

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of State Fire Marshal

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
69A-73.001	Definitions and Application of Chapter
69A-73.002	Energy Storage Systems
69A-73.003	Powered Micromobility Devices
69A-73.004	Protective Systems and Designs
69A-73.005	Storage of Wrecked or Inoperable Electric Vehicles
69A-73.006	Parking or Storage of Electric Vehicles within a Coastal A Zone During a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning with Potential Storm Surge Threats

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The rulemaking will identify uniform firesafety standards for systems that store energy.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The rulemaking will address necessary firesafety requirements for batteries and other energy storage systems.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 633.206, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 633.206, F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Elijah Flowers, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)413-3731.

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 AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Consumer Services

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
5J-15.001	Registration
5J-15.002	Enforcement Actions and Administrative Penalties

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rulemaking amends incorporated material and the penalty rule to implement chapter

2024-47, Laws of Florida, and for overall compliance with chapter 507, Florida Statutes.

SUMMARY: The proposed rules amend incorporated material and the penalty rule to ensure statutory compliance. A new registration application for moving brokers is being incorporated and the current incorporated registration application is being amended for the registration of movers. Both applications reflect the new surety amount and the criminal questions have been amended to better align with statute.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

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

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The proposed revisions add and update incorporated forms and align the penalty section with statute. There are no increased regulatory costs associated with these revisions. 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: 507.09(4), 570.07(23) FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 507.03, 507.04, 507.05, 507.056, 507.08, 507.09, 507.10, 507.11, 570.971(5) FS

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: Beth Evans, Chief, Bureau of Compliance, 2005 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850)410-3848.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

5J-15.001 Registration.

(1) Any person who intends to operate as a household mover in this state shall first file with the Department FDACS-10960, Mover (Intrastate) Household Moving Services Registration Application, Rev. XX/25 ~~04/19~~, hereby incorporated by reference, along with a registration fee pursuant to Section 507.03(3), F.S. Copies of this form may be obtained

from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Attention: Household Movers, 2005 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6500, or accessed online at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX40659>.

(2) Any person who intends to operate as a moving broker in this state shall first file with the department FDACS-10964, Moving Broker Registration Application, XX/25, hereby incorporated by reference, along with a registration fee pursuant to section 507.03(3), F.S. Copies of this form may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Attention: Household Moving Brokers, 2005 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6500, or accessed online at: <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

(3)~~(2)~~ No change.

Rulemaking Authority 507.09~~(4)(3)~~, 570.07(23) FS. Law Implemented 507.03, 507.04, 507.05, 507.056 FS. History—New 3-8-12, Amended 10-27-13, 3-8-17, 7-11-19,_____.

5J-15.002 Enforcement Actions and Administrative Penalties

(1) through (7) No change.

(8) Penalties.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Major Violations. A violation of Chapter 507, F.S., or this rule chapter is a major violation if it results in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affects the public health, safety, or welfare, or creates a significant threat of such harm. Major violations shall result in the imposition of an administrative fine of \$1,000 to \$5,000, suspension or revocation of the license as prescribed in Section 507.09(1)(d), F.S., or any of the penalties as prescribed in Section 507.09(1)(b)-(e), F.S. The following violations shall be considered major violations:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Failure to comply with Sections Section 507.03(10), (11) and (12), F.S.

4. through 5. No change.

6. Failure to comply with any provision required in Section 507.056, F.S.

6. through 8. renumbered 7. through 9. No change.

(9) Failure to respond to an administrative complaint shall result in the entry of a default Final Order against the violator or entity responsible for the violation.

(a) No change.

(b) The department shall impose an administrative fine in the amount of \$10,000 per violation of section 507.07~~(10)(9)~~, F.S., pursuant to a Class IV violation as referenced in Section 507.09(1)(b), F.S., and in Section 570.971, F.S., for a default Final Order.

(10) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 507.09~~(4)(3)~~, 570.07(23) FS. Law Implemented 507.056, 507.08, 507.09, 507.10, 507.11, 570.971(5) FS. History—New 11-24-15, Amended 4-22-18,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Beth Evans, Chief, Bureau of Compliance

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 26, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 21, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65C-16.005 Evaluation of Applicants

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Align rule language regarding adoptions pursuant to Chapter Law 2024-177. Amendments will update and clarify language.

SUMMARY: Amendments include: (1) changes the number of references needed, (2) allows references to be made verbally or electronically, (3) allows the case manager or guardian ad litem to be a reference, (4) adds the rebuttable presumption, (5) reduces the number of in-home visits, (6) updates the home study requirements when the prospective adoptive parent is the current caregiver, (7) updates the requirements for the child abuse, abandonment, and neglect record check, (8) adds new form: Adoption Application Review Committee (AARC) Recommendation Cover Letter, and (9) updates the decision process.

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.

A SERC has not been prepared.

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, 63.093, 63.233 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 39.0138, 63.042, 63.062, 63.092, 63.093, 63.207 FS.

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: Elizabeth Floyd. Elizabeth can be reached at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

65C-16.005 Evaluation of Applicants.

(1) No change.

(2) An adoption home study which includes observation, screening and evaluation of the child and adoptive applicants shall be completed by a staff person with the CBC, subcontractor agency, or other licensed child-placing agency prior to the ~~pre-adoptive~~ adoptive placement of the child. The aim of this evaluation is to select families who will be able to meet the physical, emotional, social, educational and financial needs of a child, while safeguarding the child from further loss and separation from siblings and significant adults. The adoption home study is valid for 12 months from the approval date.

(3) In determining which home studies and applications for adoption will be approved, all of the following criteria, not listed in any order of priority, must be considered:

(a) through (m) No change.

(n) Department, community-based-care lead agency (CBC) or Sub-Contractor Employees, Guardian ad Litem Employees, or Guardian ad Litem volunteers. Employees of the Department, the Guardian ad Litem program, and the CBC, including subcontractor staff, and Guardian ad Litem volunteers, may be considered as adoptive applicants. In situations where the employee or volunteer has a close working relationship with the foster care or adoption staff in his or her local area, or had such a relationship within the past two (2) years, completion of the applicant's adoption home study process shall be conducted by a licensed child-placing adoption agency outside the local area. The CBC agency must be notified within 72 hours when an application to adopt is received from a Department, CBC agency employee. The CBC agency will make a decision regarding whether the adoption home study for the employee will be completed by the CBC agency or if the services of another agency will be sought. If the decision is to have the employee's adoption home study and subsequent

placement handled by another agency, the CBC agency shall make the necessary arrangements with the chosen agency. When an adoptive applicant is a member of a board or group which has actual or perceived authority over the Department, its CBC agency, its staff or operations, such applicant will be referred to another circuit or a local licensed child placing agency for handling;

(o) through (p) No change.

