an extension of the designated rehabilitation period is obtained.

(f) If wildlife rehabilitation permit is revoked, denied, nonrenewed, or dissolved, permittee shall have ninety (90) days after the final administrative disposition to lawfully dispose of all captive wildlife previously authorized under the wildlife rehabilitation permit. Records of final disposition for all wildlife must be maintained for one (1) year and provided to the Commission within thirty (30) days after the ninety (90) day lawful disposition period.

(14) Additional regulations.

(a) A permit is valid when issued and expires December 31 of the second calendar year after issuance.

(b) Commission personnel may relocate wildlife held under the authority of a wildlife rehabilitation permit at any time.

(c) Permittees shall be subject to all provisions outlined in Rule 68A-6.003(2) and (3), F.A.C.

(d) Permittees or their volunteers shall not require a fee associated with wildlife rehabilitation services, including but not limited to the pick-up, delivery, acceptance, or treatment of sick, injured, orphaned or otherwise impaired wildlife. This limitation shall not apply to professional fees charged by a licensed veterinarian.

(e) Permittees or their volunteers shall not represent themselves as agents of the Commission.

(f) Permittees or their volunteers shall not enter upon the property of another for the purpose of taking possession of



wildlife unless authorized by the owner, lessee, or custodian of the property.

(g) Volunteers of rehabilitation permittees may transport wildlife directly to or from the permitted facility for the purposes of intake, transfer, or release, including soft release.

(h) Wildlife held under the authority of this permit shall not be exhibited. For the purposes of this rule, the following activities shall not be considered exhibition and are allowed:

1. Live video feed that does not interfere with the proper rehabilitation of the wildlife.

2. Photographs or videos which display rehabilitation techniques that are conducted in accordance with this rule.

(i) Under certain emergency conditions, such as oil spills, hurricanes, floods, and other natural or manmade disasters, the Commission may impose additional restrictions or provide for permit exemptions as may be necessary to safeguard affected wildlife such as, but not limited to, the coordination and direction of rehabilitation permittees and their facilities, the assignment of zones for implementing rehabilitative services, and the authorization of additional volunteers to aid in the capture and treatment of wildlife.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 11-6-94, Formerly 39-9.006, Amended 8-27-09, 3-24-13, 3-24-13, 7-1-13, 8-2-22, 7-17-23, \_\_\_\_\_.

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NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Colonel Brian Smith

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 5, 2023

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 14, 2023

### Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

##### Division of Elections

RULE NO.: 1S-2.040  
RULE TITLE: Statewide Uniform Voter Registration Application

#### NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

This December 8, 2023, notice was published with the incorrect date for the hearing. A correct notice for this rule was published on December 11, 2023, and the hearing will be held on January 9, 2024. Thus, notice is hereby given that the above rule, as noticed in Vol. 49 No. 237, December 8, 2023 issue of the Florida Administrative Register has been withdrawn. Please see Vol. 49 No. 238 for the corrected notice.

### Section IV Emergency Rules

NONE

### Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

#### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

##### Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: 61C-4.010  
RULE TITLE: Sanitation and Safety Requirements

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants hereby gives notice: On December 1, 2023 the Division of Hotels and Restaurants received a Petition for an Emergency Variance for paragraph 61C-1.004(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, subsection 61C-4.010(7) Florida Administrative Code and subsection 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code, and Section 6-40.11. 2017 FDA Food Code from Nassau

Investments LLC located in Miami Beach. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that at least one accessible bathroom be provided for use by customers and employees. They are requesting to utilize bathrooms located on a different level.

