

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Medicine

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
64B8-9.0091 Requirement for Physician Office Surgery
Registration; Inspection or Accreditation

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule development to revise the application and also clarifies the rule text, including that, when warranted, the Board is not prevented from considering disciplinary action when a corrective action plan exists.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: To incorporate the revised application listed in the rule and clarification to the rule text.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 458.309(1), 458.328(3) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.069, 458.328 FS.

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: Morgan Rexford, MPH, Executive Director, Board of Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C03, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, (850)245-4131 or Morgan.Rexford@flhealth.gov
THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Pharmacy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
64B16-27.700 Compounding

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment to remove unnecessary language from the text.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: To remove unnecessary language from the text.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 465.005 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 465.003, 465.0155, 465.0265, 465.0276(5) FS.

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.

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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 HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Florida Highway Patrol

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
15B-9.001	Scope and Purpose
15B-9.002	Definitions
15B-9.003	Call Allocation System
15B-9.0031	Applications to be an Authorized Wrecker Operator; Requirements for Wrecker Operators; Investigation of Applications
15B-9.0032	Wrecker Operator System; Call Allocation among Authorized Wrecker Operators
15B-9.004	Response to Calls
15B-9.005	Wrecker Classification and Required Equipment
15B-9.006	Wrecker Operator Requirements
15B-9.007	Grounds for Denial of Inclusion on, or Removal or Suspension from, Rotation List
15B-9.008	Procedure for Denial of Inclusion on, or Removal or Suspension from, Rotation List
15B-9.009	Wrecker Forms
15B-9.010	Maximum Rates for Towing and Storage
15B-9.011	Storage Facilities

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule amendment is to update the entire rule chapter to comply with statutory requirements, including 2024 amendments to § 321.051, Fla. Stat. The effect will be to provide clear guidance to applicants and participants in the wrecker operator system.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments clearly define and update terms used throughout chapter; delete obsolete forms and adopt new forms and wrecker zone maps for incorporation by reference; delete references to repealed rules and statutes; update requirements applicable to wreckers, equipment, and wrecker operators; and update grounds and procedures for denial of inclusion on, or removal or suspension from, the wrecker operator system. Rule development workshops were conducted on February 24, 2025, and April 8, 2025, to solicit and receive input from members of the wrecker industry in Florida and other stakeholders on the proposed

revisions. Department personnel explained the proposed amendments and responded to more than fifty oral and written questions and comments received during the workshops.

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 Department's economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule did not exceed any of the criteria established in § 120.541(2)(a), Fla. Stat. As part of this analysis, the Department relied on a checklist of potential adverse impacts or regulatory costs, ultimately concluding that impacted entities will not incur adverse direct or indirect costs as a result of the proposed rule. Additionally, no interested party submitted additional information regarding the 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.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 321.051

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 120.80(8), 321.051, 321.05(1), 321.05(2), 321.14

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Major Connor Cardwell, (941)915-0156, connorcardwell@flhsmv.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.001 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.001 Scope and Purpose.

(1) These rules do not apply to a vehicle owner's or operator's request for utilization of a specific wrecker operator, whether or not such wrecker operator is an authorized wrecker operator. When a vehicle owner or operator requests a specific wrecker operator, the vehicle owner's or operator's request will be honored without resort to these rules unless the trooper at the scene determines that the wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle is located on an interstate highway or a limited access

highway, as defined in Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, is blocking travel lanes on a state roadway, or is otherwise creating a traffic or safety hazard or determines that use of the wrecker operator requested by the vehicle owner or operator will result in a significant delay in the removal of the vehicle as compared to the time necessary for removal of the vehicle by an authorized wrecker operator.

(2) These rules also do not apply when employees or agents of the Florida Department of Transportation, other law enforcement agencies with proper jurisdiction, or an authority created pursuant to Chapters 348 or 349, Florida Statutes, undertakes to have wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles removed from roadways within the jurisdiction of those respective entities.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051 FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History—New 1-22-86, Formerly 15B-9.01, Amended 10-15-92,___.

Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.002 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.002 Definitions.

The following terms have the meaning indicated:

(1) "Abandoned Vehicle" – An unattended vehicle which the division has determined must be removed because the vehicle is improperly parked in violation of Sections 316.194, 316.1945 or 316.1951, Florida Statutes, or a vehicle which has been reported to a law enforcement agency as having been stolen.

(2) "Authorized wrecker operator" – A wrecker operator that is included in and participating in the division's wrecker operator system for a zone.

(3) "Call for service" or "called for service" – A request sent by a Florida Highway Patrol employee, Florida Highway Patrol regional communications center, or third party authorized by the Florida Highway Patrol, by or through a telephone call, text message, electronic message, cellular application, computer application or program, or other means of notification, as determined by the Florida Highway Patrol for a Troop or zone, to an authorized wrecker operator's communications system for the dispatch by an authorized wrecker operator of a wrecker or wreckers to remove or deal with one or more wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles.

(4) "Chasing or running wrecks" – Occurs when an authorized wrecker operator drives by the scene of a wrecked or disabled vehicle before the arrival of an authorized wrecker operator pursuant to a call for service and initiates contact with the owner or operator of the wrecked or disabled vehicle by soliciting or offering towing services to such owner or operator, regardless of whether or not that authorized wrecker operator actually tows the wrecked or disabled vehicle.

(5) "Class A Wrecker" - Wreckers used for the removal of cars and light duty trucks and vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or less.

(6) "Class "B" Wrecker" – Wreckers used for removal of medium duty trucks or vehicles weighing 20,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or less.

(7) "Class C Wrecker" – Wreckers used for the removal of heavy duty trucks, house trailers, buses, etc., weighing over 20,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

(8) "Department" – The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

(9) "Division" – The Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

(10) "Driver" – Any person who:

(a) Drives or operates a wrecker on behalf of an authorized wrecker operator, regardless of whether such person is an employee, agent, independent contractor, sole proprietor, officer, shareholder, director, member, partner, limited partner, or the owner of the authorized wrecker operator.

(b) Will drive or operate a wrecker on behalf of a wrecker operator, regardless of whether such person is an employee, agent, independent contractor, sole proprietor, officer, shareholder, director, member, partner, limited partner, or the owner of the wrecker operator to respond to calls for service, if the wrecker operator is approved as an authorized wrecker operator.

(11) "Failure to provide service" – A:

(a) Failure to respond when called for service;

(b) Failure to arrive at the scene after responding that the authorized wrecker operator would provide service in response to a call for service;

(c) Failure to accept a call for service; or

(d) Refusal to accept a call for service.

(12) "Not reputable" means when a person:

(a) Has been convicted of a forcible felony as defined in Section 776.08, Florida Statutes.

(b) Has been convicted of a felony listed in Section 812.014(2)(c)6., Florida Statutes.

(c) Has been convicted of a felony listed in Section 812.16(2), Florida Statutes.

(d) Has been convicted one or more felonies arising from or related to the wrecker operator business.

(e) Has been convicted of two or more felonies, either committed at different times or arising from unrelated offenses.

(f) Has been convicted of a felony and has been denied approval as an authorized wrecker operator, a principal of an authorized wrecker operator, or as a driver in the immediately preceding five (5) calendar years for any reason other than the conviction of a felony, except a forcible felony as defined in Section 776.08, Florida Statutes, a felony listed in Section

812.014(2)(c)6., Florida Statutes, or a felony listed in Section 812.16(2), Florida Statutes.

(g) Has been arrested and has pending adjudication for one or more criminal charges for a forcible felony as defined in Section 776.08, Florida Statutes, a felony listed in Section 812.014(2)(c)6., Florida Statutes, a felony listed in Section 812.16(2), Florida Statutes, one or more felonies arising from or related to the wrecker operator business, or two or more felony offenses either committed at different times or arising from unrelated offenses.

(h) Is subject to an injunction for protection against domestic violence issued pursuant to Section 741.30, Florida Statutes.

(i) Is subject to an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence issued pursuant to Section 784.046(7), Florida Statutes.

(j) Is the subject of a risk protection order issued pursuant to Section 790.401, Florida Statutes.

(k) Has been adjudicated an incapacitated person pursuant to Section 744.331, Florida Statutes.

(l) Has been convicted of a felony and is required to register as a sexual predator pursuant to Section 943.0435, Florida Statutes, or as a sexual offender pursuant to Section 944.607, Florida Statutes.

(m) Has knowingly furnished false information to the department, the division, another government agency or entity, including, but not limited to, as a part of an application to be an authorized wrecker operator or a driver, as a part of an application to be a wrecker operator for another governmental agency or entity, or in a statement to another governmental agency or entity in the course of a wrecker operator business, in the immediately preceding three (3) calendar years.

(n) As a driver, responded to one or more calls for service while under the influence of alcohol, any controlled substance, or chemical substance, in the immediately preceding three (3) years.

(o) Is a driver and has been convicted of a violation of Section 316.193, Florida Statutes, in the immediately preceding eighteen (18) months, has a pending charge for a violation of Section 316.193, Florida Statutes, or is or was disqualified, pursuant to Section 322.64, Florida Statutes, during the immediately preceding eighteen (18) months.

(p) Is a driver whose driver license is or was suspended, for refusing to take a breath, blood or urine test as required pursuant to Section 316.1932, Florida Statutes, in the immediately preceding eighteen (18) months, whose driver license is or was suspended, pursuant to Section 322.2615, Florida Statutes, in the immediately preceding eighteen (18) months, or whose commercial driver license has been downgraded pursuant to Section 322.591, Florida Statutes.

(q) Has been suspended or removed from the authorized wrecker system or has been suspended or removed as a driver, for the use of a wrecker which has been suspended or removed from the authorized wrecker system within the immediately preceding three (3) calendar years.

(r) Has been suspended or removed from a wrecker rotation system or list by any law enforcement agency within the immediately preceding three (3) calendar years.

(13) "Person" – Has the same meaning as in Section 1.01, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, a sole proprietor, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business association, or other type of business entity.

(14) "Principal" – Each person, employee, agent, independent contractor, officer, director, shareholder, member, partner, limited partner, or owner, which owns more than 10 percent of the equity ownership of an authorized wrecker operator or a wrecker operator, if the wrecker operator has applied to be an authorized wrecker operator.

(15) "Roll-back or slide-back wrecker" – A type of wrecker used and designed to transport or carry passenger cars, light trucks, small trailers, burned vehicles, sports cars, boats and other cargo, weighing 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or less, consisting of a flat bed-type body which hydraulically slides back on the frame until it reaches ground level to facilitate loading by use of a winch which is used to pull or slide the vehicle onto the wrecker.

(16) "Solicitation" – Conduct of an employee, agent, independent contractor, officer, shareholder, director, member, or owner of a wrecker operator which tempts, entices, suggests, offers services to, or makes requests of any person regarding removal of a wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle.

(17) "State holiday" – Holidays observed by state agencies pursuant to Section 110.117(1), Florida Statutes.

(18) "Troop" – An organizational unit of the Florida Highway Patrol which has been assigned to patrol and primarily operate within a specific group of contiguous counties in Florida, but not including any organizational units of the Florida Highway Patrol assigned to patrol and primarily operate in an area whose boundaries overlay those of other, specific organizational units of the Florida Highway Patrol that are assigned to a specific group of contiguous counties in Florida, assigned to patrol roadways operated by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise of the Florida Department of Transportation, or whose primary duties do not include patrolling any specific portion of Florida.

(19) "Troop commander" – The Florida Highway Patrol officer designated by the division director to command a troop.

(20) "Trooper" – An employee, member or officer of the Florida Highway Patrol.

(21) "Wrecker" – A tow truck, including a roll-back or slide-back carrier, that is:

(a) Designed and constructed as a tow truck by a commercial wrecker manufacturer which offers its wreckers for sale, or

(b) Assembled by a business licensed and approved to assemble and certify wreckers according to manufacturer's specifications published on the manufacturer's website or the manufacturer's manual in the possession of the wrecker operator that owns the wrecker.

A wrecker may be a Class A wrecker, a Class B wrecker, a Class C wrecker or a roll-back or slide-back wrecker.

(22) "Wrecker staff person" – Any person who:

(a) Handles, processes, or has access to any payment transaction or payment information for the removal of one or more wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles for or on behalf of an authorized wrecker operator as a result of a call for service or the wrecker operator system, regardless of whether such person is an employee, agent, independent contractor, sole proprietor, officer, shareholder, director, member, partner, limited partner, or owner of the authorized wrecker operator;

(b) Will handle, process, or have access to any payment transaction or payment information for the removal of one or more wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles for or on behalf of a wrecker operator as a result of a call for service or the wrecker operator system, regardless of whether such person is an employee, agent, independent contractor, sole proprietor, officer, shareholder, director, member, partner, limited partner, or owner of the authorized wrecker operator, if the wrecker operator is approved as an authorized wrecker operator;

(c) Has any access to or any control of access to one or more wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles stored by an authorized wrecker operator as a result of a call for service or the wrecker operator system, regardless of whether such person is an employee, agent, independent contractor, sole proprietor, officer, shareholder, director, member, partner, limited partner, or owner of the authorized wrecker operator; and

(d) Will have any access to or any control of access to one or more wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles stored by a wrecker operator as a result of a call for service or the wrecker operator system, regardless of whether such person is an employee, agent, independent contractor, sole proprietor, officer, shareholder, director, member, partner, limited partner, or owner of the authorized wrecker operator, if the wrecker operator is approved as an authorized wrecker operator.

(23) "Wrecker Operator" – Has the same meaning as in Section 1.01, Florida Statutes.

(24) "Wrecker operator system" – The system of authorized wrecker operators that are to be called for service, in rotation within each zone, when a wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle must be removed from a crash scene or

stored, or when the owner or operator is incapacitated, unavailable, or has left the procurement of a wrecker to the Florida Highway Patrol officer at the scene.

(25) "Zone" – A contiguous geographic area within the boundaries of a troop which has been designated by the division, pursuant to Rule 15B-9.003, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051 FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History–New 1-22-86, Formerly 15B-9.02, Amended 10-15-92,___.

Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.003 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.003 Wrecker Operating System; Establishment of Zones and the Number of Authorized Wrecker Operators for each Zone Call Allocation System.

(1)(a) Each troop commander shall divide the geographic area within his or her troop into one or more zones with clearly defined boundaries for the purpose of establishing a list of authorized wrecker operators for each separate zone. The division director, or his or her designee, on behalf of the division shall review, may revise, and shall approve in writing, the zone or zones established by each troop commander. Upon approval of the zone or zones for a troop by the division, a list of authorized wrecker operators for each such zone shall be established pursuant to this rule chapter.

(b) The boundaries for each zone shall be established based on:

1. Clearly defined geographic features such as county boundaries, highways, roads, or bodies of water;

2. Distances that wreckers operated by authorized wrecker operators must travel to various geographic locations within the zone to handle wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles;

3. Travel times typically experienced by wreckers operated by authorized wrecker operators from the authorized wrecker operators' places of business to crash scenes within the geographic boundaries of the zone;

4. The need to provide adequate and timely service by authorized wrecker operators in the zone to protect highway users and first responders at the scene of wrecked, disabled or abandoned vehicles;

5. The volume of wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles requiring wrecker services within each zone;

6. Changes over time to the items specified in subparagraphs (1)(b)3., 4., and 5.

(c) A troop commander, subject to the written approval of the division director, or his or her designee, on behalf of the division may revise the boundaries of one or more zones within the geographic boundaries of a troop.

(d) When the establishment of a new zone or a change in the boundaries of a zone or zones necessitates an increase in the number of authorized wrecker operators for a zone or zones and

the applicable troop has not previously received an application from a wrecker operator to be an authorized wrecker operator which satisfies the need in a zone or zones, a notice shall be published on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' website indicating the deadline for a wrecker operator to submit an application pursuant to Rule 15B-9.0031, F.A.C., to be considered to be an authorized wrecker operator in the affected zone or zones.

(2)(a) Each troop commander, with the approval of the division director, or his or her designee, shall determine the number of authorized wrecker operators which will be approved for each zone within his or her troop and shall re-evaluate the number of authorized wrecker operators which will be approved within each zone of her or his Troop not less than every three years beginning not later than 2028.

(b) The number of authorized wrecker operators which may be approved by each troop commander for a zone shall be based on the:

1. Need for authorized wrecker operators in each zone to deal with wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles within the zone;

2. Distances that wreckers operated by authorized wrecker operators must travel to various geographic locations within the zone to handle wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles;

3. Travel times typically experienced by wreckers operated by authorized wrecker operators from the authorized wrecker operators' places of business to crash scenes within the geographic boundaries of the zone;

4. Need to provide adequate and timely service by authorized wrecker operators in the zone to protect highway users and first responders at the scene of wrecked, disabled or abandoned vehicles;

5. Volume of wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles requiring wrecker services within each zone;

6. Changes over time to the items specified in subparagraphs (2)(b)1., 3., 4., and 5.

(c) At any time, the troop commander, subject to the written approval of the division director, or his or her designee, on behalf of the division, may propose an increase in the number of authorized wrecker operators for a zone if the troop commander determines that a zone does not have an adequate number of authorized wrecker operators.

(d) The division director, or his or her designee, on behalf of the division, shall review any change proposed by a troop commander in the number of authorized wrecker operators for a zone, including any proposed increases or decreases thereto, may revise, and shall approve in writing, the number of authorized wrecker operators for each affected zone.

(e) Upon the approval of any change in the number of authorized wrecker operators for a zone by the division, a determination that a sufficient number of authorized wrecker

operators does not exist in an zone or zones, or a determination by the division that a zone needs a wrecker of a class or type that the zone does not have available and the applicable troop has not previously received an application from a wrecker operator to be an authorized wrecker operator which satisfies the need in a zone, the division will publish a notice of the change on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' website. If the number of authorized wrecker operators for a zone is increased, or a zone does not have a wrecker of a class or type needed, such notice shall indicate the deadline for wrecker operators to submit an application pursuant to Rule 15B-9.0031, F.A.C., to be considered to be an authorized wrecker operator for that zone.