(q) References. A minimum of ~~three (3) five (5) written~~ references shall be required. Only one (1) reference may be obtained from an employer and only ~~one (1) two~~ of the references may be obtained from a relative. All other references must be obtained from persons who either: 1) have observed the applicants in situations that give some indication for their capacity for parenthood, or 2) who as the result of their relationship to the applicant, possess documentation or knowledge of the applicant's capacity for parenthood. All references must be obtained verbally by the child welfare professional and documented unless providing a written document electronically is more expeditious. References may include the case manager and Guardian ad Litem volunteers or staff who have been assigned to the child's case; shall be provided directly to the agency person conducting the adoption home study by the person providing the reference; and

(r) No change.

(s) Rebuttable Presumption. When a current caregiver who meets the requirements of Section 39.522(3), F.S., applies to adopt the child, consideration must be given as to whether the presumption that it is in the child's best interest to remain in the current placement can be rebutted by the information learned during the evaluation process.

(4) Family Preparation and Study Process.

(a) Adoption staff must conduct a minimum of two (2) ~~in-home~~ visits with the prospective adoptive parent, one of which must be completed in the home. The adoption staff must adhere to the requirements as outlined in Section 63.093, F.S., regarding the family's preparation and home study process.

(b) through (c) No change.

(5) No change.

(6) Families Who Adopt Again. Prior approval of a family to adopt does not automatically deem the family appropriate to adopt again. Consideration of any family for placement of a subsequent child requires an updating of the previous adoption home study. The update shall include an assessment of the following:

(a) through (h) No change.

(i) Updated References. A minimum of ~~two (2) five (5)~~ references shall be obtained when updating an adoption home study toward placement of an additional child. References shall address how the family seems to have managed with the previously adopted child and how they believe the family will

cope with additional children. References must be obtained from persons who either: 1) have observed the applicants in situations that give some indication for their capacity for parenthood, or 2) who as the result of their relationship to the applicant, possess documentation or knowledge of the applicant's capacity for parenthood. The case manager shall attempt to obtain a reference from an adult child of the applicant, if applicable. Only one (1) ~~two (2)~~ of the references may be obtained from a relative. All references must be obtained verbally by the child welfare professional and documented unless providing a written document electronically is more expeditious. References may include child welfare professionals and Guardian ad Litem volunteers or staff who have been assigned to the child's case;

(j) through (k) No change.

(7) The Written Adoption Home Study. A written report, generally referred to as the adoption home study, must be prepared for each studied family. The adoption home study must address the issues discussed in subsections (1) through (6), above, along with the requirements set out in section 63.092(3), F.S. If the prospective adoptive parent is the current caregiver, the following applies:

(a) The case manager or adoption counselor may review the last approved home study in the child welfare information system with the prospective adoptive parent in person or virtually, determine if any information has changed, and document their assessment and any changes.

(b) The case manager or adoption counselor may complete a general adoption home study before termination of parental rights has been granted.

(c) If the child was placed before the termination of parental rights, the placement or licensing home study may serve as the adoption home study but must also include the requirements set out in section 63.092(3), F.S.

(8) No change.

(9) Adoption Applicant Review Committee. Each CBC agency responsible for providing adoption services for children in the Department's custody must establish an Adoption Applicant Review Committee.

(a) No change.

(b) The committee will provide consultation and assistance to the adoption counselor on any child-specific adoption home study in which the counselor and supervisor are recommending denial, or adoption case situations which present challenging issues. Requests for committee review may be made by the adoption counselor, the Department or the CBC agency. Requests for committee review must be made in writing and forwarded to the CBC agency. While the committee is available to review any challenging case, all cases with the following issues, except as set forth below, must be referred to the committee.

1. through 2. No change.

3. Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect Record Check. Applicants in which the Child Abuse, Abandonment and Neglect Record Check reveals verified findings of abuse, neglect, or abandonment which did not result in a disqualifying felony conviction, ~~and cases in which abuse or neglect was not substantiated.~~ When an applicant has one (1) or more investigations with a findings of verified finding or not substantiated, all of the investigations that involve the applicant must be reviewed to assess if there are reoccurring circumstances that may affect the safety and well-being of the children in the home. If the applicant has one (1) or more investigations with a not substantiated finding, referral of these applicants to the Adoption Applicant Review Committee is not required but must be submitted to the community-based care lead agency (CBC) or designee for approval.

4. through 5. No change.

(c) The review committee chairperson will convene the committee within 10 business ~~15~~ days of receipt of the request and provide all necessary written documents to the committee members no less than five (5) business days prior to the committee convening. Each committee member shall submit their recommendation to the chair within five (5) business days of the conclusion of the review. The chair shall submit the "Adoption Application Review Committee (AARC) Recommendation Cover Letter," form CF-FSP 5498, (insert date), incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXX>. A written recommendation will be submitted to the Department and the CBC agency within 10 business days of the committee's recommendation, but no later than 15 business days from the conclusion of the review decision. The Following input from the Department will make the final decision after reviewing the committee's recommendation to ensure the evaluation of the application complies with Chapter 65C-16 and Florida Statutes. and the CBC agency, the chairperson will prepare a written report within ten (10) business days summarizing consensus of the committee and the recommendation from the Department and the CBC agency. The recommendation to approve the applicant will be submitted to the CBC agency or a designee. The recommendation to deny the applicant will be submitted to the Family Well Being Director and the CBC agency or a designee.

(d) The CBC agency will provide the applicant with written notification of the decision to approve within 10 business days of receipt of the Department's final decision. When the Department denies an application to adopt a child, the Department must adhere to the protocols set forth in Section 39.812, F.S. The Family Well Being Director shall provide the applicant with written notification of the decision to deny the application, within 10 business days of the decision. The written

~~notice must include the reason for the denial, and must advise the applicant of his or her option for review of the denial pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S.~~

(e) The county of jurisdiction shall complete all Adoption Applicant Review Committee staffings on any child or any adoption home study related to the child. If the county of jurisdiction can not complete the staffing due to a conflict, a request shall be made, in consultation with the Department Family Well-Being Director or designee, to transfer the staffing to another county.

Rulemaking Authority 39.012, 63.093, 63.233 FS. Law Implemented 39.0138, 63.042, 63.062, 63.092, 63.093, 63.207 FS. History—New 2-14-84, Formerly 10M-8.05, Amended 4-28-92, 4-19-94, 8-17-94, 1-8-95, 7-18-95, Formerly 10M-8.005, Amended 12-23-97, 8-19-03, 11-30-08, 7-7-16, 8-15-21, 7-20-23. Amended

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Valerie Proctor.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Shevaun L. Harris

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 28, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 17, 2025

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-23.009 Sale and Transportation of Freshwater Fish

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rule amendment is to update species names for largemouth bass and Florida Bass due to recent taxonomic changes as well as reorganize rule language to better align intent for genetic conservation of Florida bass.