The Petition for this variance was published in Vol. 49/233 on December 4, 2023. The Order for this Petition was signed and approved December 19, 2023 after a complete review of the variance request, the Division finds that the application of this Rule will create a financial hardship to the food service establishment. Furthermore, the Division finds that the Petitioner meets the burden of demonstrating that the underlying statute has been achieved by the Petitioner ensuring the public bathrooms located on the lower floor level are maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and are provided with hot and cold running water under pressure, soap, approved hand drying devices, handwash sign and are available during all hours of operation. The Petitioner shall also ensure that directional signage is installed in the main restaurant area clearly stating the location of the bathrooms.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Daisy.Lee@myfloridalicense.com, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-4.010 Sanitation and Safety Requirements

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants hereby gives notice: On December 5, 2023 the Division of Hotels and Restaurants received a Petition for an Emergency Variance for Subparagraph 3-305.11(A)(2), 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 3-305.14, 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 6-202.15, 2017 FDA Food Code, Section 6-202.16, 2017 FDA Food Code, subsection 61C-4.010(1), Florida Administrative Code, and subsection 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code from Kelly's Cake & Foods LLC located in Orlando. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement for proper handling and dispensing of food. They are requesting to dispense bulk time/temperature control for safety foods from an open air mobile food dispensing vehicle.

The Petition for this variance was published in Vol 49/235 on December 6, 2023. The Order for this Petition was signed and approved on December 19, 2023. After a complete review of the variance request, the Division finds that the application of this Rule will create a financial hardship to the food service establishment. Furthermore, the Division finds that the Petitioner meets the burden of demonstrating that the

underlying statute has been achieved by the Petitioner ensuring that each pan within the steam table is properly covered with an individual lid; the steam table is enclosed within a cabinet with tight-fitting doors, and is protected by an air curtain installed and operated according to the manufacturer's specifications that protects against flying vermin or other environmental contaminants; all steam table foods must be properly reheated for hot holding at approved commissaries and held hot at the proper minimum temperature per the parameters of the currently adopted FDA Food Code; and steam table food is to be dispensed by the operator with no customer self-service. The Petitioner shall also strictly adhere to the operating procedures and copies of the variance and operating procedures are to be present on the MFDV during all periods of operation.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Daisy.Lee@myfloridalicense.com, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001 Safety Standards

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety hereby gives notice: On December 19, 2023, the Division issued an order. The Final Order was in response to a Petition for a routine permanent Variance from Gulfside 6240 Condominiums located at 6240 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL, filed May 1, 2023, and advertised on May 4, 2023, in Vol. 49, No. 87, of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received in response to the petition. The Final Order on the Petition for Variance grants the Petitioner a variance from Rules 2.4.1.5 and 2.15.9.2, ASME A17.1, 2016 Edition, as adopted by Rule 61C-5.001 Florida Administrative Code that requires a 5'0" pit, because the Petitioner has demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been met and that Petitioner would suffer a substantial hardship if required to comply with this rule (VW2023-046).

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. dhr.elevators@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-4.010 Sanitation and Safety Requirements

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants hereby gives

notice: On December 11, 2023 the Division of Hotels and Restaurants received a Petition for an Emergency Variance for paragraph 61C-1.004(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, subsection 61C-4.010(7) Florida Administrative Code and subsection 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code, and Section 6-40.11. 2017 FDA Food Code from Osteria 500 LLC located in Sarasota. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that at least one accessible bathroom be provided for use by customers and employees. They are requesting to utilize bathrooms located on a different level.

The Petition for this variance was published in Vol. 49/239 on December 12, 2023. The Order for this Petition was signed and approved December 20, 2023 after a complete review of the variance request, the Division finds that the application of this Rule will create a financial hardship to the food service establishment. Furthermore, the Division finds that the Petitioner meets the burden of demonstrating that the underlying statute has been achieved by the Petitioner ensuring the public bathrooms located on the first floor level are maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and are provided with hot and cold running water under pressure, soap, approved hand drying devices, handwash sign and are available during all hours of operation. The Petitioner shall also ensure that directional signage is installed in the main restaurant area clearly stating the location of the bathrooms.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Daisy.Lee@myfloridalicense.com, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001 Safety Standards

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety hereby gives notice: On December 19, 2023 the Division issued an order. The Final Order was in response to a Petition for a routine permanent Variance from Reyes Lone Oak located at 4995 Enterprise Dr., Kissimmee, FL, filed December 5, 2023, and advertised on December 7, 2023 in Vol. 49, No. 236, of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received in response to the petition. The Final Order on the Petition for Variance grants the Petitioner a variance from Rules 2.4.1.5 and 2.15.9.2, ASME A17.1, 2016 Edition, as adopted by Rule 61C-5.001 Florida Administrative Code that requires a 5'0" pit, because the Petitioner has demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute has been met and that Petitioner would suffer a substantial hardship if required to comply with this rule (VW2023-148).