(f) Any reduction in the number of authorized wrecker operators for a zone proposed by a troop commander and approved on behalf of the division by the division director, or his or her designee, because the number of authorized wrecker operators for a zone is excessive may only be implemented through attrition in the number of authorized wrecker operators in a zone.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051 FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History—New 1-22-86, Formerly 15B-9.03, Amended 10-15-92.

15B-9.0031 Applications to be an Authorized Wrecker Operator; Requirements for Wrecker Operators; Investigation of Applications.

(1) A wrecker operator must make a separate application to the division to be included on the list of authorized wrecker operators for a zone.

(a) Not later than sixty (60) days after this rule become effective, each authorized wrecker operator in each zone shall complete the Application For Inclusion on the Wrecker Operator System, form HSMV 60323, so that the division has a current and completed Application For Inclusion On The Wrecker Operator System, form HSMV 60323 (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated herein by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18956>, for all authorized wrecker operators.

(b) An application by a wrecker operator to be an authorized wrecker operator for a zone must be completed, indicate the wrecker class or wrecker classes the wrecker operator has, be signed on behalf of the wrecker operator by an authorized representative of the applying wrecker operator, must specify the zone for which the application is submitted, and must be filed with the division not later than the date specified in a notice published pursuant to paragraph 15B-9.003(1)(d) or (2)(e), F.A.C. However, wrecker operators may file an application at any time with the applicable troop to be considered to be an authorized wrecker operator for a zone within that troop. The application shall be made on the

Application For Inclusion on the Wrecker Operator System, form HSMV 60323. The zones established pursuant to subsection 15B-9.003(1), F.A.C. for each respective troop of the Florida Highway Patrol are:

1. Troop A Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18944>.

2. Troop B Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18945>.

3. Troop C Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18946>.

4. Troop D Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18947>.

5. Troop E Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18948>.

6. Troop F Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18949>.

7. Troop G Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18950>.

8. Troop H Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18951>.

9. Troop L Wrecker Zones (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18952>.

(c) Form HSMV 60323 must be accompanied by a certified criminal background check obtained from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement of the authorized wrecker operator or wrecker operator, each principal of the authorized wrecker operator or wrecker operator, each wrecker staff person of the authorized wrecker operator or wrecker operator, and each driver used by the authorized wrecker operator or to be used by the wrecker operator to respond to calls for service. The division may require a wrecker operator to submit new certified criminal background checks for such persons obtained from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement if the certified criminal background checks were obtained more than ninety (90) days prior to the completion of the investigation required pursuant to subsection (4).

(d) A wrecker operator may be listed as an authorized wrecker operator only once for a zone and only under the name which the wrecker operator applied to be an authorized wrecker operator pursuant to provisions of this rule chapter. A wrecker operator that is an authorized wrecker operator and is conducting business at one physical location may not use

different business entities (i.e., individuals, sole proprietors, corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships, business associations, or similar entities under common ownership) or fictitious names to operate as an authorized wrecker operator from the same physical place of business in a zone or from different physical places of business in a zone.

(e) A wrecker operator may be an authorized wrecker operator in more than one zone but only when the wrecker operator has a separate physical place of business in each zone, one or more separate wreckers and drivers are assigned to the authorized wrecker operator's physical place of business in each zone, and different individuals manage the day-to-day operations of the authorized wrecker operator's physical place of business in each zone.

(f) Two or more wrecker operators owned, controlled, or operated by the same person, individual or individuals, sole proprietor, corporation, partnership, limited partnership business association, or similar entities with common ownership, may not be authorized wrecker operators in the same zone. When two or more wrecker operators are owned, controlled, or operated by the same person, individual or individuals, sole proprietor, corporation, partnership, limited partnership business association, or similar entities with common ownership, each such separate wrecker operator may be listed as an authorized wrecker operator in different zones but only when each such authorized wrecker operator has a separate physical place of business in each zone, one or more wreckers are assigned only to the authorized wrecker operator's physical place of business in each zone, and different individuals manage the day-to-day operations of the authorized wrecker operator's physical place of business in each zone.

(2) When the division establishes a new zone, changes the boundaries of any previously existing zone, or approves an increase in the number of authorized wrecker operators for a zone, a division representative shall investigate each Application For Inclusion on the Wrecker Operator System, form HSMV 60323, which is timely submitted to the division to be an authorized wrecker operator for an affected zone.

(3) To be eligible to apply for inclusion on and to remain on the list of authorized wrecker operators for a zone:

(a) A wrecker operator's physical place of business must be located in that zone.

(b) The wrecker operator's physical place of business must have and maintain:

1. A sign that identifies the place of business to the public as a wrecker operator establishment and the telephone number for the receipt of telephone calls from the public at that place of business. The sign must be painted with letters of at least four (4) inches in height and placed so that it is clearly visible to the public.

2. An office sufficient to house the wrecker operator's business.

3. Personnel, other than drivers, at the wrecker operator's physical place of business in the zone from at least 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on state holidays, to receive and respond to telephone calls from the public and to serve the public.

4. A communications system to respond to calls for service and a telephone number to receive telephone calls from the public, available twenty-four hours a day. The telephone number for the place of business must be the same as the telephone number required to be displayed on each wrecker pursuant to paragraph 15B-9.005(8)(f), F.A.C.

5. A communications system with telephone, text, and e-mail capabilities necessary to receive and respond to calls for service.

6. Not fewer than one wrecker and not fewer than one driver that are stationed at the wrecker operator's physical place of business in the zone.

7. The ability to accept payments in accordance with Section 713.78(19)(a), Florida Statutes, for all services and storage fees and the ability to provide customers with an invoice meeting the requirements of Section 713.78(20)(c), (d), and (e), Florida Statutes; however, any fee for the use of a credit card or electronic form of payment may not exceed 3 percent of the amount of the payment for all services and storage fees.

8. Storage facilities satisfying all requirements of Rule 15B-9.011, F.A.C.

(c) The wrecker operator shall identify all drivers that the wrecker operator will use, regardless of whether such drivers are an employee, agent, independent contractor, officer, shareholder, member, partner, limited partner, or owner of the wrecker operator, if the wrecker operator is approved as an authorized wrecker operator. A wrecker operator or an authorized wrecker operator, if applicable, shall complete and submit to the division an Application for Approval of Driver(s) for a Wrecker Operator, form HSMV 60322, (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated herein by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18955>, for each driver who will be used as a driver to respond to calls for service and must receive approval from the division for each such driver prior to the use of a driver to respond to a call for service. When submitted to the division, form HSMV 60322 shall be accompanied by a certified criminal background check obtained within the preceding ninety (90) days from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for each driver for which approval by the division is sought.

(d) 1. The wrecker operator shall maintain, without limitation thereto, the following types of insurance with the minimum limits set forth below in the name of the wrecker operator which shall include coverage for towing and storage.

The policy shall be effective throughout the period that the wrecker operator is to be an authorized wrecker operator under these rules:

a. Worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance, in the amounts required by Florida law.

b. Garage liability insurance in an amount not less than \$300,000 combined single limit liability.

c. Garage keeper's legal liability insurance in an amount not less than \$50,000 for each loss, covering perils of fire and explosion; theft of a vehicle, its parts or contents; riot and civil commotion; vandalism; malicious mischief; and damage to a vehicle in tow.

d. The following minimum levels of combined bodily injury liability insurance and property damage liability insurance required by Section 627.7415, F.S., in addition to any other insurance requirements as required by this rule:

(i) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per occurrence for a wrecker with a gross vehicle weight of less than 35,000 pounds.

(ii) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per occurrence for a wrecker with a gross vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000 pounds.

(iii) Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) per occurrence for a wrecker with a gross vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more.

2. The required insurance coverages shall include those classifications that are listed in standard liability manuals, which most nearly reflect the operations of wrecker operators.

3. All such required insurance policies must have been issued by companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

4. The wrecker operator shall furnish certificates of insurance evidencing the required insurance coverages and a Wrecker Insurance Statement of Compliance, form HSMV 60321, (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated herein by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18954>, to the troop commander with the wrecker operator's Application For Inclusion on the Wrecker Operator System, form HSMV 60323, and thereafter thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the insurance policy for each type of required insurance coverage. The certificates shall clearly indicate that the wrecker operator has obtained insurance of the type, amount, and classifications required for compliance with this rule and that no material change or cancellation of the insurance shall be effective without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the division. Upon failure of an authorized wrecker operator to provide proof of insurance, as required by this paragraph, the division shall provide notice to the authorized wrecker operator pursuant to Notice of Non-Compliance (Insurance Requirements), form HSMV 60320 (Eff. 12/2025), incorporated herein by reference and available at

<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18953>, of its non-compliance.

(4) The division shall investigate each wrecker operator that has submitted an application to be an authorized wrecker operator for a zone pursuant to paragraph (3) and the investigation shall include all the following:

(a) A review of the criminal history of the wrecker operator, each principal of the wrecker operator, each wrecker staff person of the wrecker operator, and each driver the wrecker operator will use to respond to calls for service, if the wrecker operator is approved as an authorized wrecker operator;

(b) A determination that all drivers that the wrecker operator will use, regardless of whether such drivers are an employee, agent, independent contractor, officer, shareholder, member, partner, limited partner, or owner of the wrecker operator, possess a current and valid REAL-ID-compliant driver license issued by the department required to operate the type of wrecker or types of wreckers that each driver will operate; and

(c) A review of the driver license record of each driver that the wrecker operator will use to operate wreckers, regardless of whether such person is an employee, agent, independent contractor, officer, shareholder, member, partner, limited partner, or owner of the wrecker operator;

(d) An inspection of each wrecker which the wrecker operator will use to respond to calls for service for compliance with Rule 15B-9.005, F.A.C., if the wrecker operator is approved as an authorized wrecker operator;

(e) A review of the wrecker operator's compliance with the insurance requirements of this rule chapter and Florida law by the wrecker operator, each wrecker, and each driver, if the wrecker operator is approved as an authorized wrecker operator;

(f) A review of the wrecker operator's current and valid Business Tax receipt stating the name of the wrecker operator and the address of the wrecker operator's business location in the zone in which the wrecker operator will operate;

(g) A review to determine that the wrecker operator, if other than a natural person or a partnership, is authorized to do business in the state of Florida;

(h) An inspection of the wrecker operator's physical place of business in the zone for compliance with the requirements of this rule chapter;

(i) Testing the wrecker operator's communications system to verify that the wrecker operator's communications system is capable of receiving calls for service to the wrecker operator;

(j) Verifying that the wrecker operator has a telephone number for calls from the public that will be answered at the wrecker operator's physical place of business in the zone; and

(k) An inspection of the wrecker operator's vehicle storage facilities in the zone for compliance with the requirements of this rule chapter;

(l) A determination that the wrecker operator has complied with Section 448.095(2), Florida Statutes, relating to the use of the E-Verify System, if the wrecker operator is required to do so.

The investigator shall, at the conclusion of the investigation, make a report of his or her findings, weigh and describe the prior experience in the wrecker business, equipment, and storage facilities, of each wrecker operator that has submitted an application and is being considered to be an authorized wrecker operator in the zone, and make a recommendation to the troop commander in writing relating to the wrecker operator's application, and specifically addressing whether the wrecker operator, any principal of the wrecker operator, any wrecker staff person of the wrecker operator, or any driver that the wrecker operator would use, is not reputable.

(5) Thereafter, the troop commander shall make a written recommendation to the division whether a wrecker operator should be approved or denied for inclusion on the list of authorized wrecker operators for a zone. The troop commander must recommend the denial of a wrecker operator's application for inclusion on the list of authorized wrecker operators for a zone if the wrecker operator, a principal of the wrecker operator, any wrecker staff person of the wrecker operator, or any driver the wrecker operator would use, is not reputable.

(6) The division director, or his or her designee, on behalf of the division shall enter a final order determining whether a wrecker operator is approved or denied for inclusion in the wrecker operator system for a zone, based upon Rules 15B-9.003, 15B-9.0031, 15B-9.0032, 15B-9.005, 15B-9.006, 15B-9.007, and 15B-9.011, F.A.C.

(7) The division shall deny a wrecker operator's application for inclusion on the list of authorized wrecker operators for a zone if the:

(a) Wrecker operator fails to meet or comply with any provisions of this rule chapter;

(b) Wrecker operator fails to maintain any local or state license required for the operation of a wrecker service; or

(c) Wrecker operator, any principal of the wrecker operator, any wrecker staff person of the wrecker operator, or any driver the wrecker operator will use, is not reputable.

(8) An authorized wrecker operator may not lease, assign, transfer, pledge, surrender or otherwise encumber or dispose of her or his approval as an authorized wrecker operator under these rules or the authorized wrecker operator's place on the list of authorized wrecker operators for a zone. A replacement or successor operator must be approved under these rules before being placed in the wrecker operator system. If an authorized

wrecker operator transfers ownership to another person or wrecker operator, the new owner must:

(a) Submit a completed Application For Inclusion on the Wrecker Operator System, form HSMV 60323, and meet all of the requirements of subsection (3) of this rule;

(b) Be inspected in accordance with the requirements of subsection (4) of this rule; and

(c) Be approved by the troop commander and the division director pursuant to subsections (5) and (6) of this rule.

(9) An authorized wrecker operator may not represent or imply on or in any vehicle, building, advertisement, social media, correspondence, or any other location or media that the authorized wrecker operator has or maintains any official relationship with the division.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051 FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History—New .

15B-9.0032 Wrecker Operator System; Call Allocation among Authorized Wrecker Operators.

(1) Authorized wrecker operators for a zone shall be called for service according to the authorized wrecker operator's placement on the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone and according to the wrecker classification for the size of the wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle to be towed. The list of authorized wrecker operators for each zone will initially be listed in alphabetical order based on the names of the authorized wrecker operators. Each authorized wrecker operator on the list for a zone will be called for service in succession from the top of the list. Following each call for service to an authorized wrecker operator, the authorized wrecker operator that received the call for service shall be rotated to the bottom of the list, except as provided in subsections (16), (17), or (19) of this rule. An authorized wrecker operator shall respond to a call for service, in accordance with the information provided in the call for service, with a wrecker classified to meet or exceed the size of the wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle to be towed.

(2) Wrecker requests will be transmitted to the Florida Highway Patrol so that a call for service may be sent to the authorized wrecker operator then at the top of the list for the zone where the vehicle to be removed is located.

(3) A vehicle owner's or operator's request that a specific wrecker operator be called to handle that vehicle owner's or vehicle operator's vehicle will not change the current position of that wrecker operator on the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone, if that wrecker operator is an authorized wrecker operator in that zone.

(4) The division may cancel a call for service to an authorized wrecker operator at any time. In the event of such a cancellation or a response by an authorized wrecker operator when the authorized wrecker operator renders no service, the

authorized wrecker operator that received the cancelled call for services or that responded but rendered no services will not be rotated to the bottom of the list for that zone and will maintain its position on the list. However, if an authorized wrecker operator does not respond to a call for service within thirty (30) minutes after a call for service (or other reasonable time under the exigent circumstances at the scene, as determined by the division) or if the call for service is cancelled because the authorized wrecker operator notifies the division that arrival of a wrecker will be delayed or the authorized wrecker operator cannot respond within a reasonable time pursuant to subsection 15B-9.004(1), F.A.C., the authorized wrecker operator that received such call for service shall be rotated to the bottom of the list.

(5) Authorized wrecker operators shall only respond to accidents or remove vehicles involved in an accident within the division's jurisdiction pursuant to a call for service. In the event of a call to an authorized wrecker operator by someone other than a law enforcement agency, such authorized wrecker operator shall first verify the call through the Florida Highway Patrol troop with jurisdiction in county in which the vehicle is located before proceeding to the scene.

(6) All calls for service to authorized wrecker operators shall be without cost to the division. Authorized wrecker operators shall have no more than one day and one night telephone number. An authorized wrecker operator shall notify the division of any change of telephone numbers necessary for the authorized wrecker operator to receive calls for service.

(7) Authorized wrecker operators shall respond to calls for service twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. An authorized wrecker operator must respond to a call for service within 5 minutes after the call for services is received and indicate whether or not the authorized wrecker operator will respond to the scene as requested.

(8) If the authorized wrecker operator does not respond to the call for service and indicate whether or not the authorized wrecker operator will respond to the scene as requested within 5 minutes of the call for service, the call for service to that authorized wrecker operator shall be cancelled, that authorized wrecker operator shall be rotated to the bottom of the list, and a call for service shall be sent to the next authorized wrecker operator on the list for the zone or, if no other authorized wrecker operator in that zone is available, to an authorized wrecker operator in an adjacent zone.

(9) Authorized wrecker operators are prohibited from contacting the Florida Highway Patrol to ascertain their current placement on the rotation list.

(10) Out-of-zone wrecker requests are permitted in the event of an emergency or the absence of an authorized wrecker operator for the zone that has a wrecker of the needed

classification to handle the wrecked, disabled, or abandoned motor vehicle.

(11) If there is not an authorized wrecker operator in a zone, one or more authorized wrecker operators from an adjacent zone may be called into a zone that has no authorized wrecker operators.

(12) In the event of specialized recovery requirements not otherwise met by the authorized wrecker operators within the given zone, the division may call specialized recovery equipment on a nearest available basis.