SUMMARY: Staff are seeking to update rule language to reflect recent taxonomic changes that recognize the Florida bass as a distinct species from largemouth bass. Additionally, staff reorganized rule language to better align intent for genetic conservation of Florida bass.

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: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Art. IV, Sec. 9, Florida Constitution
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: Ryan Hamm, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 7386 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32653, (352)436-9129

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68A-23.009 Sale and Transportation of Freshwater Fish.

(1) No person shall sell, purchase, attempt to purchase or sell, or transport any freshwater game fish unless otherwise authorized by specific rule of the Commission. Any person transporting game fish in excess of legal possession limits shall possess documentation that said fish have been acquired legally and are being legally transported.

~~(a) Holders of valid fishing licenses or persons exempt from such licenses may transport their legal possession limit.~~

~~(b) No common carrier shall knowingly transport or receive for transportation any freshwater game fish unless such shipment is accompanied by a bill of lading showing the name of the shipper, aquaculture certificate of registration number issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services if an aquaculture product, total weight of or quantity of each species of fish shipped, and the date of the shipment.~~

~~(c) The importation into or transportation within the state of any live Micropterus species is prohibited, except Micropterus salmoides floridanus that meet Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Genetic Authentication Standards listed in subsection (2) of this rule. Recreational anglers may transport their legally caught bag limit for personal use, which does not include the release of their catch into another waterbody. Micropterus salmoides floridanus may be imported into or transported within this state under a FWC import and transport permit, or a permit issued pursuant to Rule 68-5.005 or 68A-9.002, F.A.C. An import and transport permit application may be found at Myfwc.com/fl_lmb_genetic_authentication.~~

~~(d) Persons authorized to possess, import and transport *Micropterus salmoides floridanus* shall collect and provide samples of stock in the presence of Commission personnel upon request.~~

~~(e) *Micropterus* species being transported in Florida must be accompanied with documentation providing the date of the shipment, total weight or quantity of each species of *Micropterus* shipped, *Micropterus salmoides floridanus* Genetic Authentication documentation if transporting live *Micropterus*, appropriate bill of lading showing the name of the shipper, Aquaculture Certificate of Registration number issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or an FWC import and transport permit, except as permitted pursuant to Rule 68 5.005 or 68A 9.002, F.A.C. These documents must be available for immediate inspection upon request by Commission personnel.~~

~~(2) No person shall sell, purchase, attempt to purchase or sell, or transport any aquacultured freshwater fish without having an aquaculture certificate of registration number issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. No person shall sell, purchase, attempt to purchase or sell, or transport any freshwater fish without having a commercial license issued under provisions of Section 379.363, F.S. Anyone possessing live freshwater fish in excess of legal possession limits must have in their possession a bill of sale or other documentation showing the name, license information, and address of the supplier. Persons possessing a valid aquaculture certificate of registration from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as required in Section 597.004, F.S.:~~

~~(a) No person may import, transport, possess within the state, or stock into any waterbodies within the state any *Micropterus* species except Florida bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) that meet the genetic authentication requirements listed in this rule or through authorization by a permit issued pursuant to Rule 68A-9.003, F.A.C. The standards for the genetic authentication of Florida bass must be confirmed in a manner consistent with the Commission's Genetic Authentication Standards listed at [Myfwc.com/fl-lmb-genetic-authentication](http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14143), which is adopted and incorporated herein by reference at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14143> effective March 2022. Documentation of genetic authentication must be maintained and available for immediate inspection upon request by Commission personnel. May sell and transport live game fish produced in private ponds or private hatcheries as brood stock, to stock private ponds, or for aquarium display.~~

~~(b) Holders of valid fishing licenses or persons exempt from such licenses may transport their legal possession limit. Live *Micropterus* species may only be released back into the waterbody from which they were caught. May sell game fish~~

~~commonly called panfish as defined in Rule 68A-1.004, F.A.C., as bait provided the fish are four inches or less in total length.~~

~~(c) No common carrier shall knowingly transport or receive for transportation any freshwater game fish unless such shipment is accompanied by a bill of lading showing the name of the shipper, aquaculture certificate of registration number issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services if an aquaculture product, the total weight of or quantity of each species of fish shipped, and the date of the shipment. May import, transport, culture and sell as food fish, game fish as defined in Rules 68A-1.004(33)(b)-(g), and *Micropterus salmoides floridanus*.~~

~~(d) *Micropterus* species being transported in Florida must be accompanied with documentation providing the date of the shipment, total weight or quantity of each species of *Micropterus* shipped, *Micropterus salmoides* Genetic Authentication documentation if transporting live *Micropterus*, appropriate bill of lading showing the name of the shipper, Aquaculture Certificate of Registration number issued by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or a Commission issued import and transport permit, except as permitted pursuant to Rule 68A-9.003, F.A.C. These documents must be available for immediate inspection upon request by Commission personnel. An Import and Transport Permit Application, Form 03, may be found at myfwc.com/media/28743/permit-application-for-import.pdf, which is adopted and incorporated herein by reference <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17980> effective March 2025. Must confirm genetics of *Micropterus salmoides floridanus* in a manner consistent with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Genetic Authentication Standards of *Micropterus salmoides floridanus* ([Myfwc.com/fl-lmb-genetic-authentication](http://myfwc.com/fl-lmb-genetic-authentication)), which is adopted and incorporated herein by reference at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14143> effective March 2022. Documentation of genetic authentication must be maintained and available for immediate inspection upon request by Commission personnel.~~

~~(e) No person may sell game fish commonly called panfish as defined in Rule 68A-1.004, F.A.C., unless produced at an aquaculture facility and four inches or less in total length.~~

~~(3) Persons possessing a valid aquaculture certificate of registration from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as required in Section 597.004, F.S.:~~

~~(a) May sell and transport live game fish produced at a licensed aquaculture facility.~~

~~(b) May import, transport, culture, and sell as a food fish or stocking product, genetically authenticated Florida bass (*Micropterus salmoides*).~~

~~(c) May produce and sell outside the state largemouth bass (*Micropterus nigricans*) and non-authenticated Florida bass~~

(Micropterus salmoides). These fish may also be utilized at fee fishing events at licensed aquaculture facilities provided no live Micropterus species leave the facility.

(3) through (6) renumbered (4) through (7) no change.