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. dhr.elevators@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001 Safety Standards

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 18, 2023, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, received a petition for Port of Palm Beach District at 1 East 11th Street, Riviera Beach, FL. Petitioner seeks an emergency temporary variance of the requirements of ASME A17.3, 2015 edition, Section 3.10.12, as adopted by 61C-5.001, Florida Administrative Code that requires a system to monitor and prevent automatic operation of the elevator with faulty door contact circuits, which poses a significant economic/financial hardship. Any interested person may file comments within 7 days of the publication of this notice with Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013 (VW2023-153).

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. dhr.elevators@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-5.001 Safety Standards

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 18, 2023, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, received a petition for Port of Palm Beach District at 301 Broadway, Riviera Beach, FL. Petitioner seeks an emergency temporary variance of the requirements of ASME A17.3, 2015 edition, Section 3.10.12, as adopted by 61C-5.001, Florida Administrative Code that requires a system to monitor and prevent automatic operation of the elevator with faulty door contact circuits, which poses a significant economic/financial hardship. Any interested person may file comments within 7 days of the publication of this notice with Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013 (VW2023-152).

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Division of Hotels and Restaurants, Bureau of

Elevator Safety, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1013. dhr.elevators@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61H1-28.0052 Number of Sitzings, and Granting of Credit, Release of Grades and Completion of Examination, Transition Rules

The Board of Accountancy hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, filed on August 24, 2023, by Michael Moragas. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Vol. 49, No. 182, of the September 19, 2023, Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a waiver or variance of paragraph 61H1-28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., entitled, "Number of Sitzings, and Granting of Credit, Release of Grades and Completion of Examination, Transition Rules," which requires that each candidate must pass all four test sections of the CPA Examination within a rolling eighteen-month period, which begins on the NASBA grade release date for the first test section(s) passed.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on October 27, 2023, in Orlando, Florida. The Board's Order, filed on November 28, 2023, granted the petition, finding that Petitioner established that the Board's strict application of paragraph 61H1-28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., to his circumstances, would violate principles of fairness or would impose substantial hardship on him. The Board further established that, if he were granted the variance, the purpose of the accountancy examination statute would be met as required by Section 473.306, Florida Statute.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Roger Scarborough, Division Director, Board of Accountancy, 240 NW 76th Dr., Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32607, (850)487-1395 or by email, Roger.Scarborough@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61H1-28.0052 Number of Sitzings, and Granting of Credit, Release of Grades and Completion of Examination, Transition Rules

The Board of Accountancy hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, filed on September 26, 2023, by Lorrie Brinson. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Vol. 49, No. 198, of the October 11, 2023, Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a waiver or variance of paragraph 61H1-

28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., entitled, "Number of Sitzings, and Granting of Credit, Release of Grades and Completion of Examination, Transition Rules," which requires that each candidate must pass all four test sections of the CPA Examination within a rolling eighteen-month period, which begins on the NASBA grade release date for the first test section(s) passed.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on October 27, 2023, in Orlando, Florida. The Board's Order, filed on November 28, 2023, granted the petition, finding that Petitioner established that the Board's strict application of paragraph 61H1-28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., to her circumstances, would violate principles of fairness or would impose substantial hardship on her. The Board further established that, if she were granted the variance, the purpose of the accountancy examination statute would be met as required by Section 473.306, Florida Statute.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Roger Scarborough, Division Director, Board of Accountancy, 240 NW 76th Dr., Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32607, (850)487-1395 or by email, Roger.Scarborough@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61H1-28.0052 Number of Sitzings, and Granting of Credit, Release of Grades and Completion of Examination, Transition Rules