(13) For multiple car accidents involving multiple wrecked or disabled vehicles, the authorized wrecker operator next on the list for the zone will be advised in the call for service of the number of vehicles needing to be removed. The authorized wrecker operator will be given the option of removing all of the wrecked or disabled vehicles to be removed if the authorized wrecker operator maintains the number of approved drivers and wreckers to accomplish removal within the zone without having to return to the scene. If that authorized wrecker operator lacks the capacity within the zone to remove all of the vehicles, that authorized wrecker operator shall receive a call for service and additional authorized wrecker operators shall receive calls for service as needed from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone or, if needed from an adjacent zone or zones. Authorized wrecker operators, which maintain one or more Class C wreckers in a particular zone, may respond to a call for service for multiple Class C wreckers by utilizing approved Class C wreckers owned by that operator from adjacent zones or by using approved Class C wreckers from another authorized wrecker operator with one or more Class C wreckers located in the same or adjacent zones, provided that the response can be made within thirty (30) minutes after a call for service (or other reasonable time under exigent circumstances at the scene, as determined by the division). The first authorized wrecker operator on the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone will have a choice of wrecked vehicles. If the first authorized wrecker operator on the list for the zone does not arrive on the scene within thirty (30) minutes after a call for service (or other reasonable time under exigent circumstances at the scene, as determined by the division), the investigating trooper may assign vehicles to responding and available wreckers provided by other authorized wrecker operators that have responded to the call for service. The first wrecker on the scene may be required by the investigating trooper to move vehicles from the roadway, and such movement will not affect the choice of wrecked vehicles by authorized wrecker operators.

(14) Wrecker files and wrecker logs shall be maintained in electronic form by or on behalf of the division.

(15) An authorized wrecker operator may request to be taken temporarily off the list of authorized wrecker operators for a zone once within a 90-day period for not more than thirty

(30) days by sending a letter or e-mail addressed to the troop commander.

(16) If an authorized wrecker operator responds to a call for service pursuant to these rules and removal of the vehicle is not required, the authorized wrecker operator which renders services rather than removing a vehicle shall not be rotated to the bottom of the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone but shall retain its current position on the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone.

(17) If an authorized wrecker operator responds to a call for service and the vehicle removed is a bicycle and no other type of a vehicle, the authorized wrecker operator shall not be rotated to the bottom of the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone but shall retain its current position on the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone.

(18) For a period of at least one year from the date of the rendering of services to a vehicle, as provided in subsections (16) or (17), the authorized wrecker operator shall retain a record of the name, driver's license number, address, and telephone number of the operator of the vehicle, the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle if different from the operator, and the make, model and vehicle identification number of the vehicle which was assisted by the authorized wrecker operator. This information shall be provided to the division upon request for verification. Providing false information to the division concerning the services rendered to the vehicle or the identification of the vehicle owner or vehicle operator shall result in the removal of the authorized wrecker operator from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone pursuant to subsection 15B-9.007(5), F.A.C.

(19) When an authorized wrecker operator responds to a call for service to remove an abandoned vehicle, except for a vehicle which has been reported to a law enforcement agency as a stolen vehicle, the authorized wrecker operator shall not be rotated to the bottom of the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone, but shall retain its position on the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone.

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Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.004 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.004 Response to Calls.

(1) An authorized wrecker operator, after acknowledging a call for service, shall respond to the scene within thirty (30) minutes (or a reasonable time under the existing conditions and circumstances, as determined by the division). If a timely response to the scene after acknowledging the call for service cannot be made, the authorized wrecker operator shall notify the Florida Highway Patrol of the estimated time of delay and the reasons for the delay. The duty officer shall then cancel the

call for service, rotate the authorized wrecker operator to the bottom of the list for the zone, and send a call for service to the next authorized wrecker operator on the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone or, if no other authorized wrecker operator in that zone is available, to an authorized wrecker operator in an adjacent zone.

(2) Unless authorized by the Florida Highway Patrol in the call for service, flashing amber lights shall not be used while responding to a call for service.

(3) Flashing amber lights shall be used at the scene and when towing vehicles from the scene in accordance with Section 316.2397(3), F.S.

(4) When a vehicle is released at the scene by the investigating trooper or representative of the division, the wrecker operator shall not tow the vehicle to any location outside the zone unless the owner or operator expressly so requests prior to the vehicle being removed from the scene. However, nothing in these rules may be interpreted to require an authorized wrecker operator to move a vehicle out of the zone.

(5) Any ancillary services by an authorized wrecker operator, such as the use of dolly, dropping and hooking up linkage, are to be performed only if required and appropriate.

(6) The motor vehicle owner or operator is responsible for payment of charges for the removal of the vehicle from the scene and for the storage of the vehicle.

(7) In addition to any other penalties authorized by this rule chapter or pursuant to law, an authorized wrecker operator will forfeit a call for service and be rotated to the bottom of the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone when:

(a) The authorized wrecker operator or the driver responds to the call for service using a wrecker that the investigating trooper determines cannot safely remove the vehicle, has not been inspected by the division, has not been approved by the division for use by the authorized wrecker operator that received the call for service, is not compliant with the requirements of Rule 15B-9.005, F.A.C., lacks the equipment required by Rule 15B-9.005, F.A.C., or lacks operable equipment necessary for the safe removal of the vehicle.

(b) The driver who responds to the call for service for the authorized wrecker operator has not been approved by the division for use by that authorized wrecker operator, has not been approved by the division, is determined by the investigating trooper to be unable to safely operate the wrecker, or is suspected by the investigating trooper of being under the influence of alcohol, any controlled substance, or chemical substance.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051 FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History—New 1-22-86, Formerly 15B-9.04, Amended 10-15-92,___.

Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.005 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.005 Wrecker Classification; Prohibited Equipment and Required Equipment.

(1) Each wrecker owned, used, or operated by a wrecker operator applying to be included in the wrecker operating system or by an authorized wrecker operator, to respond to a call for service shall conform to the requirements of this rule. The wrecker and all equipment required by this rule for a wrecker of each specified class of wrecker shall be operable.

(2) Each such wrecker and the equipment required for each wrecker shall be inspected by the division's local troop commander or his or her designee and approved by the troop commander prior to the wrecker being used by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to a call for service and at least once annually thereafter for compliance with the requirements of this rule. The division also may inspect each wrecker at any time to ensure that the wrecker and the equipment on each wrecker used by an authorized wrecker operator meet the requirements of this rule. At the conclusion of each inspection, the division must provide the authorized wrecker operator with a report of the results of the inspection signed on behalf of the division by the person who performed the inspection. A representative of the authorized wrecker operator must acknowledge receipt of the results of the inspection in writing at the conclusion of the inspection.

(3) Wreckers equipped with airbrakes must be inspected pursuant to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance inspection procedures. The inspection conducted on the wrecker must be equivalent to the North American Standard Inspection Procedure Level I inspection (Level V inspection if the driver is not available at time of inspection). The vehicle must be ready for dispatch and the inspection will take place at a time and location which the division deems safe and adequate to perform such inspection.

(4) Sirens on wreckers are prohibited.

(5) A wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to a call for service may not display any sign or indicia which represents or implies that the authorized wrecker operator has any official relationship with the division.

(6) A wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator, an authorized wrecker operator, and the physical place of business of an authorized wrecker operator may not have, use, or possess any equipment capable of monitoring messages or signals or frequencies assigned to or used by the division.

(7) Each wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service shall be equipped with a mobile telephone capable of receiving and responding to calls for service throughout the entire zone in

which the authorized wrecker operator operates and capable of receiving and communicating with the physical place of business of the authorized wrecker operator.

(8) Each wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service must have:

(a) A wheel lift.

(b) Dual rear wheels.

(c) Clearance and marker lights and all other equipment as required by Chapter 316, Florida Statutes.

(d) Emergency lighting authorized or required by Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, mounted on the wrecker in such a manner that it can be seen from the front, rear, and both sides of the wrecker with or without a load.

(e) Rear facing work lights.

(f) The name, address and telephone number of the authorized wrecker operator's physical place of business must be permanently affixed in a conspicuous place in contrasting colors on the driver and passenger sides of the wrecker, as required by Section 713.78(8), Florida Statutes.

1. The name of the authorized wrecker operator must be at least three (3) inches in height and the address and telephone number of the authorized wrecker operator's physical place of business must be at least one (1) inch in height.

2. Magnetic or removable signs or placards may not be used to meet said requirements.

3. Only one address and one telephone number may appear on the wrecker.

(g) A wrecker unit number must be permanently affixed in contrasting colors in a conspicuous place on the driver and passenger sides of the wrecker.

1. The wrecker unit number must be at least three (3) inches in height.

2. The wrecker unit number for each wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator must be unique and the same wrecker unit number may not be used on two or more wreckers owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator.

3. Magnetic or removable signs or placards may not be used to meet said requirements.

(h) One heavy duty push broom with a minimum width of twenty-four (24) inches.

(i) One square shovel.

(j) One crowbar or prybar with a minimum length of thirty (30) inches.

(k) Minimum of one (1) full five pound, commercially-manufactured CO₂ or dry chemical fire extinguisher or equivalent with a current inspection tag attached.

(l) One (1) pair of bolt cutters with a minimum opening of 1/2 inch.

(m) One (1) set of jumper cables or a charged jump box.

(n) One (1) four-way lug wrench or one (1) impact gun with sockets in sizes 11/16", 13/16", 3/4", and 7/8".

(o) One (1) flashlight.

(p) Five (5) operational safety illumination devices for temporary traffic control.

(q) One snatch block for each wire rope with manufacturer's rating to match the specifications of the wire rope.

(r) Extra towing chain six (6) to eight (8) feet in length with hooks.

(s) Six (6) thirty-six inch tall reflective safety cones or triangle reflectors.

(t) Two (2) five-gallon or larger buckets or containers of absorbent material.

(u) Conspicuous markings using red and high visibility yellow-green decals made from retro-reflective materials affixed to the rear facing portion of the wrecker at least two (2) inches in height positioned horizontally and extending, to the extent feasible, across the full width of the wrecker.

(v) One (1) contractor debris bag, bucket, or container.

(w) Tow lights to be placed on the rear of the vehicle being towed.

(9) In addition to the requirements in subsection 15B-9.005(8), F.A.C., each Class A wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service must have:

(a) A truck chassis with a manufacturer's rated capacity of at least 11,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. The wrecker must have been designed and manufactured for vehicle retrieval and removal and fitted with a winch(es) having a manufacturer's combined rating of at least four (4) tons mounted on the chassis. Hand crank winches do not satisfy these requirements. However, Class A wreckers owned, used, and operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service on or before July 1, 2025, must have a truck chassis with a manufacturer's rated capacity of at least 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and a complete, commercially manufactured boom and winch(es) having a manufacturer's combined rating of at least four (4) tons must be mounted on the chassis. Hand crank winches do not satisfy these requirements.

(b) A minimum of one hundred feet of 3/8-inch wire rope.

(c) Dollies.

(d) If the wrecker utilizes wheel lifts, the wheel lifts shall be rated at a minimum of 3,400 lbs. lift capacity and must utilize wheel safety straps when lifting vehicles by the wheels only. However, wreckers owned, used, and operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service on or before July 1, 2025, which are equipped with wheel lifts or the equivalent may also qualify as Class A wreckers so long as the Class A wreckers are equipped with a boom and the wheel lifts

are rated at a minimum of 3,000 lbs. lift capacity and utilize wheel safety straps when lifting vehicles by the wheels only.

(10) In addition to the requirements in subsection 15B-9.005(8), F.A.C., each roll-back or slide-back wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service must have:

(a) A truck chassis with a manufacturer's rated capacity of at least 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight with a minimum of a nineteen (19) foot bed, dual rear wheels and a winch with at least 8,000 pound capacity. However, roll-back or slide-back wreckers owned, used, and operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service on or before July 1, 2025, must have a truck chassis with a manufacturer's rated capacity of at least 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight with a minimum of a sixteen (16) foot bed, dual rear wheels and a winch with at least an 8,000 pound capacity.

(b) A minimum of 50 feet of 3/8-inch wire rope.

(c) A minimum of a four point tie-down systems, straps, or chains.

(d) Brakes and trailer lights which meet the minimum statutory requirements of Florida law.

(e) Safety chains.

(11) In addition to the requirements in subsection 15B-9.005(8), F.A.C., each Class B wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service must have:

(a) A truck chassis with a manufacturer's rated capacity of at least 25,500 pounds gross vehicle weight. A complete, twin-winch, commercially manufactured boom and winches having a manufacturer's combined rating of at least ten (10) ton capacity mounted on the chassis. However, Class B wreckers owned, used, and operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service on or before July 1, 2025, must have a truck chassis with a manufacturer's rated capacity of at least 20,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and a complete, twin-winch, commercially manufactured boom and winches having a manufacturer's combined rating of at least ten (10) ton capacity mounted on the chassis.

(b) A minimum of one hundred feet of at least 7/16-inch wire rope on each drum.

(c) One set of scotch blocks for wheels or hydraulic rear-extendable scotch blocks.

(12) In addition to the requirements in subsection 15B-9.005(8), F.A.C., each Class C wrecker owned, used, or operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service must have:

(a) A truck chassis with a manufacturer's rated capacity of at least 52,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and 50,000 pounds gross vehicle weight for tandem axle trucks. A complete, twin-winch, commercially manufactured boom and winches having a manufacturer's combined rating of at least 25 ton capacity

mounted on the chassis. However, Class C wreckers owned, used, and operated by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service on or before July 1, 2025, must have a truck chassis with a manufacturer's rated capacity of at least 30,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and 50,000 pounds gross vehicle weight for tandem axle trucks and a complete, twin-winch, commercially manufactured boom and winches having a manufacturer's combined rating of at least 25 ton capacity mounted on the chassis.

(b) A minimum of two hundred feet of at least 5/8-inch wire rope on each drum.

(c) Air brakes so constructed as to lock the rear wheels automatically upon failure.

(d) External air hookup and hoses, to supply air to disabled vehicles.

(e) One set of scotch blocks for wheels or hydraulic rear-extendable scotch blocks.

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Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.006 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.006 Authorized Wrecker Operator Requirements.

(1) All drivers must have in their possession a valid, REAL-ID-compliant Florida driver's license as required by Florida law for the operation of any wrecker owned, used, or operated by the authorized wrecker operator.

(2) An authorized wrecker operator:

(a) Must obtain and submit to the division a certified criminal background check from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement of each driver prior to a driver being used by an authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service.

(b) May not use a driver to respond to a call for service if the driver is not reputable.

(c) Shall immediately notify the division of any changes in driver(s), wreckers, wrecker unit numbers, insurance coverage, any circumstances that would cause the authorized wrecker operator, any principal of the authorized wrecker operator, any wrecker staff persons of the authorized wrecker operator, or any driver for the authorized wrecker operator to be not reputable, or any other changes relating to ownership or management of the authorized wrecker operator.

(d) Must obtain and submit to the division concurrent with the annual inspection required pursuant to subsection 15B-9.005(2), F.A.C., a certified criminal background check from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement of the authorized wrecker operator, each principal of the authorized wrecker operator, each wrecker staff person of the authorized wrecker

operator, and each driver used by the authorized wrecker operator to respond to calls for service.

(3) Authorized wrecker operators and drivers are required to comply and be familiar with this rule chapter, Section 321.051, Florida Statutes, Chapter 323, Florida Statutes, the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law, Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, and Section 713.78 (2), (8), (12)(d), (17), (18), (19), and (20), Florida Statutes.

(4) Wrecker operators properly at the scene as a result of a call for service or to remove a wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle, respectively, shall remove a vehicle only at the direction of the investigating trooper, troop commander, or his or her designee, division, or investigating officer.

(5) Wrecker operators shall sweep glass from the roadway, and remove all debris or hazards from the scene, and comply with the requirements of Section 316.2044(2), F.S.

(6) Authorized wrecker operators shall impound vehicles as requested by the investigating trooper, troop commander, or her or his designee, or division.

(7) Each driver shall be thoroughly familiar with the operation of the wrecker he or she is operating and be able to demonstrate the proper and safe operation of such wrecker.

(8) Not later than 180 days after being approved by the division to operate a wrecker on behalf of an authorized wrecker operator or not later than 180 days after the effective date of this rule, each driver shall complete the following courses:

(a) The National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Response Training Program.

(b) The National Incident Management System, an Introduction (IS700).

The driver or an authorized wrecker operator on behalf of its driver, upon the driver's completion of such courses, shall provide the division evidence that the driver completed such courses. If a driver or an authorized wrecker operator does not timely submit evidence of the driver's completion of such courses, the driver is ineligible to operate a wrecker to respond to a call for service on behalf of any authorized wrecker operator.

(9) At all times while at the scene as a result of a call for service, a driver and all persons operating a wrecker or assisting such persons must wear American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved high visibility safety apparel.

(10) Except and only as provided in subsection 15B-9.0032(13), F.A.C., for Class C wreckers, an authorized wrecker operator may not delegate or request assistance from another wrecker operator to perform the services in response to a call for service. An authorized wrecker operator unable to respond a call for service shall be rotated to the bottom of the list for that zone and the next authorized wrecker operator on the list for that zone shall receive that call for service.

(11) The Department is not responsible for any damage to a vehicle caused by a wrecker operator.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051 FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History—New 1-22-86, Formerly 15B-9.06, Amended 10-15-92,___.

Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.007 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.007 Grounds for Denial of Inclusion on, or Removal or Suspension from, Wrecker Operator System Rotation List.