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 4-14-24, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Ryan Hamm, Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 7386 NW 71st Street, Gainesville, Florida 32653, (352)436-9129

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

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 26, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 19, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Unclaimed Property

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69G-20.0021 Procedures for Filing Claim

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed amendment will clarify the Division’s procedure for making payment to a person entitled to unclaimed cash property.

SUMMARY: The rule provides that a person entitled to unclaimed cash property must select the preferred payment method in writing within five business days of claim approval or notice of entitlement. If no timely selection is made, the Department will issue a warrant to the person.

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 potential impact of the proposed rule amendments determined that there will be no adverse economic impact or increased regulatory costs that would 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: 717.124, 717.135, 717.138 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 92.525, 668.50, 717.1201, 717.124, 717.12403, 717.12404, 717.12405, 717.1242, 717.1243, 717.125, 717.126, 717.1261, 717.1262, 717.135, 717.138 FS.

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: Phillip Carlton, Assistant Director, 200 E. Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)413-5570 or Phillip.Carlton@myfloridacfo.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

69G-20.0021 Procedures for Filing Claim.

(1) through (7) No change.

(8) Payment and Delivery of Unclaimed Property ~~for approved claims.~~

(a) Cash.

1. ~~The For claims filed by the~~ person entitled to the unclaimed property, ~~the claimant~~ can elect to receive payment by warrant, electronic fund transfer, or stored value product or account. The person claimant must select the preferred payment method in writing within five (5) business days of claim approval or notice of entitlement from the Department. If the person claimant does not select a payment method in writing within the specified time period, the Department will issue a warrant to the person claimant.

(b) through (c) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 717.124, 717.135, 717.138 FS. Law Implemented 92.525, 668.50, 717.1201, 717.124, 717.12403, 717.12404, 717.12405, 717.1242, 717.1243, 717.125, 717.126, 717.1261, 717.1262, 717.135, 717.138 FS. History—New 3-20-91, Amended 3-13-96, 3-18-96, 1-18-99, 1-5-00, 4-16-02, Formerly 3D-20.0021, Amended 1-3-05, 6-17-15, 4-20-16, Formerly 69I-20.0021, Amended 9-29-22, 1-9-24, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Phillip Carlton, Assistant Director

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Jimmy Patronis, Chief Financial Officer

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 26, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 9, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Workers' Compensation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 69L-30.008 Billing and Reimbursement for Expert
 Medical Advisor Services

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Chapter 2024-241, Laws of Florida, amended section 440.13, F.S., to increase the witness fee of a health care provider giving a deposition in accordance with s. 440.13, F.S.

SUMMARY: The health care provider witness fee is updated to conform with Section 440.13, F.S.

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 potential impact of the proposed rule amendments determined that there will be no adverse economic impact or increased regulatory costs that would 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: 440.13(9), 440.591 FS
 LAW IMPLEMENTED: 440.13 FS

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: Brittany O’Neil, Assistant Director, Division of Workers’ Compensation, 200 E. Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)413-1927, Brittany.ONeil@myfloridacfo.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

69L-30.008 Billing and Reimbursement for Expert Medical Advisor Services.

- (1) through (4) No change.
- (5) Reimbursement, pursuant to an EMA Contract, in accordance with subsections 69L-30.005(2) and (3), F.A.C., shall be as follows:
 - (a) through (c) No change.

(d) Fees for EMA deposition testimony are set forth in limited to \$200 per hour, pursuant to subsection 440.13(10), F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 440.13(9), 440.591 FS. Law Implemented 440.13(9) FS. History—New 1-23-95, Formerly 38F-54.008, Amended 10-11-06, Formerly 59A-30.008, Amended 3-1-16,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Brittany O’Neil

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Jimmy Patronis, Chief Financial Officer
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 26, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 28, 2024

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

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Child and Farm Labor Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 61L-2.007 Partial Waivers
 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. 31, February 14, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

61L-2.007 Partial Waivers.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Application Requirements. Application for a Partial Waiver shall be made by submitting to the Department a completed Application for Waiver of Florida Child Labor Law, Form DBPR FCL 1002(1) (Rev. 04/21), incorporated herein by reference and available at <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/child-labor/forms-and-publications/> and (new DOS link) <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/child-labor/forms-and-publications/> and <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17895>. Applications must be filled out completely and must specify the provision or provisions of the Child Labor Law or these rules from which the Partial Waiver is sought. The applicant shall provide supportive factual information and documentation to justify the Partial Waiver sought.
- (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 450.095, 450.121 FS. Law Implemented 450.081, 450.095, 450.121 FS. History—New 10-7-93, amended _____, Formerly 38H-14.007.

Section IV Emergency Rules

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Animal Industry

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
5CER25-1 Temporary Restrictions on the Importation and Exhibition of Dairy Cattle

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE: On March 25, 2024, federal and state veterinary and public health agencies announced the detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in dairy cattle herds in Texas and Kansas. Subsequently, dairy herds in Idaho, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Colorado, Iowa, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Minnesota, California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona have been confirmed to have the virus. These herds all exhibited a similar clinical syndrome, Bovine Associated Influenza A Syndrome (H5N1), an emerging and highly contagious disease affecting the health and milk production of dairy cattle. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has also declared Bovine Associated Influenza A Syndrome to be “an additional disease risk to domestic poultry farms—since this [H5N1 virus] genotype can infect both cattle and poultry.” Confirmed cases of H5N1 have also been found in humans since the initial detection of the virus in dairy cattle herds, and stringent biosecurity practices are necessary to limit its spread and impacts.

The situation surrounding Bovine Associated Influenza A Syndrome is rapidly evolving, and this emergency rule incorporates updated requirements based upon the most current information available. This rule also establishes requirements related to the exhibition of dairy cattle, as these events pose additional challenges related to the prevention of the virus’s spread.

REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: This rule is fair and justified because it takes only the actions necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare by preventing the introduction and spread of this dangerous and transmissible disease and its vectors.

On April 29, 2024, the Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Livestock (Federal Order) issued by the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) went into effect. Since the issuance of the Federal Order, APHIS has updated testing

requirements for specified dairy cattle moving interstate. Specific rules regarding exhibitions are necessary because these events are commonly held at this time of year in Florida. Additionally, on December 6, 2024, the Federal Order Requiring Additional Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Livestock and Milk went into effect, which provides further requirements for helping to prevent the spread and transmission of H5N1.

Emergency rulemaking to implement protocols based upon the most up-to-date research is the only viable means of ensuring the protection of Florida animals susceptible to this potentially devastating disease.