The Board of Accountancy hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, filed on September 12, 2023, by Dyezae Smith. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Vol. 49, No. 190, of the September 29, 2023, Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a waiver or variance of paragraph 61H1-28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., entitled, "Number of Sitzings, and Granting of Credit, Release of Grades and Completion of Examination, Transition Rules," which requires that each candidate must pass all four test sections of the CPA Examination within a rolling eighteen-month period, which begins on the NASBA grade release date for the first test section(s) passed.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed public meeting held on October 27, 2023, in Orlando, Florida. The Board's Order, filed on November 28, 2023, granted the petition, finding that Petitioner established that the Board's strict application of paragraph 61H1-28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., to his circumstances, would violate principles of fairness or would impose substantial hardship on him. The Board further established that, if he were granted the variance, the purpose of

the accountancy examination statute would be met as required by Section 473.306, Florida Statute.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Roger Scarborough, Division Director, Board of Accountancy, 240 NW 76th Dr., Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32607, (850)487-1395 or by email, Roger.Scarborough@myfloridalicense.com.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

**RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:**

64B4-3.003 Examination for Licensure

The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling hereby gives notice: of the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny the Petition for Variance and Waiver, filed by Marilyn Evans on October 19, 2023. The Notice of Petition for Waiver or Variance was published in Vol. 49, No. 205, of the October 20, 2023, Florida Administrative Register. Petitioner sought a waiver of paragraph 64B4-3.003(2)(b), Florida Administrative Code entitled Examination for Licensure. The Board considered the request at a duly-noticed public meeting held on November 9, 2023, in Maitland, Florida. The Board found that the petition has not shown that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means and the Petitioner has not shown that application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness as the petitioner has failed to demonstrate that she is unable to take the NCMHCE. The Board’s Order, filed on December 18, 2023, denied the petition.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 18, 2023, the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, received a petition for variance and waiver filed by Haley McCrary. Although no rule was cited, it appears petitioner wants a variance of licensure requirements of subsection 64B4-3.0085(11), F.A.C. Comments on the petition should be filed with the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, at the above address.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Manatees**

**RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:**

68C-22.026 Sarasota County Zones

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 01, 2023, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, received a petition for a temporary variance from section (2)(a)4 of the Sarasota County manatee protection rule (68C-22.026, Florida Administrative Code). The petition was submitted by the Sarasota Ski-A-Rees, Inc. (“Ski-A-Rees”) and seeks authorization for Ski-A-Rees members to conduct Show-ski tournament practice during the month of June 2024 in a portion of the City Island area that is designated as a slow speed zone. Comments regarding the petition will be accepted for no less than 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Michelle Pasawicz, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Imperiled Species Management Section 6A, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

**Section VI**

**Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings**

**DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS**

The Education and Awareness Committee of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 3:00 p.m. until conclusion

**PLACE:** Microsoft Teams Meeting – 1(850)629-6501, Phone Conference ID: 763510931# and,

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting?rtc=1>, Meeting ID: 278507859764, Passcode: TgsjLS

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Committee Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lynn Guyton at Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com or by accessing the board’s website at:

[http://myfloridalegal.com/\\_85256CC5006DFCC3.nsf/0/8AE A5858B1253D0D85257D34005AFA72?Open&Highlight=0,s tatewide,council,meeting](http://myfloridalegal.com/_85256CC5006DFCC3.nsf/0/8AE A5858B1253D0D85257D34005AFA72?Open&Highlight=0,s tatewide,council,meeting)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the

agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Office of the Attorney General Ashley Moody at (850)414-3300. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Lynn Guyton at Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com by telephone at (813)287-7950.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Division of Blind Services**

The Blind Services Foundation and The Division of Blind Services announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 11, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Teleconference number: (888)585-9008

Code: 319035377 then press the # key

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Topics of discussion:

Senior Equipment and Training

Apprenticeship Program

White Cane Education

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: No Agenda

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For more information, you may contact: (850)245-9305 or Email DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.fl DOE.org

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:**

14-97.003 Access Control Classification System and Access Management Standards

The DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: January 18, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; February 15, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; March 21, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; April 18, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; May 16, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; June 20, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; July 18, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; August 15, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; September 19, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; October 17, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; November 21, 2024, 2:00 p.m.; December 19, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: FDOT District 5 Headquarters, Osceola Conference Room, 719 S. Woodland Boulevard, FL 32720