(1) Violation of or failure to comply with any provision of this rule chapter by a wrecker operator seeking to be an authorized wrecker operator for a zone, including by a principal of the wrecker operator or a driver that the wrecker operator would use, shall be grounds for denial of the wrecker operator's application to be an authorized wrecker operator.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, a wrecker operator, a principal of a wrecker operator, a wrecker staff person of a wrecker operator, or a driver that the wrecker operator would use, that is not reputable shall result in the denial of the wrecker operator's application to be an authorized wrecker operator.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, violation of or failure to comply with any provision of this rule chapter by an authorized wrecker operator shall be grounds for the removal or suspension of the authorized wrecker operator from the wrecker operator system or, if the violation or failure to comply relates only to an authorized wrecker operator in only one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, violation of or failure to comply with any provision of this rule chapter by a driver for an authorized wrecker operator shall be grounds for the removal or suspension of the authorized wrecker operator from the wrecker operator system or, if the violation or failure to comply relates only to the authorized wrecker operator in one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, an authorized wrecker operator, a principal of an authorized wrecker operator, a wrecker staff person of an authorized wrecker operator, or a driver for an authorized wrecker operator, that is not reputable shall result in removal of the authorized wrecker operator from the wrecker operator system or, if the person who is not reputable is affiliated with the authorized wrecker operator in only one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone, unless the authorized wrecker operator, upon becoming aware that such person is not reputable, terminates its business association with, employment of, and business relationship with the person who is not reputable.

(6) Violations of the following offenses shall result in a letter of warning issued by the division for the first offense; a 30-day suspension from the wrecker operator system or, if the authorized wrecker operator operates in more than one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone in which the violation occurred for a second offense within 3 years of the first offense; and removal from the wrecker operator system or, if the authorized wrecker operator operates in more than one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone in which the violation occurred for a third or subsequent offense within 5 years from the first offense:

(a) Chasing or running wrecks in a zone without a call for service.

(b) Solicitation.

(c) Failure to provide service three times within thirty (30) days.

(d) Inability to properly operate the wrecker at the scene following a call for service without causing damage or additional damage to a vehicle.

(e) Any charge, demand, or request by an authorized wrecker operator of a rate which exceeds the applicable maximum rate established pursuant to Rule 15B-9.010, F.A.C.

(7) Removal of a wrecked, disabled or abandoned vehicle without investigation or clearance by the investigating trooper or by a law enforcement agency shall result in a 30-day suspension from the wrecker operator system or, if the authorized wrecker operator operates in more than one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone in which the violation occurred for a first offense; and removal from the wrecker operator system or, if the authorized wrecker operator operates in more than one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone in which the violation occurred for a second or subsequent offense within 3 years of the first offense.

(8) If a wrecker of an authorized wrecker operator is inspected by the division and fails to meet the requirements of Rule 15B-9.005, F.A.C., the following action shall be taken:

(a) The failed wrecker shall be immediately suspended until such time as the wrecker passes inspection by the division and is approved for use on the wrecker operator system. The operation of a wrecker that has failed to meet the requirements of Rule 15B-9.005, F.A.C., is an immediate serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare requiring the immediate suspension of the wrecker. The continued use by an authorized wrecker operator of a wrecker that has failed to meet the requirements of Rule 15B-9.005, F.A.C., and that has been suspended, to respond to calls for service shall constitute grounds for the emergency suspension of an authorized wrecker operator using that wrecker from the wrecker operator system.

(b) If the suspended wrecker is the only wrecker maintained by the authorized wrecker operator which has been

approved by the division for the wrecker's class and zone, the authorized wrecker operator shall be suspended immediately by the division from the list of authorized wrecker operators in the zone and for the wrecker class. The suspension shall continue until such time as the wrecker successfully passes inspection and is approved for use, or the authorized wrecker operator is removed from the list of authorized wrecker operators in the zone for the failure of the wrecker to pass inspection. The authorized wrecker operator must correct the deficiencies with the wrecker and request that the division re-inspect the wrecker not later than 30 days from the date of the suspension. If the wrecker has not been re-inspected and approved by the division within that 30 day period, the authorized wrecker operator shall be removed from the list of authorized wrecker operators in the zone.

(9) Insurance Coverage: If an authorized wrecker operator's insurance policy is canceled, not renewed, or fails to meet the requirements of paragraph 15B-9.0031(3)(d), F.A.C.:

(a) The authorized wrecker operator shall be immediately suspended by the division from the wrecker operator system or, if the authorized wrecker operator operates in more than one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone to which the insurance cancellation, nonrenewal, or failure to meet said requirements relates. The use of a wrecker by an authorized wrecker operator without the insurance coverage required by these rules is an immediate serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare requiring the immediate suspension of the wrecker operator. The continued use by an authorized wrecker operator of a wrecker without the insurance coverage required by these rules shall constitute grounds for the removal of the authorized wrecker operator from the wrecker operator system or, if the authorized wrecker operator operates in more than one zone, from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone to which the insurance cancellation, nonrenewal, or failure to meet such requirements relates.

(b) If the required insurance coverage is not obtained and provided to the division on the Wrecker Insurance Statement of Compliance form HSMV 60321 within 30 calendar days of the suspension pursuant to paragraph (a), the authorized wrecker operator shall be removed from the wrecker operator system.

(10) Once an authorized wrecker operator has been suspended 30 days or has been removed from the list of authorized wrecker operators for a zone, the authorized wrecker operator must make a new application for inclusion on the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone, if a vacancy exists on the list of authorized wrecker operators for that zone.

(11) Authorized wrecker operators are responsible for complying with any applicable federal, state, county or city laws, rules or regulations regarding the removal, towing, recovery, storage and notification of owners and lien holders. Authorized wrecker operators shall maintain all local or state

licenses required for the operation of an authorized wrecker operator's business within the zone or zones in which the authorized wrecker operator provides service. If a required license is not obtained and provided to the division within 30 days of the date of cancellation or expiration of such license, the authorized wrecker operator shall be removed from the list of authorized wrecker operators for the zone or zones to which such license relates.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051, 120.80(8) 420.60(8) FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History—New 1-22-86, Formerly 15B-9.07, Amended 10-15-92,___.

15B-9.008 Procedure for Denial of Inclusion on, or Removal or Suspension from, Wrecker Operator System Rotation List.

(4) Denials of applications for inclusion in the wrecker operator system, suspensions from and removals of authorized wrecker operators from the wrecker operator system, and any other actions by the division as to a wrecker operator, principal of a wrecker operator, authorized wrecker operator, principal of an authorized wrecker operator, driver, wrecker staff person, or wrecker unit The procedure for denial of inclusion on, or removal or suspension from, a rotation list shall be governed by Chapter 120, F.S. and Rule 15-2.001, F.A.C. Final agency action shall be taken by the division director Division Director or his or her designee.

(2) Hearings held by the Division to deny, suspend, or remove a wrecker operator from participating in the wrecker rotation system shall be held by a hearing officer appointed by the Division Director.

(3) A final order of the Department denying suspending, or revoking a wrecker operator's participation in the rotation system shall be reviewable in the manner and within the time provided by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure only by writ of certiorari issued by the circuit court in the county wherein such wrecker operator shall reside.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051, 120.80(8) 420.60(8) FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1), 120.57(1) FS. History—New 1-22-86, Formerly 15B-9.08, Amended 10-15-92,___.

15B-9.009 Wrecker Forms.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051, 120.55(1) FS. Law Implemented 321.05(1), 321.051 FS. History—New 10-15-92, Repealed ___.

Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.010 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.010 Maximum Rates for Towing and Storage; Complaints of Violations of Maximum Rates for Towing and Storage.

(1) Wrecker operators that tow, remove, store, or otherwise deal with a wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle at the division's request, or at the request of a trooper acting on the

division's behalf, in a county or municipality for which maximum rates for towing and storage of vehicles have been established or adopted pursuant to Sections 125.0103 or 166.043, Florida Statutes, respectively, shall comply with those maximum rates.

(2)(a) For counties or municipalities that have not established maximum rates for towing and storage of vehicles pursuant to Sections 125.0103 or 166.043, Florida Statutes, and for counties which have adopted such an ordinance but that ordinance adopts the maximum towing rates established by the division, the division will establish maximum rates for towing, removing, storage or dealing with wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles removed at the division's request, or at the request of a trooper acting on the division's behalf, in such counties or municipalities based on the maximum towing and storage rates contained in the applicable county ordinance.

(b) For purposes of this rule:

1. "Applicable county ordinance" means the ordinance with the lowest base rate which was enacted pursuant to Section 125.0103, Florida Statutes, by a county that is contiguous to and within the troop boundaries containing the county which has not established maximum rates for towing and storage (or a county which has adopted such an ordinance that adopts the maximum storage rates established by the division).

Provided however, if no county which has adopted an ordinance establishing maximum towing rates pursuant to Section 125.0103, Florida Statutes, is contiguous to a county which has not adopted an ordinance to establish maximum towing rates pursuant to Section 125.0103, Florida Statutes, and within the troop boundaries, then the applicable county ordinance means the ordinance which was enacted pursuant to Section 125.0103, Florida Statutes, by the county nearest to the county which has not enacted an ordinance establishing maximum towing rates pursuant to Section 125.0103, Florida Statutes, within the troop boundaries.

2. "Base rate" means the single and basic charge for a Class A Wrecker or for towing or removal of a vehicle weighing 10,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight directed by a governmental agency, including a law enforcement agency, exclusive of any other charge or fee, including, but not limited to, a mileage fee or charge, fees for time at the scene, hourly fees, winching or recovery fees, labor fees, administrative fees, storage fees, or tarping fees.

(3) Wrecker operators that tow, remove, store, or otherwise deal with a wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle at the division's request, or at the request of a trooper acting on behalf of the division, in or from a county or municipality which has not established maximum rates for towing and storage of vehicles pursuant to Sections 125.0103 or 166.043, Florida Statutes, respectively, including a county which has adopted an ordinance that adopts the maximum towing and storage rates

established by the division, may not charge a fee for towing, removal, storage, or dealing with such wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles which exceeds the maximum rates for towing, removing, storage, or dealing with wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles contained in the applicable county ordinance.

(4) The division will publish on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' website a list of the counties which have not established maximum rates for towing and storage of vehicles pursuant to Section 125.0103, Florida Statutes, and of the counties which have adopted such an ordinance but that ordinance adopts the maximum towing rates established by the division, together with the name of the county whose applicable county ordinance has been used by the division to establish maximum towing and storage rates and a link to that ordinance. Such information must be updated whenever a county that previously had not established maximum rates for towing and storage of vehicles pursuant to Section 125.0103, Florida Statutes, does so and each October 1.

(5)(a) The applicable type of wrecker for purposes of maximum towing and storage rates for a wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle in response to a call for service, shall be determined based upon the type of wrecker actually used by the authorized wrecker operator to respond to the call for service and the definitions, if any, contained in the county ordinance or municipal ordinance establishing maximum towing and storage rates pursuant to Section 125.0103 or 166.043, Florida Statutes, or in the applicable county ordinance, irrespective of the wrecker types and equipment required for each type of wrecker defined in this rule chapter.

(b) If the county ordinance or municipal ordinance establishing maximum towing and storage rates pursuant to Section 125.0103 or 166.043, Florida Statutes, or the applicable county ordinance, does not define each type of wrecker for which a rate has been established, the definitions of the types of wreckers in this rule chapter shall be used to determine the applicable maximum towing or storage rate applicable based on the actual type of wrecker used to respond to a call for service.

(6) Any authorized wrecker operator that charges a fee for a particular service or services in excess of the rates established by this rule shall be subject to the sanctions in subsection 15B-9.007(6), F.A.C.

(7)(a) Written complaints that rates collected, imposed, or sought for towing and storage of a wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle removed at the division's request exceed the rates established pursuant to this rule may be filed by the registered owner of the vehicle, lienholders, insurance company representatives, or their agents, whose interest in the vehicle is evidenced by any of the documents listed in Section 713.78(17), Florida Statutes.

(b) A written complaint must:

1. Identify the name of the wrecker operator;
2. Provide the tag number, vehicle identification number (VIN), year of manufacture, make, model, color, and name of the registered owner of the wrecked, abandoned, or disabled vehicle which was towed or stored or was to be towed or stored by the wrecker operator;
3. Specify the date and location, from which the wrecked, disabled or abandoned vehicle was towed or was to be towed, by the wrecker operator;
4. Specify the location to which the wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle was towed and the dates the wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle was stored, by the wrecker operator;
5. Provide the location at which the wrecker operator, or a person on behalf of the wrecker operator, collected, imposed, or attempted to collect rates for towing and storage which exceed the rates established pursuant to this rule;
6. Indicate the amount collected, imposed, or attempted to be collected by or on behalf of the wrecker operator for towing and storage of the wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle by the wrecker operator;
7. Provide the date and, if known, the name of the driver, wrecker staff person, or person who, or on behalf of the wrecker operator, collected, imposed, or attempted to collect rates for towing and storage which exceed the rates established pursuant to this rule;
8. Indicate the total amount which the complainant maintains is the amount that the wrecker operator may charge or collect for the towing and storage of the wrecked, abandoned, or disabled vehicle pursuant to this rule;
9. Indicate either the name of county or municipality that adopted the maximum towing and storage rates pursuant to Section 125.0103 or 166.043, Florida Statutes, or the applicable county ordinance, applicable to the towing and storage of the wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle; and
10. Be signed by the complainant and include the date the complaint is filed.

(c) Such complaints shall be filed with the troop commander, or her or his designee, of the troop whose boundaries include the zone from which the vehicle was towed.

(d) Complaints must be filed not later than sixty (60) days after the collection of, imposition of, or attempted collection of rates for towing and storage by or on behalf of the wrecker operator in excess of the rates established pursuant to this rule.

(e) When such a complaint is filed, the troop commander, or his or her designee, shall investigate the complaint and prepare a written report to the division on each allegation contained in the complaint together with a recommendation of any action to be taken by the division against the wrecker operator in connection with each allegation. The report shall include information about any violations and actions previously

taken by the division against the wrecker operator pursuant to paragraph 15B-9.007(6)(e), F.A.C.

(f) If the investigative report determines that the wrecker operator has charged, imposed or attempted to collect rates for towing and storage in excess of those established pursuant to this rule, the division will pursue administrative action, in accordance with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, against the wrecker operator to impose the sanctions provided in subsection 15B-9.007(6), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 321.02, 321.051 FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History—New 10-15-92, Amended

Substantial rewording of Rule 15B-9.011 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

15B-9.011 Storage Facilities.

(1) Each authorized wrecker operator shall provide storage facilities which shall be maintained at the authorized wrecker operator's physical place of business. These facilities must be fenced and locked for the protection of vehicles and property stored by the authorized wrecker operator. "No Trespassing" signs shall be posted on each side along and on the outside perimeter of the fence at least every one hundred (100) feet.

(2) The authorized wrecker operator shall provide storage for all impounded or towed wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicles in the outside storage area unless specific written instructions are given for inside storage by the trooper who directed that the vehicle be impounded or the vehicle's owner or operator. If required for investigative purposes by the investigating trooper or the division, the authorized wrecker operator shall move the vehicle(s) to a designated area for processing prior to storage. In such instance, the division will not authorize release of the impounded vehicle until the vehicle's owner or operator have paid all lawful charges due to the authorized wrecker operator.

(3) An authorized wrecker operator shall not change the type of storage facility (inside or outside) afforded a wrecked, disabled, or abandoned vehicle without written permission from the troop commander, or his or her designee. An authorized wrecker operator shall not change the storage facility location for a wrecker, disabled, or abandoned vehicle without first obtaining written permission from the troop commander, or her or his designee.

(4) Except when a vehicle is subject to a hold, the registered owner of a vehicle, lienholders, insurance company representatives, or their agents, whose interest in the vehicle is evidenced by any of the documents listed in Section 713.78(17), Florida Statutes, shall be permitted to inspect or photograph stored vehicles during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except state holidays.

(5) All fencing shall be chain-link or solid-wall type, at least 6 feet high, to discourage theft of any vehicle or any

property being stored inside. All storage facilities shall be illuminated with lighting of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 150 feet during nighttime.

(6) Permanent inside storage facilities must be available for 24-hour storage when weather or other conditions require inside storage for the protection of the vehicle or personal property. A lean-to, tent or shed does not meet the requirements of this section. Inside storage must be within a weather-tight building.

(7)(a) A minimum of 25 storage spaces with 3 inside storage spaces must be available. Authorized wrecker operators who have been on the wrecker operator system since April 15, 1992, may continue on the wrecker operator system without regard to the minimum storage spaces required herein, so long as all other applicable provisions of these rules are met.

(b) Service bays or repair bays do not qualify as inside storage, nor does any area that is utilized for any activity other than serving as a permanent inside storage area, when vehicles are actually stored inside at the request of a law enforcement agency or the owner of a vehicle.

(8) Wrecker operators shall comply with hold orders placed by the investigating trooper, the troop commander, or his or her designee, or the division, including any instructions for inside or outside storage. Hold orders may be released only when authorized by the investigating trooper, the troop commander, or his or her designee, or the division. The division will notify a wrecker operator in writing within five (5) days, excluding state holidays and weekends, when a hold is to extend beyond five (5) days in accordance with Section 323.001, Florida Statutes.

(9)(a) Vehicles which have been involved in a fatality or a criminal offense and have been sealed by the investigating trooper shall remain intact and sealed until the seals are removed by the investigating trooper, the troop commander, or his or her designee, or the division. No vehicle and no property of any kind related to or associated with such a vehicle shall be released to anyone without written authorization from the investigating trooper, the troop commander, or his or her designee, or the division.

(b) If no fatality or criminal offense occurred involving a vehicle, then the vehicle and any property related to or associated with the vehicle may be released by the wrecker operator to the registered owner, lienholders, insurance company representatives, or their agents, whose interest in the vehicle is evidenced by any of the documents listed in Section 713.78(17), Florida Statutes, only after any hold order has been released in writing by the investigating trooper, the troop commander, or his or her designee, or the division.