SUMMARY: This rule adopts federal requirements and places restrictions upon the importation of cattle to ensure they have not been exposed to a known or suspected case of Bovine Associated Influenza A Syndrome and show no clinical signs of the disease. It also establishes guidelines related to the exhibition of dairy cattle. The requirements in this rule are in addition to the import requirements set forth in Rule Chapter 5C-3, Florida Administrative Code.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Dr. Michael A. Short, State Veterinarian, Director, Division of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 407 S. Calhoun St., Rm. 330, Mayo Bldg., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800; (850)410-0900.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

5CER25-1 Temporary Restrictions on the Importation and Exhibition of Dairy Cattle.

(1) Except where more stringent requirements are adopted herein, dairy cattle being imported into Florida must meet the testing and movement requirements referenced in Rule Chapter 5C-3, Florida Administrative Code, as well as the *Federal Order Requiring Testing for and Reporting of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Livestock (4/24/24)* (“Federal Order”) and *APHIS Requirements and Recommendations for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 Virus in Livestock For State Animal Health Officials, Accredited Veterinarians and Producers (5/14/24)* (“APHIS Requirements”), both of which are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. The Case Definition for Avian Influenza (AI) (August 2024) cited within the APHIS Requirements is also hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. These documents are available for review at <https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry>.

(2) “Exposed cattle” or cattle originating from an H5N1 Influenza virus “affected herd,” as those terms are defined in the APHIS Requirements, may not be imported into Florida.

(3) In addition to the requirements set forth in the Federal Order and APHIS Requirements, the following documentation is required when importing dairy cattle into Florida:

(a) Dairy cattle originating from a state that does not have any suspected or confirmed cases of Bovine Associated Influenza A (H5N1), must meet the Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) requirements set forth in Rule 5C-3.002, F.A.C. The OCVI must include the following information:

1. The lactation status of the animal (lactating or non-lactating).

2. For lactating dairy cattle required to test negative for Bovine Associated Influenza A (H5N1) pursuant to subsection (1), the negative test results, laboratory name, accession number, and test date. Notwithstanding Rule 5C-3.002(1)(c), F.A.C., the OCVI and test date must be no more than 7 days prior to importation into Florida.

(b) Dairy cattle originating from a state with an “affected herd,” as that term is defined in the APHIS Requirements, must be accompanied by a lawful OCVI which includes:

1. The lactation status of the animal (lactating or non-lactating).

2. For lactating dairy cattle required to test negative for Bovine Associated Influenza A (H5N1) pursuant to subsection (1), the negative test results, laboratory name, accession number, and test date. Notwithstanding Rule 5C-3.002(1)(c), F.A.C., the OCVI issue date and test date must be no more than 7 days prior to importation into Florida.

3. Notwithstanding Rule 5C-3.002(1)(c), F.A.C., the OCVI issue date for non-lactating dairy cattle must be no more than 10 days prior to importation into Florida.

(4) Exception for Movement to Slaughter. Notwithstanding the requirements set forth within this rule, lactating dairy cattle being imported into Florida and moving directly to slaughter are not required to be tested for the H5N1 Influenza virus if they are accompanied by a lawful OCVI or an Owner-Shipper Statement that complies with the requirements set forth in rule chapter 5C-3, F.A.C., and was issued within 10 days of entry into Florida.

(5) Exception for Interstate Movement Testing. Notwithstanding the requirements set forth within this rule, dairy cattle are exempt from the individual animal import testing requirements referenced in this rule if they originate from a Monitored Unaffected Herd, as defined in *USDA HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program, APHIS-24-029*, October 2024. *USDA HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program, APHIS-24-029*, October 2024, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference and is available for review at <https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry>.

(6) Exhibition. In addition to meeting the requirements described in Rule Chapter 5C-4, F.A.C., the following are required for Exhibition dairy cattle:

(a) Testing: All imported and Florida origin lactating dairy cattle and pregnant dairy cattle with an expected calving date within 30 days of exhibition, are required to test negative for Bovine Associated Influenza A (H5N1) within 7 days before entry to an exhibition and must leave the exhibition within 10 days of arrival.

(b) OCVI:

1. Imported dairy cattle presented for exhibition must meet the OCVI requirements as specified in this rule.

2. Florida origin dairy cattle may utilize an OCVI for 90 days. The OCVI must include:

a. The Official Identification Number of each animal, as defined in 9 C.F.R. § 86.1 (2018), which is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.,

b. The herd of origin,

c. If required by this rule, the H5N1 test accession number, result and sample collection date of the initial test submission, and,

d. The exhibitor name(s).

(c) For Florida origin dairy cattle required to test negative for H5N1 as specified in subsection (6), the OCVI must be accompanied by laboratory test results dated within 7 days before an animal’s arrival at the exhibition and must be provided at each exhibition event. The accompanying laboratory test record must include:

1. The Official Identification Number of each animal, as defined in 9 C.F.R. § 86.1 (2018), which is incorporated by reference in Rule 5C-3.001, F.A.C.,

2. The date of test sample collection,

3. The herd of origin, and

4. The OCVI number.

(d) Exception for Intrastate Movement Testing. Florida origin dairy cattle are exempt from the individual animal testing requirements referenced in this rule if they originate from a Monitored Unaffected Herd, as defined in *USDA HPAI Dairy Herd Status Program, APHIS-24-029*, October 2024, which is adopted in subsection (5) of this rule.

(e) All dairy cattle must be milked with equipment specific to the herd of origin. No animals originating from different premises are to be milked with communal or shared milking equipment. When disposing of milk, it must be discarded in accordance with applicable laws and rules and in a manner that minimizes the possibility of human or animal contact with raw milk.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(21), (23), 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(1), 585.145 FS. History—New 3-27-25.

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: March 27, 2025

Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule
Variance or Waiver

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40E-4.091 Publications, Rules and Interagency Agreements Incorporated by Reference

The South Florida Water Management District hereby gives notice: On March 21, 2025, the South Florida Water Management District granted Sanibel Station, LLC’s Petition for Variance (Application No. 240618-44388, regarding Application No. 240617-44369/Permit No. 36-04192-P), which was filed on June 18, 2024, for a commercial project located in Lee County, Florida. The Petition sought a variance from Section 3.4 of the “Environmental Resource Permit Applicant’s Handbook Volume II: For Use Within the Geographic Boundaries of the South Florida Water Management District” (“Vol. II”), effective May 22, 2016, incorporated by reference in Rules 40E-4.091 and 62-330.010, F.A.C., which requires building floor elevations to be at or above the 100-year flood elevation. Petitioner demonstrated that strict imposition of the criteria set forth in Section 3.4 of Vol. II would result in a substantial hardship because the existing development and surrounding roadways were constructed prior to current FEMA base flood elevation designations, therefore, making it infeasible to construct the proposed project at the required finished floor elevation (“FFE”) given the parcel’s dimensions and the need to safely connect to the existing surrounding roadways. Petitioner also provided reasonable assurances that the underlying purpose of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, would be achieved by ensuring no residential buildings will be constructed below the FFE and implementing various flood-proofing measures throughout the proposed project that Lee County will oversee and enforce. Notice of receipt of the Petition for Variance was published in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 50, No. 129 on July 2, 2024.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Regulation Division during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL