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Access Management Review Committee will meet to discuss any matters that may be up for review concerning Access Management in District 5. If no meetings are requested by the public, the meetings will be cancelled 7 business days prior to the meeting date.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Chad Lingenfelter, Traffic Services Manager, (386)943-5304, chad.lingenfelter@dot.state.fl.us.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 24 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Chad Lingenfelter, Traffic Services Manager, (386)943-5304, chad.lingenfelter@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Chad Lingenfelter, Traffic Services Manager, (386)943-5304, chad.lingenfelter@dot.state.fl.us.

**REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS**

**Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council**

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's Agency on Bay Management Legislative Review Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Online meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84688755219?pwd=allSVmZvRXNwNEsvcHRnOVV0QjhNZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 8875 5219

Passcode: 177811

Dial-in number: +1(786)635-1003

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Meeting participants will discuss bills proposed for the 2024 Florida Legislative Session.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 4 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org. If you are hearing

or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org

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**REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS**

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, 421 SW Camden Avenue, Stuart, FL 34994

The meeting is offered virtually:

<https://meet.goto.com/627958125>

Dial in using phone:

1(312)757-3121 / Access Code: 627-958-125

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee will hold its bi-monthly meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Stephanie Heidt at (772)221-4060 or sheidt@tcrpc.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Stephanie Heidt at (772)221-4060 or sheidt@tcrpc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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**REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS**

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Indian River State College Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center, 2400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL 34997

Remote participation remains available:

<https://meet.goto.com/268592461>

By Phone: +1(646)749-3122 / Access Code: 268-592-461

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will hold its monthly board meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Liz Gulick at (772)221-4060 or lgulick@tcrpc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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**WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS**

St. Johns River Water Management District

The St. Johns River Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street (Hwy 100 West), Palatka, FL 32177

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Discussion and consideration of District business including regulatory and non-regulatory matters. Staff may recommend approval of external amendments which affect the adopted budget.

**NOTE:** One or more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meetings by means of communications media technology.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: St. Johns River Water Management District, Attention Heather Barnes, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, or by phone at (386)329-4239, or by visiting the District's website at sjrwmd.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Civil Rights Coordinator at (386)329-4500. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

**WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS**

Southwest Florida Water Management District  
 The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Fiscal Year 2024, January - March 2024: Governing Board Meeting - January 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m.; Governing Board Meeting - February 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m.; Governing Board Meeting - March 26, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Tampa Office, 7601 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Governing Board Meetings, Committee Meetings and Public Hearing: Consider SWFWMD business.

This is a meeting conducted by means of communications media technology (CMT).

One or more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meeting via CMT.

All or part of this meeting may be conducted via CMT in order to permit maximum participation of Board members.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org – Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: SWFWMD Human Resources Office Chief at 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211; TDD (FL only) 1(800)231-6103; or email to ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Lori.Manuel@WaterMatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)316-7643(Ad Order EXE0893

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers  
 The Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** February 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m., (ET)

**PLACE:** Telephone Conference Call, Telephone Number 1(888)585-9008, Conference Room Number: 241687833#

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** General Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Council's website at MyFloridaLicense.com - Our Licensing & Regulation - Community Association Managers and Firms – Council Meeting Information.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399 or by calling (850)717-1980. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board  
 The Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATES AND TIMES:** February 7, 8, 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m., (ET)  
**PLACE:** Hotel Indigo Gainesville-Celebration Pointe, 5020 SW 30th Lane, Gainesville, FL 32608, (352)240-8900

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Committee meetings and general board business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Myfloridalicense.com – Licensing and Regulation - Building Code Administrators & Inspectors - Board Meeting Information.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee FL 32399, or by calling (850)717-1980. If you are hearing or speech impaired,



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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel

The Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/757369325>

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

General board business to include licensure

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://floridasclinicallabs.gov>

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For more information, you may contact: [MQA.Clinicallab@flhealth.gov](mailto:MQA.Clinicallab@flhealth.gov)

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Board of Massage Therapy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B7-32.003 Minimum Requirements for Board Approved Massage Therapy Schools

The Board of Massage Therapy announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, ET.