(10)(a) A copy of a vehicle inventory prepared by the investigating trooper, the troop commander, or his or her designee, or the division, of all personal property found in a

wrecked, disabled or abandoned vehicle shall be provided to the wrecker operator.

(b) Except when a vehicle is subject to a hold order and except as provided in paragraph (9)(a), the wrecker operator shall permit the removal of such personal property by the registered vehicle owner, or his or her agents, whose interest in the vehicle is evidenced by any of the documents listed in Section 713.78(17), Florida Statutes. The wrecker operator shall obtain a receipt signed by the registered vehicle owner, or his or her agents, whose interest in the vehicle is evidenced by any of the documents listed in Section 713.78(17), Florida Statutes, listing and describing each article of personal property removed by the registered vehicle owner or his or her agent when the removed personal property is specifically listed in the vehicle inventory required pursuant to paragraph (10)(a), concurrent with the release of such personal property.

(c) As used in this rule, "personal property" shall be defined as any item not affixed to the vehicle which was in the vehicle at the time of the vehicle's removal by the wrecker operator.

(11) Wrecker operators shall exercise reasonable care and control of vehicles removed by them, vehicle parts, and personal property located in such vehicles while in their custody, under their protection, or while in storage by them.

(12) During the hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on state holidays, authorized wrecker operators must have personnel at the authorized wrecker operator's physical place of business in the zone so that personal property may be removed from the vehicle or the vehicle may be released in accordance with this rule.

(13) Should it become necessary that personal property be removed from a vehicle or a vehicle be released when the storage facility is not staffed, the wrecker operator will be required to do so.

Rulemaking Authority 321.051 FS. Law Implemented 321.051, 321.05(1) FS. History—New 10-15-92, Amended.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Major Connor Cardwell, Division of the Florida Highway Patrol

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Governor and Cabinet

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: June 10, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 10, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65C-30.001 Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Remove obligations of sheriff

offices providing child protective services and update definitions.

SUMMARY: Amendments: (1) removes definitions, (2) adds definitions, (3) corrects definitions, (4) updates citations, (5) incorporates CFOP 170-04, and (6) removes sheriff references.

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.

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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 Department used a checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory costs associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria in section 120.541(2)(a), F.S. Based upon this analysis, the Department has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to 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: 39.012, 39.0121, 39.5085(2)(a), 409.175(5) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 39.401(3), 39.5085, 39.521, 39.701, 409.145(1), 409.165(1), 409.401, 409.175 F.S.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd. Elizabeth can be reached at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com or (850)488-2381.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

65C-30.001 Definitions.

This rule includes the definitions for the following rules: Chapter 65C-15, F.A.C., “Child-Placing Agencies”; Chapter 65C-16, F.A.C., “Adoptions”; Chapter 65C-28, F.A.C., “Out-Of-Home Care”; Chapter 65C-29, F.A.C., “Protective Investigations”; Chapter 65C-30, F.A.C., “General Child Welfare Provisions”; Chapter 65C-44, F.A.C., “Guardianship Assistance Program” and Chapter 65C-45, F.A.C., “Levels of Licensure-”; and Chapter 65C-46, F.A.C., “Child-Caring Agency Licensing.”

(1) through (5) No change.

(6) “Application Packet” means the entire set of completed documents required by the child-placing agency, child-caring agency, and foster home to provide that are provided by attestation or in whole to the Department for review when requesting the issuance of a license ~~as an out of home caregiver.~~

(7) “Attestation” means a community-based care lead agency’s certification that supporting documentation for the initial licensure or re-licensure of a family foster home is in compliance Section 409.175, F.S., with Florida state law and Chapter 65C-45 Rules 65C-13.023, 65C-13.024, 65C-13.025, and 65C-13.028, F.A.C.

(8) through (11) No change.

(12) “Case File” means all information for a case contained in the Department’s comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS), also referred to as the child welfare information system i.e., Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN), as well as the supporting documentation gathered during provision of services to that family. The “case file” may also refer to a duplicate, paper copy of the electronic case file and the supporting paper documentation. The Department’s CCWIS is the official system of record for each intake, investigation, and all subsequent casework to provide a complete, current, accurate and unified case history.

(13) through (15) No change.

(16) “Child Maltreatment Index” is a document that defines specific types of abuse, neglect or abandonment; and guides decision making by staff at the Florida Abuse Hotline and Child Protective Investigations regarding screening decisions and investigative findings. The “Child Maltreatment Index,” CF Operating Procedure No. 170-4, (October 2025) 475-04, October 2015, is incorporated by reference and available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18938> ~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06454>~~.

(17) No change.

(18) “Child-Placing Agency” as defined in s. 409.175, F.S. ~~means any person, corporation, or agency, public or private, other than the parent or legal guardian of the child or an intermediary acting pursuant to Chapter 63, F.S., that is licensed pursuant to section 409.175, F.S., and places or arranges for the placement of a child in a family foster home, residential child caring agency, or approved adoptive home, and provides any of the necessary adoptive services listed under subsection (3) of this rule or any corporation or agency under contract with the Department as a community-based care lead agency.~~

(19) ~~“Child Protection Services” or “Child Welfare Services” as defined in s. 402.40(2), F.S. means core child protection programs, such as the Florida Abuse Hotline, protective investigations, protective supervision, post-placement supervision, foster care and other out of home care, or adoption services.~~

(20) through (21) No change.

(22) “Child Welfare Professional” ~~as defined in Rule 65C-33.001, F.A.C.~~ means an individual who is primarily responsible for case activities that has met the criteria for Florida Certification as a Child Protective Investigator, Case Manager or a Licensing Counselor.

(23) through (27) No change.

(28) “Community-Based Care ~~(CBC)~~” or “lead agency” ~~as defined in s. 409.986, F.S. means the system of care for the provision of all child welfare services — with the exception of child protective investigations and the Florida Abuse Hotline. The delivery model is utilization of privatized contractors that determine the needs and develop the resources for the community being served, in addition to core requirements outlined in Florida Statute or Florida Administrative Code, or as stipulated per contract with the Department.~~

(29) No change.

(30) “Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS)” ~~(i.e., Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN))~~, means the Department’s comprehensive, statewide automated system case tool that supports child welfare practice. A CCWIS holds the state’s official case file for all children and families served and licensed providers and eligibility determinations to support IV-E reimbursement.

(31) No change.

(32) “Conditions for Return” means a written statement or statements of the specific family conditions, circumstances, or behaviors that must exist within a child’s home before a child can safely return and remain in the home with an in-home safety plan while the parents continue to work towards reaching case plan outcomes or be in place in order to meet the criteria for the child to be returned home safely.

(33) through (41) No change.

(42) “Level II Enhanced Level II Foster Home” means a foster home in which the caregivers have completed additional training hours as specified in Rule 65C-45.002, F.A.C., is designed to accept placements for children with enhanced complexities, to include sibling groups, and is eligible to receive enhanced foster care room and board payments.

(43) through (53) No change.

(54) “Licensing Foster Care Referrals” mean calls to the Florida Abuse Hotline regarding concerns about the care provided in a licensed foster home or child-caring agency and by the child-placing agency, group home or emergency shelter that do not meet the criteria for acceptance of a report of abuse, neglect or abandonment.

(55) through (56) No change.

(57) “Home Study” means the written documentation of an on-site assessment completed prior to the child’s placement that evaluates the caregiver’s capacity to provide a safe, stable and

supportive home environment, and determines if the physical environment is safe and can meet the child’s needs.

(58) through (67) are redesignated (57) through (66)

(68) “Lead Agency” means an “eligible lead community-based care provider” as defined in Section 409.986(3)(d), F.S.

(69) is redesignated (67) No change.

(68)(70) “Licensed Out-of-Home Caregiver” means any person or agency licensed under Section 409.175, F.S., to provide 24 hour care. This term also refers to foster parents.

(71) is redesignated (69) No change.

(72) “Licensing Service Agreement” means a written agreement signed by licensed out of home caregivers that specifies duties and responsibilities over children served.

(73) is redesignated (70) No change.

(74) “Missing Child Emergency” means situations that require immediate actions when a child appears to be missing.

(71)(75) “No Jurisdiction” means a designation given to abuse reports that have been accepted by the Florida Abuse Hotline, but upon further investigation or after the initial contact, the CPI determines that the Department or sheriff’s office does not have the authority to investigate because the allegations and/or facts surrounding the report do not meet statutory criteria including:

(a) through (e) No change.

(72)(76) “Non-judicial case” means the child has the children have been determined to be unsafe, a safety plan is required and the family has consented to services and supervision aimed at addressing the conditions that make the child unsafe.

(77) is redesignated (73) No change.

(78) “On Site Visit” means a face to face visit by a child welfare professional with the child or other subjects of the report at sites other than the child welfare professional’s office location.

(79) through (81) are redesignated (74) through (76) No change.

(77)(82) “Out-of-Home Care” means the placement of a child in licensed and approved non-licensed settings, arranged and supervised by the Department or contracted service provider, outside of the home of the parent.

(83) “Out of Town Inquiry (OTI)” means a request for assistance that originates from intrastate, interstate or authorized international sources.

(84) through (88) are redesignated (78) through (82) No change.

(89) “Personal Profile” means the documents from foster parent training that provide the participant’s personal history and are considered in assessing his or her suitability as a licensed out of home caregiver.

(90) is redesignated (83) No change.

~~(91) “Placement for Adoption” or “To Place for Adoption” means “placement” as defined in subsection 65C 16.001(24), F.A.C.~~

(92) through (94) are redesignated (84) through (86) No change.

~~(95) “ Private Adoption Agency” means a private child placing agency that places or arranges for placement of a child in an approved adoptive home and provides adoptive services for a child who does not have an open dependency case and is not in custody of the Department.~~

(96) through (99) are redesignated (87) through (90) No change.

~~(100) “Region” means a geographical area through which the Department and community based care providers plan and administer their programs.~~

(101) through (103) are redesignated (91) through (93) No change.

~~(94)(104) “Report” or “Hotline Report” or “Intake” means the document created from an allegation to the Florida Abuse Hotline alleging knowledge or a suspicion that a child has been abused, neglected, or abandoned by a parent, guardian, adult household member or other person responsible for a child’s welfare.~~

(105) through (112) are redesignated (95) through (102) No change.

(103) “Sex” means the classification of a person as either male or female based on the organization of the human body of such person for a specific reproductive role, as indicated by the person’s sex chromosomes, naturally occurring sex hormones, and internal and external genitalia present at birth.

(113) through (114) are redesignated (104) through (105) No change.

~~(106)(115) “Special Condition Referrals” means requests brought to the attention of the Department that require a response by the Department, investigating sheriff, or lead agency. These requests do not constitute willful abuse, neglect, or abandonment. These include the following situations:~~

(a) through (d) No change.

~~(e) Licensing Foster care referrals, or~~

~~(f) Service referrals, or Reports of child on child abuse.~~

(g) Reports of child on child abuse.

~~(116) “Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS)” (i.e., Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN)), means the Department’s comprehensive, statewide automated case tool that supports child welfare practice. A SACWIS holds the state’s official case file for all children and families served.~~

(117) is redesignated (107) No change.

~~(118) “Suitable” or “Suitability” for residential treatment means a determination by a Qualified Evaluator that a child with an emotional disturbance as defined in Section 394.492(5),~~

~~F.S., or a serious emotional disturbance or mental illness as defined in Section 394.492(6), F.S., meets the statutory criteria for placement in a residential treatment center.~~

(119) through (121) are redesignated (108) through (110) No change.

~~(122) “Therapeutic Foster Care” means a program that provides mental health services for children with emotional and behavioral disturbances living in a family foster home.~~

(123) through (124) are redesignated (111) through (112) No change.

~~(113)(125) “Unified Home Study” or “homestudy” means written documentation of an on-site assessment of a potential caregiver that is completed prior to the child’s placement to evaluate the caregiver’s capacity to provide a safe, residing in Florida to determine if he or she is responsible and capable of providing a physically safe environment and a stable, and supportive home environment, and determines if the physical environment is safe and can for children under his or her care and that he or she will be able to meet the child’s children’s well-being needs.~~

(126) through (127) are redesignated (114) through (115) No change.

~~(128) This rule shall be replaced within five years from the effective date, if not renewed.~~

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 39.0121, 39.5085(2)(a), 409.175(5) FS. Law Implemented 39.401(3), 39.5085, 39.521, 39.701, 409.145(1), 409.165(1), 409.401, 409.175 FS. History—New 5-4-06, Amended 2-25-16, 6-29-17, 12-4-17, 10-22-18, 6-3-20, 10-24-21.

“Child Maltreatment Index,” CF Operating Procedure No. 170-4 is substantially rewritten. See F.A.C. for recent text at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06454>.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Valerie Proctor

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Taylor N. Hatch

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: October 17, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: September 30, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68-1.003 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Grants Program

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule change is to remove unused and unnecessary fishing grant program rule language. The grant-based funding mechanisms for the specified education and outreach program described in rule are not being utilized and can be removed.

SUMMARY: Staff are updating the rule by removing unused and unnecessary fishing grant program rule language. This change does not preclude the agency from conducting fishing outreach and education activities.

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: Section 379.106, Florida Statutes

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Section 379.106, Florida Statutes
IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Thomas Graef, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (863)430-9091, Thomas.Graef@myfwc.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68-1.003 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Grants Program

(1) through (13) No changes.

~~(14) Sport Fish Restoration R3 Fishing Grant Program grants shall meet all requirements set forth in the Commission's R3 Fishing Grant Program Guidelines (dated July 2019), which are hereby incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No-Ref-10795>. The form FWC: R3 F072019 (dated July 2019), entitled "Florida's R3 Fishing Grant Program Application," is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No-Ref-10795>. The guidelines and form are also available from the Commission at 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida~~

~~32399-1600, and on the Commission's website at <https://myfwc.com/fishing/>.~~

Rulemaking Authority 206.606, 327.04, 327.47, 379.106, 823.11(4) FS. Law Implemented 206.606, 327.47, 328.72, 379.106, 823.11(4) FS. History—New 4-4-04, Amended 3-15-05, Formerly 68A-2.015, Amended 5-22-07, 7-6-08, 1-18-09, 3-21-10, 6-30-10, 5-20-12, 2-9-15, 9-11-16, 9-13-16, 4-23-17, 5-24-18, 2-21-19, 4-18-19, 7-17-19, 9-11-19, 11-28-19, 4-15-20, 4-19-20, 1-6-21, 12-7-21, 1-25-23, 4-13-23, 3-7-24, 3-14-24, 12-25-24,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Thomas Graef, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (863)430-9091, Thomas.Graef@myfwc.com

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 5, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 15, 2025

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
12-28.003 Enrollment Procedures

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 198, October 10, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

A technical change is required to revise the law implemented.

12-28.003 Enrollment Procedures.

(1) through (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 213.06(1), 213.13 FS. Law Implemented 28.245, 213.13, 219.07, 316.0083(1)(b)(a)2., 3., 721.8561 FS. History—New 8-19-02, Amended 6-1-09, 6-6-11,_____.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:
12-29.001 Scope
12-29.003 Public Use Forms
12-29.005 The New Worlds Reading Initiative;
Participation; Allocation; Carryforward;
Transfer; Rescindment
12-29.008 Home Away From Home Tax Credit;
Participation; Allocation; Carryforward;
Transfer; Rescindment

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 199, October 13, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The technical changes are required to revise the law implemented, and to correct a form title in the rule text to match the title of the proposed form.

12-29.001 Scope.

(1) through (2) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 213.06(1), ~~332.009~~, 402.261(7), 402.62(7)(b), 420.50872(5), 1002.395(12)(b), 1003.485(7)(b) *F.S. Law Implemented* 211.0251, 211.0252, 211.0253, 211.0254, 212.1831, 212.1833, 212.1834, 212.1835, 220.1875, 220.1876, 220.1877, 220.18775, 220.1878, 220.19, 402.261, 402.62(5), 402.63, 420.50872, 561.1211, 561.1212, 561.1213, 561.12135, 561.1214, 624.51055, 624.51056, 624.51057, 624.51058, 624.5107, 1002.395(5), 1003.485(5) *FS. History—New* 6-6-11, *Amended* 7-28-15, 1-8-19, 5-23-22, 1-1-24, 2-20-25, 1-1-26.

12-29.003 Public Use Forms.

(1) No change.

Form Number	Title	Effective Date
(2) through (6) No change.		
(7)(a) DR-665000	Home Away From Home Tax Credit – Application for Tax Credit Allocation for Contributions to Eligible Charitable Organizations Organization (http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18769)	01/26
(b) through (c) No change.		
(8) No change.		

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 213.06(1), 288.062, 402.261(7), 402.62(7)(b), 402.63, 420.50872(5), 1002.395(12)(b), 1003.485(7)(b) *F.S. Law Implemented* 211.0251, 211.0252, 211.0253, 212.1831, 212.1833, 212.1834, 213.37, ~~220.02~~, 220.1875, 220.1876, 220.1877, 220.18775, 220.1878, 288.0001, 288.062, 402.261, 402.62(5), 402.63, 420.50872, 561.1211, 561.1212, 561.1213, 561.12135, 624.509(7), 624.51055, 624.51056, 624.51057, 624.51058, 624.51059, 1002.395(5), 1003.485(5) *FS. History—New* 6-6-11, *Amended* 1-25-12, 7-28-15, 1-17-18, 1-8-19, 12-12-19, 5-23-22, 1-1-24, 2-20-25, 1-1-26.

12-29.005 The New Worlds Reading Initiative; Participation; Allocation; Carryforward; Transfer; Rescindment.