33406; by telephone at (561)682-6911; by e-mail at regpermitting@sfwmd.gov; or, by accessing the District’s website (www.sfwmd.gov) using the Application/Permit Search on the RegPermitting page.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40E-2.091 Publications Incorporated by Reference

The South Florida Water Management District hereby gives notice: On March 21, 2025, the South Florida Water Management District granted Okeechobee Utility Authority’s Petition for Variance (Application No. 240119-4/Permit No. 47-00004-W, filed on February 5, 2025). The Petition sought a variance from Rule 40E-2.091, F.A.C., and subsection 3.2.1.F(4) of the “Applicant’s Handbook for Water Use Permit Applications within the South Florida Water Management District” (“AH”), which is incorporated by reference. Subsection 3.2.1.F(4) - Incompatible Use Types states that requested allocations for new public water supply uses that exceed 3 MGM or increases in existing uses above the project’s base condition water use calculated pursuant to Subsection 3.2.1.F.2.a., shall not be permitted from the Lake Okeechobee Waterbody. Petitioner seeks a permanent variance to increase its allocation utilizing the permitted, constructed capacity of its existing surface water treatment plant. Petitioner demonstrated that strict imposition of the criteria set forth in subsection 3.2.1.F(4) of the AH will result in a technological and economic hardship to Petitioner. Petitioner also provided reasonable assurances that the underlying purpose of Part II of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and subsection 3.2.1.F(4) of the District’s AH will be achieved by utilizing a retired allocation that was established during the base condition period described in the Lake Okeechobee Service Area Rule as set forth in section 3.2.1.F.2.a. of the District’s AH. Petitioner’s request for a variance will not cause a net increase in the volume of surface water withdrawn from Lake Okeechobee over the entire base condition water use; and is, therefore, a reasonable-beneficial use of water. Notice of receipt of the Petition for Variance was published in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 51, No. 27 on February 10, 2025.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting:

Regulation Division during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; by telephone at (561)682-6911; by e-mail at regpermitting@sfwmd.gov; or, by accessing the District’s website (www.sfwmd.gov) using the Application/Permit Search on the RegPermitting page.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62-342.700 Financial Responsibility

The South Florida Water Management District hereby gives notice: On March 26, 2025, Petitioner, Bluefield Ranch Mitigation Bank, LLC, withdrew its Petition for Variance (Application No. 240329-43103/Permit No. 56-00002-M), which was submitted on March 29, 2024, for Bluefield Ranch Mitigation Bank, located in St. Lucie and Martin Counties, Florida. The Petition sought a variance from the requirement to substantially comply with and utilize the trust fund form that is adopted and required by subsection 62-342.700(11), F.A.C. The Petition sought to modify the trust fund form by replacing it with a form that includes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a beneficiary. Notice of receipt of the Petition for Variance was published in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 50, No. 70 on April 9, 2024.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Regulation Division during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; by telephone at (561)682-6911; by e-mail at regpermitting@sfwmd.gov; or, by accessing the District’s website (www.sfwmd.gov) using the Application/Permit Search on the RegPermitting page.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 26, 2025, the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, received a petition for variance and waiver submitted by Helga Urlich-Vivar, Petitioner. Petitioner is seeking a variance and waiver from Rule 64B4-3.0085, F.A.C., which states that prior to changing or adding another qualified supervisor, the registered intern must: request that the new supervisor submit a letter to the Board with the registered intern’s name, the intern’s license number, the supervisor’s name, the supervisor’s license number, and a statement that he or she has agreed to provide supervision to the registered intern; and, receive a communication from the Board indicating its approval of the new supervisor. Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver to account for the supervision hours achieved during her registered internship in order to apply for a provisional license and to ultimately obtain her LMHC.

Comments on the petition should be filed with the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Optometry

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B13-5.001 Hours Requirement

The Board of Optometry hereby gives notice: of the issuance of an Order regarding the Petition for Waiver or Variance, which was filed on January 7, 2025, by Stephanie Quesada Moore, OD. The Notice of Petition for Variance or Waiver was published in Volume 51, No. 14, of the Florida Administrative Register, on January 22, 2025. Petitioner sought a variance or waiver of subsection 64B13-5.001(5), F.A.C., entitled, “Hours Requirements” that states, as part of the thirty (30) clock hours, licensed practitioners shall be permitted to obtain two (2) hours in the area of practice management. No more than two (2) hours of continuing education in the area of practice management may be applied to the thirty (30) clock hour requirement in subsection (1). Petitioner is also seeking a variance or waiver of subsection 64B13-5.002(3), F.A.C., regarding additional criteria for approval of online/distance learning courses.

The Board considered the instant Petition at a duly-noticed videoconference public meeting held March 14, 2025. The Board’s Order, filed on March 27, 2025, granted the petition finding that Petitioner established that the purpose of the underlying statute would be met by granting a variance or waiver from subsection 64B13-5.001(5), F.A.C. The Board further finds that Petitioner established that applying the requirements of the aforementioned rule to petitioner’s circumstances would violate principles of fairness and impose substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting:

Dayle Mooney, Executive Director, Board of Optometry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C07, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3257, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – MQA.Optomtry@flhealth.gov.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 28, 2025, 3:30 p.m. until conclusion

PLACE: +1(571)317-3112; Access Code: 437-513-741; and <https://meet.goto.com/437513741>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Council Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lynn Guyton at Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com or by accessing the board's website at: <https://www.myfloridalegal.com/human-trafficking/council/meetings>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Office of Attorney General James Uthmeier at (850)414-3300. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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: Lynn Guyton at Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com or by telephone at (813)287-7960.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Licensing

The Private Investigation, Recovery and Security Advisory Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, Palani Room, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821 Phone: (407)351-5555

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The quarterly meeting of the Council pursuant to the requirement of subsection 493.6104(4), Florida Statutes. The Council will conduct a general business meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Stefannie.Corbett@fdacs.gov

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Stefannie.Corbett@fdacs.gov. 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: Stefannie.Corbett@fdacs.gov

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Jack Stroup Civic Center; 355 W. Center Avenue Sebring, FL 33870

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular meeting of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) and/or its subcommittees.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, income, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the CFRPC Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Indihra Chambers, (863)534-7130, or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by email: ichambers@cfrpc.org at least three (3) days before the workshop.