PLACE: GoToMeeting Info:

GoToMeeting link: <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>

Phone Number #: 1(877)309-2073

Participation Code: 985-532-741

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** A rule workshop will be held to discuss amending 64B7-32.003 to increase required classroom hours.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, (850)245-4161, or by electronic mail – [Stephanie.Webster@flhealth.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Webster@flhealth.gov).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: (850)245-4161.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support  
The Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 4, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Via Webinar and Conference Call

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device.

Click here to join the meeting

Meeting ID: 287 418 106 619

Passcode: 3sZusC

Download Teams | Join on the web

Join with a video conferencing device

[teams@meetme.flhealth.gov](mailto:teams@meetme.flhealth.gov)

Video Conference ID: 114 303 229 9

Alternate VTC instructions

Or call in (audio only)

+1(850)792-1375,,663495985# United States, Tallahassee

Phone Conference ID: 663 495 985#

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** To conduct general business of the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kimberly Robinson by email: [Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov), or by phone: (850)245-4967.

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agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kimberly Robinson by email: Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov, or by phone: (850)245-4967. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Kimberly Robinson by email: Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov, or by phone: (850)245-4967.

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

The Department of Children and Families announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** January 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**PLACE:** Children's Board, 1002 E Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605 for an in-person workshop.

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Workshop: System of Care Resiliency and Retention

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kalen Graham at GrahamK@cbhcf.gov or (813)204-1762.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kalen Graham at GrahamK@cbhcf.gov or (813)204-1762. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**Mental Health Program**

The Department of Children and Families, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, December 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., EST

**Call-in (audio only):** 1(412)912-1530, Phone Conference ID: 927 529 944

**PLACE:** Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams. The access link is listed below and also available on the Department of Children

and Families calendar of events located here: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-meetings>

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MzBiMjk0ZDEtZGFmMS00NTc2LWl5ODgtMGQzZWEmMzJjYmM1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229251b7d2-1414-4b53-82ff-2a40dc98d569%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MzBiMjk0ZDEtZGFmMS00NTc2LWl5ODgtMGQzZWEmMzJjYmM1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229251b7d2-1414-4b53-82ff-2a40dc98d569%22%7d)

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** This is a subcommittee meeting in accordance with Senate Bill 96 for the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder. The sole purpose of this meeting is to approve subcommittee meeting minutes for the July 26th, August 2nd, August 9 and September 6, 2023 subcommittee meetings.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Aaron Platt at Aaron.platt@myflfamilies.com or (850)717-4331.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Aaron Platt at Aaron.platt@myflfamilies.com or (850)717-4331. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Aaron Platt at Aaron.platt@myflfamilies.com or (850)717-4331.

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**Refugee Services**

The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024; 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Meeting will take place via the Microsoft Teams platform. Use the below link to connect to the meeting:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YmUxNmNiM2ItZGMwMS00NzQxLWlhN2MtMTc0NDY5M2E3YTc1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224c7ac74e-0835-4242-a8cf-f26976fc1c32%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YmUxNmNiM2ItZGMwMS00NzQxLWlhN2MtMTc0NDY5M2E3YTc1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224c7ac74e-0835-4242-a8cf-f26976fc1c32%22%7d)

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The purpose of the Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force meeting is to increase awareness of the refugee populations, share best practices, spot trends in refugee populations, build collaborations between agencies, help create good communication among service providers, get informed about upcoming community events, and discuss refugee program service needs and possible solutions to meeting those needs.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lita Amin (904)524-1316 or David Draper at (407)317-7335

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For more information, you may contact: Lita Amin (904)524-1316 or David Draper at (407)317-7335

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

The Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m., EST

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86713999884?pwd=aTdJvKjZSERidEwwWGloWFJlbFJiUT09>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Matters pertaining to the James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Attendant Services and Employment Assistance Program.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86713999884?pwd=aTdJvKjZSERidEwwWGloWFJlbFJiUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 1399 9884

Passcode: 715922

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A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: kristen@floridacils.org

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**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA FOUNDATION**

The Volunteer Florida Foundation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 2:00 p.m., EST until all business is complete.