(1) through (8) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 213.06(1), 288.062, 402.261(7), 402.63, 420.50872(5), 1002.395(12)(b), 1003.485(7)(b) *FS. Law Implemented* 211.0252, 212.1833, 213.053, 213.37, ~~220.02~~, 220.1876, 220.18775,

288.0001, 288.062, 402.261, 402.62(5), 402.63, 420.50872, 561.1212, 561.12135, 624.509(7), 624.51056, 624.51059, 1002.395(5), 1003.485(5) *FS. History—New* 5-23-22, *Amended* 1-1-24, 2-20-25, 1-1-26.

12-29.008 Home Away From Home Tax Credit; Participation; Allocation; Carryforward; Transfer; Rescindment.

(1) through (8) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 213.06(1), 402.261(7), 402.62(7)(b), 402.63(7)(b), 420.50872(5) *FS. Law Implemented* 213.37, ~~220.02~~, 220.18775, 402.261, 402.62(5), 402.63(5), 420.50872, 561.12135, 624.509(7), 624.51059 *FS. History—New* 1-1-26.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Sales and Use Tax, Surtax, Surcharge, and Fees; Communications Services Tax

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

12A-1.0371 Sales of Coins, Currency, or Bullion

12A-1.097 Public Use Forms

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 199, October 13, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

Technical changes were made to revise rulemaking authority and law implemented in the rule text.

12A-1.0371 Sales of Coins, Currency, or Bullion.

(1) through (6) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 212.05(1)(j), ~~212.08(7)(ww)~~, 212.18(2), 213.06(1) *FS. Law Implemented* 212.02(19), 212.05(1)(j), 212.08(7)(ww) *FS. History—New* 3-17-93, *Amended* 10-17-94, 6-28-00, 5-9-13, 1-1-24.

12A-1.097 Public Use Forms.

(1) through (22) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 201.11, 202.17(3)(a), 202.22(6), 202.26(3), 212.05(1)(a)2.f., 212.0515(7), 212.06(5)(b)13., 212.0596(3), 212.07(1)(b), 212.08(7), ~~212.099(10)~~, 212.11(5)(b), 212.12(1)(a)2., 212.18(2), (3), 212.183, 213.06(1), 288.1258(4)(c), 376.70(6)(b), 376.75(9)(b), 403.718(3)(b), 403.7185(3)(b) *FS. Law Implemented* 125.0104, 125.0108, 201.01, 201.08(1)(a), 201.133, 202.11(2), (3), (6), (16), (24), 202.22(3)-(6), 202.28(1), 203.01, 212.03, 212.0305, 212.04, 212.05, 212.0501, 212.0515, 212.054, 212.055, 212.0596, 212.05965, 212.06, 212.0606, 212.07(1), (8), 212.08, 212.084(3), 212.085, 212.09, 212.096, ~~212.099~~, 212.11(1), (4), (5), 212.12(1), (2), (9), (13), 212.14(2), (4), (5), 212.18(2), (3), 212.183, 212.1832, 213.235(1), (2), 213.29, 213.37, 213.755, 215.26(6), 219.07, 288.1258, 290.00677, 365.172(9), 376.70(2), 376.75(2), 403.718, 403.7185(3), 443.131, 443.1315, 443.1316, 443.171(2) *FS. History—New* 4-12-84, *Formerly* 12A-1.97, *Amended* 8-10-92, 11-30-97, 7-1-99, 4-2-00, 6-28-00, 6-19-01, 10-2-01, 10-21-01, 8-1-02, 4-17-03, 5-4-03, 6-12-03, 10-1-03, 9-28-04, 6-28-05, 5-1-06, 4-5-07, 1-1-08, 4-1-08, 6-4-08, 1-27-09, 9-1-09, 11-3-09, 1-11-10, 4-26-10, 6-28-10, 7-12-

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Miscellaneous Tax

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

12B-5.030 Importers
12B-5.040 Carriers
12B-5.050 Terminal Suppliers
12B-5.060 Wholesalers
12B-5.070 Terminal Operators
12B-5.121 Temporary Licenses Issued Under a Declared Emergency
12B-5.150 Public Use Forms
12B-5.500 Natural Gas Fuel Retailers

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 199, October 13, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The technical changes are required to revise rulemaking authority and laws implemented, and to correct a form title in the rule text to match the title of the proposed form.

12B-5.030 Importers.

(1) through (5) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 206.14(1), 206.485(1), 206.59(1), 206.87(1)(e)2., 213.06(1), 213.755(8) FS. *Law Implemented* 206.01(3), 206.02, 206.026, 206.027, 206.028, 206.03, 206.05, 206.051, 206.054, 206.43, 206.48(2), 206.485, ~~206.9835~~, 213.755 FS. *History—New* 7-1-96, *Amended* 11-21-96, 10-27-98, 5-1-06, 6-1-09, 1-25-12, 1-17-18, 1-1-26.

12B-5.040 Carriers.

(1) through (3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 206.14(1), 206.485(1), 206.59(1), ~~206.9915~~, 213.06(1), 213.755(8) FS. *Law Implemented* 206.021, 206.09, 206.199, 206.20, 206.204, 206.205, 206.485, 213.755 FS. *History—New* 7-1-96, *Amended* 11-21-96, 5-1-06, 6-1-09, 1-25-12, 7-28-15, 1-17-18, 1-1-26.

12B-5.050 Terminal Suppliers.

(1) through (6) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 206.14(1), 206.485(1), 206.59(1), 206.87(1)(e)2., 213.06(1), 213.755(8) FS. *Law Implemented* 206.01, 206.02, 206.05, 206.41, 206.413, 206.414, 206.43, 206.48, 206.485, 206.62, 206.63, 206.86, 206.87, 206.872, 206.873, 206.874, 206.8745, 206.90, 206.91, 206.97, ~~206.9815~~, 206.9941, 206.9942, 213.755 FS. *History—New* 7-1-96, *Amended* 11-21-96, 10-27-98, 5-1-06, 6-1-09, 1-25-12, 7-28-15, 1-17-18, 3-25-20, 1-1-21, 1-1-26.

12B-5.060 Wholesalers.

(1) through (6) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 206.14(1), 206.485(1), 206.59(1), ~~206.97~~, 213.06(1), 213.755(8) FS. *Law Implemented* 206.01(4), 206.02, 206.05, 206.404, 206.43, 206.48, 206.485, 206.86, 206.90, 206.91, ~~206.9825~~, 213.755 FS. *History—New* 7-1-96, *Amended* 11-21-96, 10-27-98, 5-1-06, 6-1-09, 1-25-12, 1-20-14, 7-28-15, 1-17-18, 1-1-21, 1-1-26.

12B-5.070 Terminal Operators.

(1) through (2) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 206.14(1), 206.485(1), 206.59(1), ~~206.97~~, 213.06(1), 213.755(8) FS. *Law Implemented* 206.01(19), 206.022, 206.095, 206.485, 206.872, 213.755 FS. *History—New* 7-1-96, *Amended* 11-21-96, 5-1-06, 6-1-09, 1-25-12, 7-28-15, 1-17-18, 3-25-20, 1-1-26.

12B-5.121 Temporary Licenses Issued Under a Declared Emergency.

(1) through (7) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 206.14(1), 206.59(1) FS. *Law Implemented* 206.02(8), 206.021(5), 206.051(4), 206.052, 206.41(1), 206.43(1), 206.62, 206.87(1), 206.8745, 206.91, ~~206.9825(1)(a)~~, 213.255(2), (3), 215.26(2) FS. *History—New* 6-1-09, *Amended* 1-25-12, 3-25-20, 1-1-26.

12B-5.150 Public Use Forms.

(1) No change.

Form Number	Title	Effective Date
(2) No change.		
(3) DR-156R	Renewal Application for Florida Fuel <u>or</u> and Pollutants License (https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref:18775)	01/26
(4) through (35) No change.		

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority 206.14(1), 206.485(1), 206.59(1), 213.06(1), 213.755(8) FS. *Law Implemented* 119.071(5), 206.02, 206.021, 206.022, 206.025, 206.026, 206.027, 206.028, 206.05, 206.055, 206.06, 206.095, 206.11, 206.404, 206.41, 206.416, 206.43, 206.44, 206.485, 206.86, 206.874, 206.8745, 206.90, 206.91, 206.92, ~~206.9835~~, ~~206.9865~~, 206.9931, 206.9942, 206.9943, 212.0501, 213.255, 213.755 FS. *History—New* 11-21-96, *Amended* 10-27-98, 5-1-06, 4-16-07, 1-1-08, 1-27-09, 4-14-09, 6-1-09, 6-1-09(5), 1-11-10, 7-28-10, 1-12-11, 7-20-11, 1-25-12, 1-17-13, 5-9-13, 1-20-14, 1-19-15, 7-28-15, 1-11-16, 1-10-17, 1-17-18, 9-17-18, 1-8-19, 7-8-19, 12-12-19, 4-16-20, 1-1-21, 5-23-22, 1-1-23, 1-1-24, 1-1-26.

12B-5.500 Natural Gas Fuel Retailers.

(1) through (2) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

*Rulemaking Authority 216.14(1) 206.4(1), 213.06(1) FS. Law Implemented 206.9951, 206.9952 FS. History—New 1-20-14, 1-1-26.***FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

75-5.001 Occupational Licensure
NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 168, August 28, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

75-5.001 Occupational Licensure.

(1) No change.

(2) Every initial application and renewal thereafter for a Professional Occupational License or a General Occupational License shall include the following:

(a) A complete Form FGCC PMW-3120, Individual Occupational License Application, effective January 2026 ~~October 2025~~, incorporated herein by reference, <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18585>, and which can be obtained at www.flgaming.gov or by contacting the Florida Gaming Control Commission, 4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(b) Through (c) No change.

(3) Every initial application and renewal thereafter for a Pari-Mutuel Business Occupational License shall include the following:

(a) A completed Form FGCC PMW-3130, Business Occupational License Application, effective January 2026 ~~October 2025~~, incorporated herein by reference, <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18587>, and which can be obtained at www.flgaming.gov or by contacting the Florida Gaming Control Commission, 4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(b) Through (c) No change.

(4) Through (7) No change.

(8) Any individual or business applicant may request a waiver of disqualifying factors in an application that would otherwise be grounds for denial from the commission. A request for a waiver shall be made on Form FGCC PMW-3180, Request for Waiver, effective January 2026 ~~October 2025~~, <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18584> incorporated herein by reference, and can be obtained at www.flgaming.gov or by contacting the Florida Gaming Control Commission, 4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(9) Through (12) No change.

(13) The applicant or licensee shall notify the commission of any change to current mailing address, email address, and/or place of employment or service by filing with the commission a completed Form FGCC 0080-1, Request for Address or Name Change, effective January 2026 ~~October 2025~~, incorporated herein by reference, <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18588>. A copy of Form FGCC 0080-1 may be obtained at www.flgaming.gov or by contacting the Florida Gaming Control Commission, 4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399.

(14) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 16.712(2)(a), 550.0251 (2), (3), 550.105(2)(b), (10)(a), 551.107(2)(b), 849.086(6)(f) FS. Law Implemented 16.712(1)(a), 16.718, 550.0251, 550.105, 550.495, 551.107, 849.086(6) FS. History—New 10-20-96, Amended 12-15-97, 4-12-06, 9-11-11, 9-1-20, Formerly 61D-5.001, Amended _____.

Note: Forms FGCC PMW-3120, Individual Occupational License Application, and FGCC PMW-3130, Business Occupational License Application, are being revised to reflect an effective date of January 2026. Additionally, references to section 559.79, Florida Statutes, are being removed, and the declaration statement to be signed by the applicant is being revised to align with section 550.0251(2), Florida Statutes. Forms FGCC PMW-0080-1, Request for Address or Name Change, and Form FGCC PMW-3180, Request for Waiver, are being revised to reflect an effective date of January 2026.

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

75-11.008 Cardroom Business Occupational License
NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 168, August 28, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

75-11.008 Cardroom Business Occupational License.

(1) As part of the initial application or renewal for a cardroom business occupational license provided in Section 849.086, F.S., an applicant shall submit the following:

(a) Through (c) No change.

(d) All individuals identified in paragraph (1)(c) above shall complete a Form FGCC PMW-3140, Disclosure for Individuals Related to a Business, effective January 2026 ~~October 2025~~, incorporated herein by reference, <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18589>, and which can be obtained at www.flgaming.gov or by contacting the Florida Gaming Control Commission, 4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(2) Through (10) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 16.712(2)(a), 550.0251(12), 550.105(2)(b), (10)(a), 551.107(2)(b), 551.122, 849.086(4)(a), (6)(d), (f) FS. Law Implemented 16.712(1)(a), 16.718, 550.0251, 550.105, 551.107, 849.086(6) FS. History—New 1-7-97, Amended 5-9-04, 4-12-06, 9-7-08, 7-21-14, 9-1-20, Formerly 61D-11.008, Amended _____.

Note: Form FGCC PMW-3140, Disclosure for Individuals Related to a Business, is being revised to reflect an effective date of January 2026. Additionally, references to section 559.79, Florida Statutes, are being removed, and the declaration statement to be signed by the applicant is being revised to align with section 550.0251(2), Florida Statutes.

FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
75-14.005	Occupational License Requirements for Individual Persons
75-14.006	Occupational License Application Requirements for Business Entities
	NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 168, August 28, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

75-14.005 Occupational License Requirements for Individual Persons.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Every initial application and renewal thereafter for a slot machine or combination occupational license must include:

(a) A completed Form FGCC PMW-3410, Slot Machine Individual Occupational License Application, effective January 2026 ~~October 2025~~, incorporated herein by reference, <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18590>. The form can also be obtained at www.flgaming.gov or by contacting the commission, 4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250, Florida, 32399.

(b) Through (d) No change.

(4) Through (10) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 16.712(2)(a), 550.0251(3), (12), 550.105(2)(b), (10)(a), 551.103(1), 551.107(2)(b), 551.122, 849.086(4)(a), (6)(d), (f) FS. Law Implemented 16.712(1)(a), 16.718, 550.0251, 550.105, 551.103(1)(b), 551.107, 551.108, 849.086(6) FS. History—New 6-25-06, Amended 12-6-06, 6-21-10, 9-26-13, 5-30-17, 9-1-20, Formerly 61D-14.005, Amended _____.

75-14.006 Occupational License Application Requirements for Business Entities.

(1) No change.

(2) An application for a business slot machine occupational license shall be made on Form FGCC PMW-3420, Slot Machine Business Entity Occupational License Application, effective January 2026 ~~October 2025~~, incorporated herein by

reference,

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18591>, which can be obtained at <https://flgaming.gov> or by contacting the commission at 4070 Esplanade Way, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

(3) Through (12) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 16.712(2)(a), 551.103(1), 551.122 FS. Law Implemented 16.712(1)(a), 16.718, 550.0251(2), 551.103(1)(b), 551.107, 551.108 FS. History—New 7-30-06, Amended 6-21-10, 8-14-11, 9-26-13, 5-30-17, 9-1-20, Formerly 61D-14.006, Amended _____.

Note: Form FGCC PMW-3410, Slot Machine Individual Occupational License Application, and Form FGCC PMW-3420, Slot Machine Business Entity Occupational License Application, are being revised to reflect an effective date of January 2026. Additionally, references to section 559.79, Florida Statutes, are being removed, and the declaration statement to be signed by the applicant is being revised to align with section 550.0251(2), Florida Statutes.

Section IV Emergency Rules

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
65CER22-1	Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE: On September 28, 2021, the Governor of the State of Florida signed Executive Order 21-223, declaring that the Biden administration's refusal to faithfully enforce federal immigration laws has led to an unprecedented surge of illegal border crossings at the southwest border of the United States. In July 2021 alone, over 213,000 persons attempted to illegally enter the United States at the southwest border, the highest number in more than 20 years, and another 209,840 persons attempted to illegally enter in August. Note 1. For the entire federal fiscal year of 2021, over 1.7 million foreign nationals were encountered at the southwest border attempting to enter the country illegally. Note 2. In the first quarter of this federal fiscal year, the reported number of such encounters stands at more than 518,000. Note 3. By contrast, in the last full federal fiscal year of the previous administration (federal fiscal year 2020), there were fewer than 460,000 such encounters, and in the fiscal year before that (federal fiscal year 2019), there were fewer than 980,000 encounters. Note 4.

The Biden administration has taken numerous actions to cause and further exacerbate this border crisis. It terminated the

previous administration's Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP) program (also known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy), reinstituted a "catch and release" policy, ended further construction of a border wall, and declined to detain and remove certain categories of illegal aliens who had been convicted of committing crimes. The administration's unlawful termination of MPP was successfully challenged in court, see *Texas v. Biden*, No. 21-10806 (5th Cir. Dec. 21, 2021), but the Biden administration is currently working to reimplement the program. Its other actions, however, remain in effect.

Notwithstanding that federal immigration law generally requires that aliens entering the United States without a clear right to be admitted (including applicants for asylum) must be detained pending further proceedings, see 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A), *id.* § 1225(b)(1)(B), the Biden administration has instead been releasing into the interior of the United States large numbers of illegal aliens apprehended at the southwest border. The U.S. Border Patrol released 60,559 illegal aliens from the southwest border in July 2021 alone and another 44,122 in August 2021, a massive increase from the 17 illegal aliens released in December 2020, the last full month of the previous administration. Note 5. During federal fiscal year 2021, the Border Patrol released in total more than 248,000 aliens apprehended at the southwest border, almost all of which occurred after January 2021. Note 6. This number does not reflect additional releases by other elements of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In an October 20, 2021 letter, DHS confirmed that at least 5,900 single illegal alien adults who were released at the southwest border have reported to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) field office in Florida. This number likely vastly underreports the number of released illegal aliens from the southwest border who have resettled in Florida because approximately 80% of aliens who are released at the border and are directed to report to an ICE office within 60 days reportedly fail to do so. Note 7. Because the Federal Government does not actively coordinate or consult with the State of Florida concerning the illegal aliens that it releases from the southwest border into the interior of the United States, the State of Florida has no knowledge about the backgrounds, criminal history, immigration status, or the status of removal proceedings for the aliens who have resettled in Florida. The State of Florida has brought a legal challenge to the Biden administration's unlawful "catch and release" policy, which is now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. See First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, *State of Florida v. United States*, No. 3:21-cv-01066-TKW-EMT (N.D. Fla. Feb. 1, 2022) (articulating harms to the State of Florida because of the Biden administration's "catch and release" policy).

The surge of foreign nationals attempting to enter illegally at the southwest border has included a large number of

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC), defined by federal law as a child who has no lawful immigration status; has not attained 18 years of age; and, with respect to whom, there is no parent or legal guardian in the United States, or no parent or legal guardian in the United States available to provide physical custody and care, see 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2). Over 146,000 encounters at the southwest border for federal fiscal year 2021 involved UAC or single minors, compared to approximately 33,000 in fiscal year 2020 and 80,000 in fiscal year 2019. Note 8. For federal fiscal year 2022, the number of such encounters has already reached more than 85,000. Note 9. Under existing federal law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must take custody of these UAC and attempt to place them with sponsors in the United States until the UAC's immigration proceedings are completed. While the UAC await placement with a sponsor, HHS will often house the UAC in group home facilities or foster homes that are operated by private entities or individuals under contract with HHS and licensed by the states where the facilities or homes are located. It is estimated that at least 4,284 UAC were housed in group home facilities or foster homes in Florida over the last year. During federal fiscal year 2021, 11,145 UAC were placed with sponsors in Florida, more than the 10,773 UAC placed in California, a substantially larger state. Note 10. So far during federal fiscal year 2022, 6,659 UAC have already been placed in Florida. Note 11.

Neither DHS nor HHS actively coordinates or consults with the State of Florida, including the Department, on the UAC that are resettled in Florida. The State does not receive meaningful, if any, advance notice when UAC are transported to Florida and is not meaningfully consulted on the number of UAC that the State's child-caring resources and capacity could feasibly support without adversely affecting children already present in Florida and under the State's protection and care. Recently, the State of Florida discovered that, between May and October 2021, there were 78 flights that arrived in Florida likely transporting UAC. This occurred without advance notice to the Department and without the State's consent. The State is given no opportunity to object to the transportation or resettlement of UAC in Florida.

Moreover, the State receives no information on the background, criminal history, immigration status, status of removal proceedings, or the sponsors of the UAC brought to Florida. See, e.g., Letter from Governor Ron DeSantis to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Resettlement of Illegal Aliens in Florida, Aug. 26, 2021; Letter from Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson to Governor Ron DeSantis, Oct. 20, 2021; Letter from DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to Governor Ron DeSantis, Nov. 24, 2021. UAC are regularly placed with sponsors without adequate follow-up by HHS or the placement entities to ensure the safety and welfare of the UAC. According to a recent report,

between January and May 2021, federal contractors responsible for placing UAC with sponsors across the United States were unable to reach the minor or the sponsor in roughly one of every three attempts. Note 12. Nor does the State have any assurance that the UAC are, in fact, minors. As a result of the chaos at the southwest border, there is a significant risk of insufficient and inaccurate vetting of people claiming protection as UAC. Many UAC are male teenagers nearing adulthood, and some are gang members when they arrive or later become gang members. Note 13. Recently, a 24-year-old Honduran national was charged with murder in Florida after having falsely represented his age and having been released into the United States as a UAC. Note 14. In short, the Federal Government has failed to provide the State of Florida with sufficient answers to its requests for information on the resettlement of illegal aliens, including UAC, so that their safety and the safety and welfare of Florida's citizens, including children already present in Florida, can be secured. The Federal Government's failure to enforce federal immigration law and secure the border, as well as the absence of meaningful coordination and consultation concerning the resettlement of UAC in Florida, are an immediate danger to the safety and welfare of Floridians, including its most vulnerable children, as well as recently arrived UAC. (The Federal Government's conduct with respect to the resettlement of UAC in Florida stands in stark contrast to the Federal Government's conduct with respect to the resettlement of Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM), where the Federal Government has a cooperative agreement in place with the State of Florida.) To date, the Department has generally granted licenses to facilities that sought to house UAC brought to Florida by HHS. In light of the crisis described above, Section 8 of Executive Order 21-223 directed the Department to "determine whether the resettlement of unaccompanied alien children in Florida from outside of the state constitutes 'evidence of need' under section 409.175(5)(b)(1), Florida Statutes, sufficient to justify the award of a license under Florida law to family foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, or child-placing agencies that seek to provide services for unaccompanied alien children." "To the extent that such resettlement of unaccompanied alien children in Florida is determined not to constitute 'evidence of need' under Florida law," the executive order directed the Department to "amend, if necessary, Florida Administrative Code Rule 65C-46.022, 'Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) Homes and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs,' in accordance with state law, to reflect the Department's determination." In this Emergency Rule, the Department determines that an application for issuance or renewal of a license to house UAC or URM, who are being resettled in Florida from outside of the state, does not constitute "evidence of need," § 409.175(5)(b)1, Florida Statutes, "to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the

state" cared for by residential child-caring agencies, § 409.175(1)(a), Florida Statutes, in the absence of a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government in which the State of Florida is entitled, at a minimum, to advance notice and meaningful consultation before the resettlement of such UAC or URM in Florida. The Emergency Rule also prohibits existing licensees from adding to their existing UAC population and imposes additional requirements to ensure that such licensees protect the safety and welfare of UAC that they place with sponsors in the state. Given the ongoing crisis at the border, including the Federal Government's failure to enforce federal immigration law and to secure the border, the resettlement of UAC in Florida, its ongoing refusal to provide meaningful coordination and consultation, its failure to provide adequate protection for and supervision of UAC once they are placed with sponsors in the state, and its failure to adequately screen purported UAC (as evidenced by the recent murder charge brought against an adult foreign national who misrepresented his age to gain entry to the United States), emergency rulemaking is justified and necessary.

Note 1: Rebecca Beitsch, US-Mexico July Border Crossings Hit 20 Year High, *The Hill* (Aug. 12, 2021), <https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/567647-us-mexico-july-border-crossings-near-20-year-high>; see U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Southwest Land Border Encounters, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters> (last updated May 3, 2022) (showing 213,593 for July and 209,840 for August).

Note 2: U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Southwest Land Border Encounters, *supra* note 1.

Note 3: *Id.*

Note 4: *Id.*

Note 5: See U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Custody and Transfer Statistics FY2021, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/custody-and-transfer-statistics-fy2021> (last accessed November 20, 2024).

Note 6: See *id.*

Note 7: See Mark Krikorian, Immigration Enforcement on the Honor System, <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/immigration-enforcement-on-the-honor-system/> (July 16, 2021). In addition, between federal fiscal year 2008 and 2019, "32 percent of aliens referred to [immigration courts] absconded into the United States" and did not report to their hearings. See Memorandum Opinion and Order, *Texas v. Biden*, No. 2:21-CV-067-Z, 2021 WL 3603341, at *4 (N.D. Tex. Aug. 13, 2021).

Note 8: See U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Southwest Land Border Encounters, *supra* note 1.

Note 9: See *id.*

Note 10: See Office of Refugee Resettlement, Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors by State (June 24, 2021), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/unaccompanied-children-released-sponsors-state>.

Note 11: See *id.*

Note 12: See Stef W. Knight, Exclusive: Government Can't Reach One-in-Three Released Migrant Kids (Sept. 1, 2021), <https://www.axios.com/migrant-children-biden-administration-a597fd98-03a7-415c-9826-9d0b5aaba081.html>.

Note 13: See Camilo Montoya-Galvez, U.S. Shelters Received a Record 122,000 Unaccompanied Migrant Children in 2021, CBS News (Dec. 23, 2021), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-122000-unaccompanied-migrant-children-us-shelters-2021/> (stating that nearly three-quarters of unaccompanied minors encountered at the border during the 2021 fiscal year were believed to be ages 15 to 17 and roughly two-thirds of the total were males); Kerry J. Byrne, The Number of Adult Migrants Posing as Children at Border Surging, N.Y. Post (Nov. 13, 2021), <https://nypost.com/2021/11/13/the-number-of-adult-migrants-posing-as-children-at-border-surging/> (reporting that about “30% of the MS-13 members arrested in recent years by ICE originally entered the U.S. as unaccompanied minors”); see also Written testimony of CBP U.S. Border Patrol Acting Chief of Carla Provost for a Senate Committee on the Judiciary hearing titled “The MS-13 Problem: Investigating Gang Membership As Well As Its Nexus to Illegal Immigration, and Assessing Federal Efforts to End the Threat”, Department of Homeland Security (June 21, 2017), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/06/21/written-testimony-cbp-senate-committee-judiciary-hearing-titled-ms-13-problem#fn3>; Unaccompanied child immigration loophole releases MS-13 gang members, AP News (Jan. 13, 2019), <https://apnews.com/article/5d2784fb7c909b43791d6aea63339a6c>.

Note 14: See Adam Shaw, Honduran Illegal Immigrant Charged with Murder Entered US Falsely Claiming to be Unaccompanied Minor: Report (Nov. 4, 2021), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/honduran-illegal-immigrant-charged-murder-entered-us-unaccompanied-minor>.
REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The procedure is fair under the circumstances because the Emergency Rule ends the State's practice of facilitating the Federal Government's UAC resettlement program without terminating existing licenses or otherwise permanently foreclosing the issuance of licenses for UAC in the future. Instead, going forward, the State will require a meaningful cooperative agreement with the Federal Government, including a commitment to resume full enforcement of the immigration laws and to secure the border,

before issuing or renewing licenses for housing UAC. (The same principle will apply for licenses to house URM, but there is a cooperative agreement with the Federal Government already in place.) In the meantime, existing licensees will not be permitted to add to their existing UAC population and will be subject to additional obligations to ensure the welfare and safety of the UAC whom they place with sponsors in Florida, but their existing licenses will not be cancelled.

SUMMARY: The Emergency Rule addresses licensing requirements for any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home seeking to provide services for UAC or URM. The Department has adopted Rule 65C-9.004, F.A.C., but it is awaiting legislative ratification. This rule provides that the resettlement of UAC or URM by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) into Florida does not constitute “evidence of need” under section 409.175(5)(b)1, Florida Statutes, “to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state” cared for by residential child-caring agencies, § 409.175(1)(a), in the absence of a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government. The Emergency Rule also prohibits existing licensees from adding to their UAC population and requires such licensees to conduct welfare checks of the UAC whom they place with sponsors in Florida.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com or (850)488-2381.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

65CER22-1 Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs (Renewal).

(1) Any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home, as those terms are defined in 409.175(2), F.S., seeking to provide services for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) and Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) must meet licensing requirements herein in addition to the program standards for the type of license sought.

(2) For purposes of section 409.175(5)(b)1, F.S., which requires “evidence of need” to obtain a license, and section 409.175(1)(a), F.S., which provides that the purpose of the licensure requirement is to “protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state” who are cared for by residential child-caring agencies or family foster homes, or placed by child-placing agencies, the planned and organized resettlement of UAC or URM by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services does not constitute evidence of need as required for issuance or renewal of a license for a residential

child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home that seeks to provide services to such UAC or URM, unless such resettlement is governed by a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the United States Government. In the absence of such cooperative agreement, no license will be issued or renewed with respect to any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home that applies to provide services for UAC or URM resettling to Florida, and any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home providing such services under a current license to UAC or URM who have already resettled in Florida may not further place or take placement of any additional UAC or URM until a cooperative agreement is entered. For purposes of this rule, the term "resettlement" means the transportation of persons to Florida for the purpose of temporarily or permanently residing in Florida. The Department has no obligation to enter or renew a cooperative agreement with the United States Government for the resettlement of UAC or URM to Florida, and the Department may revoke or decline to enter or renew such agreement.

(3) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency, whichever is applicable, must ensure a contractual or grant agreement was executed between ORR and the child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency in order to provide care and services to UAC.

(4) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency, whichever is applicable, must ensure a contractual or grant agreement was executed between the U.S. Government and the State of Florida in order to provide care and services to URM.

(5) Care and supervision of UAC, URM, and dependent youth may not be provided in the same home or under the same license. The child-placing agency must ensure foster parents comply with this requirement.

(6) For a residential child-caring agency, the director and direct care staff must sign and comply with the plan applicable to the licensed setting. For a foster home, the child-placing agency must ensure the foster parents sign and comply with the plan applicable to the licensed setting. Residential child-caring agencies, child-placing agencies, or foster homes that provide services for UAC must use the "Plan for Unaccompanied Alien Children" Form, CF-FSP 5488, February 2022, incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14108>. Residential child-caring agencies, child-placing agencies, or foster homes that provide services for URM must use the "Partnership Plan for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors," Form CF-FSP 5487, February 2022, incorporated by reference and available at

<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14107>.

(7) The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency, whichever is applicable, must conduct in-person welfare checks of any UAC that it places, or assists in placing, with a sponsor after the effective date of this rule to ensure each child's safety and well-being.

(a) The welfare checks must be completed a minimum of once every six months until one of the following occurs:

1. The child reaches the age of 18;
2. The child permanently leaves Florida;
3. The child is removed from the United States;
4. The child is granted lawful immigration status; or
5. The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency closes or is no longer licensed.

(b) The welfare checks must include:

1. Verifying the identity of the child through previously submitted photographs obtained by the child-placing or residential child-caring agency;
2. Taking a photograph of the child;
3. Looking for any unusual marks on visible parts of the body;
4. Speaking with the child about any issues he or she may be experiencing; and
5. Speaking with the caregiver about the child's well-being and basic needs.

(c) The child-caring or child-placing agency must report the results of the welfare checks to the Department or, if applicable, the Florida Abuse Hotline as follows:

1. Suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect must be immediately reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline in accordance with Chapter 39, F.S.
2. If the welfare check does not reveal any of the incidents described in (7)(c)1. of this rule, then the report must be made no later than the fifth (5th) day of the month following the date the welfare check was conducted, e.g., if a welfare check is completed on January 15, then the report must be made no later than February 5. The report must include the following:

- a. Name of the child and date of birth.
- b. Date the welfare check was conducted.
- c. Name of the child's caregiver.
- d. Location of the in-person welfare check.
- e. Statement affirming that there were no presenting issues or concerns.
- f. Any indication that the child is no longer residing in or is temporarily relocated from the sponsor's home, to include that the child has been determined to be missing or the child's whereabouts are unknown.

(8) Any child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency that provides care to URM must adhere to all contractual

and federal case management requirements when conducting in-person child welfare checks.

(9) The residential child-caring agency must ensure all direct care staff complete training hours on immigration in child welfare, cultural awareness, and human trafficking related topics, as outlined in section 4.3.6. of the Office of Refugee and Resettlement UAC Program Policy, March 11, 2019, incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13072>. The child-placing agency must ensure foster parents complete training hours outlined in 65C-45.002, F.A.C.

(10) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must provide a copy of its education plan outlining how education will be provided.

(11) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must develop policies and procedures on the administration and management of medication. A licensed health care provider must write or verbally order all nonprescription medications. Verbal orders must be documented in the child's file. The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency must align all health and safety policies with ORR guidelines.

(12) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must notify the Department of any changes in the contract/grant agreement with ORR, and submit an updated copy, to include ORR's decision to no longer utilize the facility.

(13) For purposes of this rule, the term "Unaccompanied Alien Child" has the same meaning as in 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2), and the term "Unaccompanied Refugee Minor" means an unaccompanied minor, as defined in 45 C.F.R. §400.111, who has met the federal eligibility standards for placement into the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program.

(14) This Emergency Rule will expire on February 16, 2026.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 2025.

Rulemaking Authority 409.175(5) FS. Law Implemented 409.175 FS. History-New 2-11-22, Renewed 3-9-22, 6-7-22, 9-5-22, 12-4-22, 3-4-23, 6-2-23, 8-31-23, 11-29-23, 2-27-24, 5-27-24, 8-25-24, 11-23-24, 2-21-25, 5-22-25, 8-20-25, 11-18-25.

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 2025

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to <https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp>.

Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 21, 2025, the Board of Nursing, received a petition for variance or waiver filed by Brittney Nichole Valladares. Although Petitioner failed to state a specific rule and/or Florida Statute, it appears Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver requesting approval to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensure examination based on Petitioner's education, clinical experience, and professional background in nursing and healthcare. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Nursing within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Dayle Mooney, Interim Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; (850)245-4125 MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65C-22.001 General Requirements

The Department of Children and Families hereby gives notice: On November 17, 2025, the Department issued an order granting a waiver to Episcopal Children's Services on behalf of the Rainbow Center. The petition, filed July 28, 2025, sought a waiver from section 3.9.3 D.8. of the Child Care Facility Handbook, incorporated by reference in subsection 65C-22.001(6), Florida Administrative Code, which provides that foods that comprise meals included on a facility's menu may not be prepared or partially prepared outside of the facility unless prepared by a caterer or a licensed child care facility under the same ownership that includes a food preparation area that meets licensing standards. The waiver authorizes the Bradford County School District Nutrition Department to prepare and deliver meals to the Rainbow Center. The Notice of Petition for Waiver was published August 18, 2025, in Volume 51, Number 160 of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Agency.Clerk@myflfamilies.com.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.002 Definitions

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On November 10, 2025, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation entered the Order Closing File for the Grove Manor Phase II, LLC's Petition for Waiver of the 2023 Qualified Allocation Plan's Requirement for Returning Housing Credit Allocations and subsection 67-48.002(96), F.A.C. (06/28/2023). The Petition was filed on October 8, 2025, and notice of receipt of the petition was published on October 9, 2025, in Volume 51, Number 197 of the F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

67-21.014 MMRB Credit Underwriting Procedures

67-21.026 HC Credit Underwriting Procedures

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 17, 2025, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, received a petition for waiver of paragraph 67-21.026(13)(e) and subparagraph 67-21.014(2)(r)6, Florida Administrative Code (05/18/2021) for Ambar Trail II, Ltd., such that the General Contractor may perform construction or inspection work that is normally performed by subcontractors.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329. The Petition has also been posted on Florida Housing's website at floridahousing.org. Florida Housing will accept comments concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 14th day after publication of this notice at CorporationClerk@floridahousing.org or Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Attn: Corporation Clerk, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-21.027 HC General Program Procedures and Requirements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 17, 2025, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, received a petition for waiver of subsection 67-21.027(6), Florida Administrative Code (eff. 7/8/2018) and the Corporation Board's Order of January 27, 2023 for EHD0C Council Towers Limited

Partnership to permit submission of the HUD Cost Certification form instead of the General Contractor Cost Certification form. A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329. The Petition has also been posted on Florida Housing's website at floridahousing.org. Florida Housing will accept comments concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 14th day after publication of this notice at CorporationClerk@floridahousing.org or Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Attn: Corporation Clerk, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-21.026 HC Credit Underwriting Procedures

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 17, 2025, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, received a petition for waiver of subsection 67-21.026(10), Florida Administrative Code (July 10, 2025) for Caribbean Isles, LLLP such that Petitioner may proceed with the two GMP construction contracts referenced in the petition.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329. The Petition has also been posted on Florida Housing's website at floridahousing.org. Florida Housing will accept comments concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 14th day after publication of this notice at CorporationClerk@floridahousing.org or Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Attn: Corporation Clerk, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Education Practices Commission

The Education Practices Commission. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: December 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel; December 10, 2025, 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panels; December 11, 2025, 8:30

a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panels; December 12, 2025, 8:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard, Teacher Hearing Panel PLACE: Embassy Suites Orlando Airport, 5835 T.G. Lee Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32822, (407)888-9339 GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Hearing Panels of the Education Practices Commission will consider final agency action in matters dealing with the disciplining of certified educators. The Business Meeting is being held to discuss the business of the Commission. The All-Member Workshop is being held to train members of the Commission.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to the Education Practices Commission, 325 W. Gaines Street, 316 Turlington Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lisa Forbess at (850)245-0455

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: Lisa Forbess at (850)245-0455. 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).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Lisa Forbess at (850)245-0455

FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY

The Florida State Fair Authority announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, December 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Florida State Fairgrounds - Bob Thomas Equestrian Pavilion; 4800 US Hwy 301 North, Tampa, FL 33610

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: FSFA Board Meeting: General Business of the Florida State Fair Authority

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Johanna Lopez @ (813)627-4221; Johanna.Lopez@FloridaStateFair.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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Johanna Lopez @ (813)627-4221; Johanna.Lopez@FloridaStateFair.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).

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For more information, you may contact: Johanna Lopez @ (813)627-4221; Johanna.Lopez@FloridaStateFair.com

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Northwest Florida Water Management District

The Northwest Florida Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 16, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time (ET).

PLACE: 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: In accordance with the timeframe set forth in section 120.525, Florida Statutes, the District announces the opening of bids received in response to Invitation to Bid ("ITB") No. 26B-001 -2026 PERDIDO RIVER TIMBER SALE.

(The respondent must submit its Bid through DemandStar (see Section 1.13 of bid for more information.)

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Northwest Florida Water Management District's website at: (<http://www.nwfwater.com>); from the DemandStar website at: (<https://www.demandstar.com/app/login>), or from the State of Florida's Vendor Information Portal website at: (<https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.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 72 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Procurement Officer, Lyn Shiver at Lyn.Shiver@nwfwater.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).

For more information, you may contact: Procurement Officer, Lyn Shiver at Lyn.Shiver@nwfwater.com.

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.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: This meeting is being conducted by means of communications media technology via Microsoft Teams. Instructions regarding viewing of and participation in the meeting are available at WaterMatters.org/calendar or by

calling 1(800)423-1476 and requesting assistance. An additional telephone connection is available at (786)749-6127 conference code 661-236881#.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Agricultural and Green Industry Advisory Committee meeting: To discuss committee business.

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; 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).

For more information, you may contact: Barbara.Matrone@WaterMatters.org; (352)325-5772

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Athletic Training

The Board of Athletic Training announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 2, 2025, 7:30 a.m., EST

PLACE: Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or phone using Microsoft TEAMS at [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_N2E0NmQ3YmQtNDNhZC00MDU2LWI0YjQtOTZhYzVkYTdhYjVi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2228cd8f80-3c44-4b27-81a0-cd2b03a31b8d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2256832f71-c84b-4137-a7a4-ee79ac8b31c1%22%7d, or by phone \(850\)792-1375 using Access Code: 794 176 874#](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_N2E0NmQ3YmQtNDNhZC00MDU2LWI0YjQtOTZhYzVkYTdhYjVi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2228cd8f80-3c44-4b27-81a0-cd2b03a31b8d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2256832f71-c84b-4137-a7a4-ee79ac8b31c1%22%7d, or by phone (850)792-1375 using Access Code: 794 176 874#)

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General board business involving discussion and actions, including, but not limited to general board business, licensure applications, rules and disciplinary matters.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the board office at (850)245-4292 or by visiting our website at <https://floridasathletictraining.gov/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 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the board office at (850)245-4292. 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).

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 board office at (850)245-4292. 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: the board office at (850)245-4292.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mental Health Program

The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., EST.

PLACE: Florida State Capitol, 404 S. Monroe Street, Senate Building, Room 301, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Cabinet is charged with promoting and implementing collaboration, creativity, increased efficiency, information sharing, and improved service delivery between and within state agencies and organizations. Cabinet members will meet to conduct regular business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Pat Smith, (850)717-4452, pat.smith@myflfamilies.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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Pat Smith, Dept. of Children and Families, (850)717-4452, pat.smith@myflfamilies.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).

For more information, you may contact: Pat Smith, (850)717-4452, pat.smith@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

OIR – Insurance Regulation

The Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board (Board) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 25, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be by teleconference. Members of the public who wish to listen in to the conference call are invited to listen in by calling 1(866)299-7949, Participant Code: 1433866#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board will conduct the regular and general business of the organization.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jack McDermott at FHIAB2022@gmail.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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jack McDermott at FHIAB2022@gmail.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).

SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK

The Community Care Network, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 18, 2025, 8:30 a.m. (CHANGE TO TIME ONLY)

PLACE: South Florida Community Care Network, LLC d/b/a Community Care Plan, 1643 Harrison Parkway, Suite H-200, Sunrise, Florida 33323.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Directors will meet to discuss general matters. For the safety of the Directors and the public, any interested persons of the public wishing to attend the meeting may do so via video conference by using the following link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGJkZWY0NWUtODU2MC00ZDc2LWFINWMtYTA4NjYzMDVhMGQ4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f81e0c43-b4dd-4f4a-942f-f568d2c30662%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22964f24dc-ee07-4e11-a1a1-e033d09c650d%22%7d. To attend the meeting by telephone, please dial (321) 234-3172, Meeting Passcode: 934 672 034#.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Migdalia Soto-Roba at mroba@ccpcare.org or (954)622-3227.

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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Victoria Tuffy at vtuffy@ccpcare.org or (954)622-3232. 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).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Justin Marshall, Esq., Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, South Florida Community Care Network, LLC d/b/a Community Care Plan, at jmarshall@ccpcare.org or (954)622-3402.

SELECTFLORIDA

The SelectFlorida Board of Directors announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 2, 2025, 1:45 p.m.

PLACE: JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes, 4040 Central Florida Parkway, Orlando, FL 32718, room name Palazzo D or via Teams Webinar. Use this link to register:

[https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fevents.gcc.teams.microsoft.com%2Fevent%2Fa52d5a82-4ed9-4404-ab9d-5ee7232f1f64%40931da019-f64e-4908-b0f6-](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fevents.gcc.teams.microsoft.com%2Fevent%2Fa52d5a82-4ed9-4404-ab9d-5ee7232f1f64%40931da019-f64e-4908-b0f6-92f46f78c512&data=05%7C02%7CLorna.Dusti%40SelectFlorida.org%7C51b620168d6b4f6e00a408de22f02047%7C1b5060dc8aad4963b7ee0cef4634d9dc%7C0%7C0%7C638986612010109347%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMmIsIkFOIjoiTWVpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hhKgib3Kp8MU6MVHtPeukCsVU%2FkIKCD)

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GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: financial, councils and program updates.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lorna Dusti at (407)956-5651.

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For more information, you may contact: Lorna Dusti at (407)956-5651.

END HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INC.

The Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking (End Human Trafficking, Inc.) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 1, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83590666369?pwd=O0JL0vGlbBbcKIwMB5mboCYUZZuNCW.1>

Meeting ID: 835 9066 6369

Passcode: 810333

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Annual Board of Directors Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Erin Collins, Erin@FloridaAllianceEndHT.com

Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements

NONE

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

Road Improvements - Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest

INVITATION TO BID - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

(FDACS or Department) seeks to obtain competitive bids for road paving improvements and repair of approximately two (2) miles of forest roads within the Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest located at 6265 County Road 832, Felde, FL 33930. The solicitation document is available at the MyFloridaMarketPlace, Vendor Information Portal:

<https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids>.

Solicitation Number ITB FFS 25 26 47. Interested participants may also contact the purchasing department at CONSTRUCTIONBIDS@FDACS.GOV

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of Florida

UF-677, P.K. Yonge Gymnasium - Cx Selection

The University of Florida Board of Trustees announces that Professional Services in the disciplines of engineering for Total Building Commissioning will be required for the project listed below:

Project: UF-677, P.K. Yonge Gymnasium (P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School Campus)

This project consists of the design and construction of a new state-of-the-art gymnasium and fitness center on the P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School campus. P.K. Yonge was established in 1934 in affiliation with the University of Florida as Florida's preeminent K-12 research school responsible for developing innovative solutions to Florida's educational concerns and for disseminating successful instructional programs to other school districts across the state. The existing outdated and deteriorating 1957 gym on the P.K. Yonge campus was identified for replacement following a master plan completed in 2007 and a campus programming project in 2008. The new gym will support over 1,000 students, UF researchers, IT professionals, and health & fitness industry experts across 35-40,000 GSF of workout spaces, locker rooms, concessions, offices, and support spaces. This project will ultimately facilitate daily athletics and physical education while creating avenues for research dedicated to improving adolescent health and fitness, and establishing habits for lifetime fitness, health, and well-being.

The scope of services includes design phase peer review; completion and maintenance of the Owner's Project Requirements (OPR) document; development of the Commissioning Plan, Commissioning Specifications, and Systems Manual; and construction phase pre-functional, functional, and performance testing for mechanical, electrical, building automation, and building envelope systems. The consultant shall also support project efforts to achieve LEEDv4.0 BD+C Gold level (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Blanket professional liability insurance will be required for this project in the amount of \$1,000,000. The selected applicant will also be required to provide insurance coverage for General Liability, Automotive Liability, and Workers' Compensation.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Firms desiring to apply for consideration shall submit a proposal only after thoroughly reviewing the facilities program, Project Facts and Commissioning Agent Qualifications (CxQS) Instructions, and other background information. Please see the project-specific page of the Planning Design & Construction Office website: <https://pdc.ufl.edu/projects/selection-notices/> for more information on this project and the Cx selection process.

At the time of application, the applicant must possess current Professional Registration Certificate(s) from the appropriate governing board; must be properly registered to practice in the State of Florida; and, if the applicant is a corporation, must be chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, an applicant may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected applicant must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of \$15,000.00 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list. Incomplete proposals will be disqualified. Submittal materials will not be returned.

The Commissioning Services Proposal Forms, Project Facts and Commissioning Agent Qualifications (CxQS) Instructions, UF Design Services Guide, UF Design & Construction Standards, PD&C non-technical specifications, standard University of Florida Owner-Commissioning Consultant agreement, and other project and process information can be found on the Planning Design & Construction website.

Provide the application submittal as prescribed in the Project Facts and Commissioning Agent Qualifications (CxQS) Instructions. Electronic submittals must be received in the Planning, Design & Construction office by 3:00 p.m. local time, on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.

Planning Design & Construction, 245 Gale Lemerand Drive / P.O. Box 115050, Gainesville, FL 32611-5050, Telephone: (352)273-4000, Internet: <https://pdc.ufl.edu/>

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Division of Recreation and Parks

Invitation to Bid BDC10-25/26 Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park – ADA Restroom & Boardwalk

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Design and

Construction, is soliciting formal, competitive, sealed bids from contractors for bid number BDC10-25/26, Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park – ADA Restroom & Boardwalk. More info @ <https://tinyurl.com/25unw9cz>.

VISIT FLORIDA

VISIT FLORIDA RFP: Website Development and Hosting

VISIT FLORIDA is seeking a vendor to design, build, host, and maintain three

websites: visitflorida.com, lovefl.com and visitfloridamedia.com. The proposed platform should be able to accommodate additional sites should they be needed in the future.

Questions are due: December 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Responses to questions will be posted on: December 5, 2025, 5:00 p.m., at

<https://visitflorida.box.com/s/x9nwunk8qskpxwwdl9oold86i9mw2qja>

Response Deadline: January 21, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

For more information visit: <https://www.visitflorida.org/work-together/submit-a-proposal/rfps-itns/>

Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 11, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2025.

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19-8.010	11/12/2025	12/2/2025
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Proposed Airport Site Approval Order for SunTrax Air and Ground

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Transportation intends to issue an "Airport Site Approval Order," in accordance with Chapter 330, Florida Statutes, "Regulation of Aircraft, Pilots, and Airports" and Chapter 14-60, Florida Administrative Code, "Airport Licensing, Registration, and Airspace Protection" for the following site:

SunTrax Air and Ground, a private airport, in Polk County, at Latitude 28° 6' 40.273" and Longitude 81° 49' 52.011", to be owned and operated by Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, FL 32399.

A copy of the Airport Site Approval Order, the Airport's application, the applicable rules, and other pertinent information may be obtained by contacting David Roberts, State Aviation Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 46, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450; (850)414-4514; aviation.fdot@dot.state.fl.us.

Website:
http://www.fdot.gov/aviation.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING RIGHTS: Any person whose substantial interests will be determined or affected by this Airport Site Approval Order has the right, pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, to petition for an administrative hearing. The petition for an administrative hearing must conform to the requirements of Rule Chapter 28-106, Florida

Administrative Code, and must be filed, in writing, within twenty-one days of the publication of this notice, with the Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Office of General Counsel, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 58, Room 550, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450. Failure to file a petition within the allowed time constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of Sunrise Store SF LLC, line-make CHIT

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Xtreme Motors Tradings USA, Inc., intends to allow the establishment of Sunrise Store SF LLC, as a dealership for the sale and service of motorcycles manufactured by Zhejiang Guangchuangxin Energy Technology Co., Ltd (line-make CHIT) at 11510 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, (Miami-Dade County), Florida 33181, on or after December 18, 2025.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Sunrise Store SF LLC are dealer operator(s): Oscar Elias Morottoli, 11510 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, Florida 33181; principal investor(s): Oscar Elias Morottoli, 11510 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, Florida 33181.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Certain dealerships of the same line-make may have standing, pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, to file a petition or complaint protesting the application.

Written petitions or complaints must be received by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice and must be submitted to: Sondra L. Howard, Administrator, Dealer License Section, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Room A-312 MS65, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Daniel Alberto Borges Munoz, Xtreme Motors Tradings USA, Inc., 3705 NW 115th Ave Suite 1, Doral, Florida 33178.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of Sunrise Store SF LLC. Line-make TZTC

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Xtreme Motors Tradings USA, Inc., intends to allow the establishment of Sunrise Store SF LLC, as a dealership for the sale and service of motorcycles manufactured by Taizhou Zhilong Technology Co., Ltd (line-make TZTC) at 11510 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, (Miami-Dade County), Florida 33181, on or after December 18, 2025.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Sunrise Store SF LLC are dealer operator(s): Oscar Elias Morottoli, 11510 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, Florida 33181; principal investor(s): Oscar Elias Morottoli, 11510 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, Florida 33181.

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If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of National Powersports LLC. Line-make BASH

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Pasando Resources, Inc., intends to allow the establishment of National Powersports LLC dba Jaguar Powersports, as a dealership for the sale and service of motorcycles manufactured by Chongqing Astronautic Bashan Motorcycle Manufacturing Co Ltd (BASH) at 7029 Commonwealth Ave Ste 10, Jacksonville, (Duval County), Florida 32220, on or after December 18, 2025.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of National Powersports LLC are dealer operator(s): Saugata Banerjee, 7029 - 10 Commonwealth Ave, Jacksonville, Florida 32220; principal investor(s): Saugata Banerjee, 7029 - 10 Commonwealth Ave, Jacksonville, Florida 32220.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Certain dealerships of the same line-make may have standing, pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, to file a petition or complaint protesting the application.

Written petitions or complaints must be received by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice and must be submitted to: Sondra L. Howard, Administrator, Dealer License Section, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Room A-312 MS65, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Firas Abunabah, Pasando Resources, Inc., 9300 Harwin Dr Ste C, Houston, Texas 77036.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

Section XIII

Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week

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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.