PLACE: Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sterling Marquez, [sterling@volunteerflorida.org](mailto:sterling@volunteerflorida.org), (850)414-7400.

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DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 2:00 p.m., EST until all business is complete.

PLACE: 1(888)585-9008, Code: 721648837#

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**VOLUNTEER FLORIDA FOUNDATION**

The Volunteer Florida Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 25, 2024, 1:00 p.m., EST until all business is complete.

PLACE: Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General business.

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**Section VII  
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions  
Regarding Declaratory Statements**

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

Board of Architecture and Interior Design

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Architecture and Interior Design has received the petition for declaratory statement from Jack A. Butler, filed on December 7, 2023. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 489.229, Florida Statutes and Section 489.231, Florida Statutes as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner asks the Board, "Does the language of Section 481.231(2), F.S., preclude the ability for a local government ordinance to modify the exemptions provided in Section 481.229(1), F.S.?" Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director, Board of Architecture and Interior Design, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0790, (850)717-1400 or by electronic mail – [Stacey.Buccieri@myfloridalicense.com](mailto:Stacey.Buccieri@myfloridalicense.com)

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Board of Psychology

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Psychology has received the petition for declaratory statement from Kaleb A. Long, Psy.D., filed on December 19, 2023. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 490.005(1)(c), F.S., as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner is seeking to obtain post-doctoral supervised experience as an independent contractor with Deeper Roots Psychological Services, LLC, a purely telehealth practice with

no business premises, while under the supervision of Dr. Leticia Lopes and Dr. Matthew Rochefort. Petitioner seeks the Board’s opinion as to whether the outlined arrangement fulfills the requirements of the statute. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Allen Hall, Executive Director, Board of Psychology, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C05, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, Allen.Hall@flhealth.gov

**Section VIII  
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions  
Regarding the Validity of Rules**

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

**Section IX  
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions  
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges**

NONE

**Section X  
Announcements and Objection Reports of  
the Joint Administrative Procedures  
Committee**

NONE

**Section XI  
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and  
Purchasing**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
Division of Administration

**ITB FFS 23 24 48 / MULTIPLE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS – TATE’S HELL STATE FOREST**

the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services/FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE seeks to obtain COMPETITIVE BIDS TO REPLACE FOUR BRIDGES IN TATE’S HELL STATE FOREST-FRANKLIN COUNTY FL FFS PROJECT No.04-207-ROAD-21

The solicitation document is available at the MyFloridaMarketPlace, Vendor Information Portal: <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids>.

Solicitation Number ITB FFS 23 24 48. Interested participants may also contact the purchasing department at [BIDS@FDACS.gov](mailto:BIDS@FDACS.gov).

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

University of North Florida

**NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**RFQ 24-19 STUDENT SUPPORT & ACADEMIC BUILDING A&E SERVICES**

The University of North Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate, announces that professional services are required in the discipline of architecture for the design and construction of the new Student Support & Academic Building at the University of North Florida, 1 UNF Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

**Project information**

The scope of services includes providing Conceptual Design, Site Planning, Programming, Design Development, Project Construction, Cost Analysis, Construction Drawings, Construction Bid Review, and Construction Administration.

The proposed schedule for this project is:

Advertisement December 21, 2023

Pre-Proposal (Non-Mandatory) Meeting January 9, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Deadline for Questions January 15, 2024, 12:00 noon

Response to Questions January 18, 2024

Submittals Due January 30, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Responses will only be accepted electronically through the UNF Bid Portal. Responses delivered in-person, by mail, by fax, or by email will be deemed non-responsive.

Solicitation documents, forms, descriptive project information and selection criteria may be obtained online at the UNF Procurement Services website at <https://bids.sciquest.com/apps/Router/PublicEvent?CustomerOrg=UNF>

Section XII  
Miscellaneous

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2023, and 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
34-7.025	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
34-12.750	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
59G-4.127	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
59G-13.081	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
60R-1.0047	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
60R-1.00481	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
68D-34.002	12/14/2023	1/3/2024
68D-34.006	12/14/2023	1/3/2024
69O-136.002	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.004	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.006	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.007	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.011	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.012	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.013	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.014	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.015	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.018	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.031	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.032	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.034	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.080	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.090	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-136.100	12/18/2023	1/7/2024
69O-137.004	12/14/2023	1/3/2024
69O-137.014	12/14/2023	1/3/2024
69O-143.0465	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-144.002	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.001	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.002	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.003	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.004	12/15/2023	1/4/2024

69O-151.005	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
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69O-151.008	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.009	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.010	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.012	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.101	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.102	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.106	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151.107	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151-201	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151-202	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-151-203	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-157.023	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-157.111	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-166.031	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-192.008	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-194.003	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-196.007	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-196.015	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-198.012	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-199.008	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-201.008	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-201.012	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-203.020	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-203.210	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
69O-203.215	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
73C-60.001	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
73C-60.002	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
73C-60.003	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
73C-60.004	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
73C-60.005	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
73C-60.006	12/15/2023	1/4/2024
73C-60.007	12/15/2023	1/4/2024

**LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES**

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
40C-4.091	3/31/2023	**/**/****
40C-41.043	3/31/2023	**/**/****
40E-4.091	6/26/2023	**/**/****

60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
62-330.010	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.050	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.055	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.301	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.310	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.311	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.350	4/28/2023	**/**/****
62-330.405	4/28/2023	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

By Mail or Facsimile OR By Hand Delivery  
 Agency Clerk Agency Clerk  
 Office of Financial Regulation Office of Financial Regulation  
 P.O. Box 8050 General Counsel's Office  
 Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050 The Fletcher Building, Suite 504  
 Phone: (850)410-9889 101 East Gaines Street  
 Fax: (850)410-9663 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0379  
 Phone: (850)410-9889

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency Clerk no later than seven (7) days prior to the filing deadline or proceeding, at the Office of Financial Regulation, The Fletcher Building, Suite 118, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0379, Phone: (850)410-9889, or by Email: [agency.clerk@flofr.gov](mailto:agency.clerk@flofr.gov)

The Petition must be received by the Clerk within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice (by 5:00 p.m., January 11, 2024):

**APPLICATION FOR A NEW FINANCIAL INSTITUTION**  
 Applicant and Proposed Location: BankMiami, 1515 Sunset Drive, Suite 26, Coral Gables, Miami-Dade, Florida 33143  
 Correspondent: John P. Greeley, 301 E. Pine Street, Suite 750, Orlando, Florida 32801  
 Received: December 19, 2023  
 Distribution: (Publication Not Required)  
 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Atlanta, GA  
 Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA  
 Comptroller of the Currency, Atlanta, GA  
 Florida Bankers Association, Tallahassee, Florida  
 John P. Greeley

**AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**  
 Certificate of Need  
**DECISION ON EXPEDITED APPLICATION**  
 The Agency for Health Care Administration made the following decision on Certificate of Need application for expedited review:  
 County: Hillsborough District: 6-1  
 CON #10756 Decision Date: 12/20/2023 Decision: Approved  
 Applicant/Facility/Project: HC Nursing and Rehab Center, LLC  
 Project Description: Transfer CON #10718 from Riverview Nursing and Rehab Center, LLC to the applicant to establish a 67-bed community nursing home  
 A request for administrative hearing, if any, must be made in writing and must be actually received by the Agency within 21 days of the first day of publication of this notice in the Florida Administrative Register pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 59C-1, Florida Administrative Code.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
 FSC - Financial Institution Regulation  
 Office of Financial Regulation  
**NOTICE OF FILINGS**  
 Financial Services Commission  
 Office of Financial Regulation  
 December 21, 2023  
 Notice is hereby given that the Office of Financial Regulation, Division of Financial Institutions, has received the following application. Comments may be submitted to the Division Director, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0371, for inclusion in the official record without requesting a hearing. However, pursuant to provisions specified in Chapter 69U-105, Florida Administrative Code, any person may request a public hearing by filing a petition with the Agency Clerk as follows:

**Section XIII**  
**Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week**

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.