La participación pública es solicitada sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad, discapacidad, religión o situación familiar. Las personas que requieren asistencia bajo la Ley sobre Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) o la traducción de idiomas, de forma gratuita deben ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de Título VI / No Discriminación/ADA, Indihra Chambers, CFRPC a (863)534-7130, oa través de el Transmisión de la Florida 711, o por correo electrónico ichambers@cfrpc.org al menos tres (3) días antes del evento o reunion.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: April Dasilva, Program Coordinator, adasilva@cfrpc.org, 1(863)534-7130, ext. 129.

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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: April Dasilva, Program Coordinator, adasilva@cfrpc.org, 1(863)534-7130, ext. 129

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

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

DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 7, 2025, 12:00 noon, Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative Meeting

PLACE: Town of Jupiter Utilities Field Office, 3133 Washington Street, Jupiter, FL 33458

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a public meeting to discuss and consider Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (LRPI) business, including current and future projects and activities.

Since its inception in 2000, the LRPI has guided regional watershed restoration projects within northeastern Palm Beach County and southern Martin County. The LRPI is a multi-agency partnership between the South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Florida Park Service), Friends of the Loxahatchee River, Jupiter Inlet District, Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, Martin County, Palm Beach County, South Indian River Water Control District, Town of Jupiter, and Village of Tequesta.

Members of the public are invited to attend and provide public comment.

One or more members of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District may attend this meeting. No Governing Board action will be taken.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jenny Cadet at (561)682-6641 or jcadet@sfwmd.gov. The agenda will be posted to the LRPI website at www.LRPI.us seven days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Molly Brown, District Clerk, at mobrown@sfwmd.gov. 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: Jenny Cadet at (561)682-6641 or jcadet@sfwmd.gov

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Wyndham Orlando Resort & Conference Center Celebration Area, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, United States, 34747

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
State Council Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dept. of Elder Affairs / LTCOP, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399, or call: (850)414-2323, or email: LTCOPinformer@elderaffairs.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 72 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)414-2323, or email: LTCOPinformer@elderaffairs.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).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Children's Medical Services

The State Child Abuse Death Review Committee ****Update**** announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: ONLINE: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 210 224 765 355

Passcode: NG2277zS

OR IN-PERSON: Embassy Suite Tampa/Brandon 10220 Palm River Rd, Tampa, FL 33619

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To provide data analysis updates, case review status updates, review State Committee recommendations, prevention initiatives and action planning, discuss CADR Annual Summit, share CADR related resources and opportunities.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: symone.ferguson@flhealth.gov

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Environmental Health

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

- 64E-9.001 General
- 64E-9.004 Operational Requirements
- 64E-9.008 Supervision and Safety
- 64E-9.013 Bathing Places
- 64E-9.015 Fee Schedule

64E-9.016 Variances

64E-9.017 Enforcement

The Department of Health announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., ET or until the conclusion of the workshop, whichever occurs first.

PLACE: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Public Health, 4025 Esplanade Way, Rm 301, Tallahassee, Florida, 32311.

OR via Microsoft Teams using computer or mobile application (audiovisual):

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjY5NDA2ZmYtNGE1Zi00YzhkLTkwMTYtNDIwYjgwZjc1MDU1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2228cd8f80-3c44-4b27-81a0-cd2b03a31b8d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229bf061b4-3dcb-45bc-addd-c41d4fae7e09%22%7d

OR via web browser (audiovisual):

<https://meetme.flhealth.gov/webapp/?conference=681122083395@meetme.flhealth.gov>

Or via telephone (audio only): +1(850)792-1375, conference ID 662 979 885#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Public Swimming Pools and Bathing Places: Proposed updates to referenced national standards and other referenced materials, modifications to pool operational requirements, including updates to test kit accuracy, harmonize pool safety and operation requirements with the current Florida Building Code, clarify and amend supervision and safety section, updates to bathing place bacteriological monitoring requirements, proposed provisions related to artificial lagoons and surf pools, harmonize fee schedule with statute, clarify variances and enforcement sections, and update existing department forms.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Bob Vincent or Gladys Liehr by email at hse.zzzzfeedback@flhealth.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management

The Department of Health announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 3:00 p.m., EST.

PLACE: Conference call: Microsoft Teams meeting

Dial in by phone: (850)792-1375

Phone conference ID: 656359678#

Passcode: ut2qC9jb

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Rare Disease Advisory Council, an advisory council as defined in s. 20.03(7), is created adjunct to the Department of Health for the purpose of providing recommendations on ways to improve health outcomes for individuals residing in this state who have a rare disease. This meeting will be focusing on reviewing, modifying and refining those recommendations.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jon Conley at (850)617-1439, or online at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/rdac/rdac-meetings.html>

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: Jon Conley at (850)617-1439. 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: Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management at (850)245-4009

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/98615102846>

Meeting ID: 986 1510 2846

One tap mobile:

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+16469313860,,98615102846# US

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will be conducting a virtual meeting with the Trapping Rule Technical Assistance Group (TAG).The purpose of this meeting is for the FWC and TAG members to directly interact with each other about potential changes to trapping regulations;

therefore, comments and questions from the public who are in attendance will only be allowed in the event there is additional time on the agenda

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Hal Beardall or Rafael Montalvo, FCRC Consensus Center, Florida State University (850)294-1050.

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: Hal Beardall or Rafael Montalvo, FCRC Consensus Center, Florida State University (850)294-1050. 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: Hal Beardall or Rafael Montalvo, FCRC Consensus Center, Florida State University (850)294-1050.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

68B-13.0015 Definitions

68B-13.008 Gear, Trap Construction, Commercial Trap Marking Requirements, Trap Working Regulations, Trap Transfer

68B-13.010 Stone Crab Trap Limitation Program

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: CANCELLED Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (ET)

PLACE: CANCELLED Statewide webinar.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: CANCELLED The previously noticed (FAR Volume 51, Issue 51) Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) public workshop to gather input on potential updates to the Permission to Pull process for the commercial stone crab, spiny lobster, and blue crab trap fisheries as well as the possible creation of a new rule that would require participants in the commercial stone crab and lobster fisheries to notify FWC when they lease a vessel for use in these fisheries has been CANCELLED.

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

For more information, you may contact: Jessica McCawley, at 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

68B-24.002 Definitions

68B-24.0055 Commercial Requirements

68B-24.006 Gear: Traps, Buoys, Identification Requirements, Prohibited Devices

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: CANCELLED Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (ET)

PLACE: CANCELLED Statewide webinar.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68B-45.004 Regulation and Prohibition of Certain Harvesting Gear

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: CANCELLED Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (ET)

PLACE: CANCELLED Statewide webinar.

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 For more information, you may contact: For more information, you may contact: Jessica McCawley, at 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554.

HARDEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 1000G26-13.00 Recreation Guidelines
 The Hardee County Economic Development Authority announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: April 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Hardee County BOCC Commission Chambers
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
 Review of budget and grant agreement submitted by governmental entities.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: N/A
 Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Brandy Crawford (863)773-9430. 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: Brandy Crawford (863)773-9430.

Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 33-601.101 Incentive Gain Time
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Florida Department of Corrections has received the petition for declaratory statement from Michael Henderson, DC# R09240The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of 33-601.101 as it applies to the petitioner.
 The petition seeks to resolve a controversy or answer questions or doubts regarding the interpretation and application of the above-referenced rules as it relates to the educational gain time with regards to the Petitioners tentative release date.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: FDC Rule Correspondence, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, FDCRuleCorrespondence@fdc.myflorida.com,

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Construction Industry Licensing Board
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Construction Industry Licensing Board has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by David J. Winker, Esq., on behalf of John Kearns, Charles S. Kearns, and Kearns Construction Company, Petitioners, on November 21, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

Petitioner sought the determination from the Board to clarify whether a contractor license of any kind is required for the construction of an artificial reef as outlined in RFP-568. The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Vol. 51, No. 39, on February 26, 2025, in the Florida Administrative Register. The Boards Order was filed on March 21, 2025. The Board, at its meeting held on February 14, 2025, denied the Petition for Declaratory Statement finding that Petitioner does have standing to bring the present Petition for Declaratory Statement; however, the Board finds that the construction of artificial reefs is outside of the jurisdiction of the Board as it is regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, therefore the Board has no authority to answer the present petition.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director, Construction Industry Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1039 or telephone: (850)487-1395, or by electronic mail to Amanda.Ackermann@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Nursing has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Daniel Hutto, APRN, on November 22, 2024. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Volume 50, No. 230, of the November 25, 2024, Florida Administrative Register. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 464.0123, F.S., as it applies to the Petitioner. The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board seeking clarification as to whether it is within the scope of practice for an autonomous advanced practice registered nurse in Florida with training to use the MeDioStar laser in treatment of patients. At the duly-noticed

public meeting held on February 6, 2025, in St. Augustine, Florida, the Board discussed the Petition for Declaratory Statement. The Board voted to answer “no” to the Petitioner’s question and that he must have a supervisory protocol to perform the therapies as listed in the petition. The Board’s Final Order was filed on February 28, 2025.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Gray, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov, or by telephone at (850)245-4125.

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 Notice of Disposition Regarding Policy Challenges
 CROTTY SERVICES, INC.

Petitioner

vs.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 Respondent

CASE NO.: 24-2149RU

Dismissed

Section X

Announcements and Objection Reports of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

NONE

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

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 Babcock Webb Office Paving Project 7202.033

BID NO: FWC 24/25-84C

TITLE: Babcock Webb Office Paving Project 7202.033

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is seeking competitive pricing for Construction of a paved parking area for office buildings in accordance with the contract documents and Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes.

To review the bid details:

Visit <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/>

Select Search Advertisements.

Enter FWC 24/25-84C into the Agency Advertisement Number box.

Click the Search button.

Select the solicitation to view the advertisement details.

Download files made available in the advertisement details page.

NOTE: The MyFloridaMarketPlace Vendor Information Portal (link provided above) is the posting location for all new and changing information regarding this solicitation. Interested bidders should continue to monitor this site for the entirety of the solicitation process.

Direct all questions to the Procurement Manager: Randy Golightly, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, 1875 ORANGE AVENUE EAST, Tallahassee, FL 32311-6160, Randolph.Golightly@MyFWC.com, (850)617-9648.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
 INVITATION TO BID ADVERTISEMENT FSA25-VEH23.0: Heavy Trucks and Buses

The Florida Sheriffs Association invites interested vendors, including manufacturer representatives, to submit responses in accordance with these solicitation documents. The Florida Sheriffs Association will serve as the Contract Administrator in the solicitation process and the administration of the resulting contract. The purpose of this bid is to establish a twelve (12) month contract, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, with manufacturers and manufacturer’s authorized representatives for the purchase of class 3-5 cab & chassis trucks and buses.

The Florida Sheriffs Association invites interested bidders to submit bids. Refer to the Bid Calendar for major bid tasks, activities, and dates. All prospective bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting on July 15, 2025, for FSA25-VEH23.0 Heavy Trucks and Buses.

This contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder by brand, manufacturer, and specification.

Bidder warrants by virtue of bidding it is submitting a firm bid and the prices quoted in their bid response will be good for an evaluation period of sixty (60) calendar days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise agreed to by the FSA.

All bidders must submit a complete bid package online via the VendorLink bid system by September 2, 2025, containing the following signed documents and supporting materials.

Qualification Packet (forms and materials required for bid qualification) include:

- Bidder Qualifications Form
- FSA Drug-Free Workplace Form
- Insurance Checklist & Valid Certificate of Insurance
- Federal Funding Willingness to Comply Form
- Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension
- Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Completion of a digital attestation confirming compliance with E-Verify requirements pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes
- Completion of a digital attestation confirming compliance with SunBiz registration requirements
- W-9 Form

Bid Package:

- Price for each item bid
- Build sheets for each item bid on merged into a pdf document
- Option pricing for each item merged into a single pdf document (if bidder is offering options)

Failure to submit the above items will result in disqualification for the contract. Bidders are hereby advised that the Florida Sheriffs Association reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or separate portions thereof, and to waive any irregularity, technicality or omission if the FSA determines that doing so will serve in the FSA’s best interest. The FSA may also reject any bid not submitted in the manner specified by the solicitation documents.

FSA25-VEH23.0 Bid Calendar	Date
Bid Announcement	3/28/25
Voluntary Interested Bidder Workshop FSA25-VEH23.0	6/4/25
New Items & Specifications Submissions Due	6/12/25
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting FSA25- VEH23.0 and VendorLink Training	7/15/25
Requests for Clarifications Due to FSA	7/24/25
FSA Response to Requests for Clarifications	7/30/25
Bid System Opens	8/1/25
Cone of Silence	8/1/25-9/23/25
Bid Submissions Due	9/2/25

Bid Tabulations Posted	9/3/25
Public Bid Opening	9/3/25
Bid Evaluations	9/15/25- 9/19/25
Intent To Award	9/23/25
Final Award	10/1/25

**FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
INVITATION TO BID ADVERTISEMENT FSA25-VEL33.0:
Pursuit, Administrative, and Other Vehicles**

The Florida Sheriffs Association invites interested vendors, including manufacturer representatives, to submit responses in accordance with these solicitation documents. The Florida Sheriffs Association will serve as the Contract Administrator in the solicitation process and the administration of the resulting contract. The purpose of this bid is to establish a twelve (12) month contract, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, with manufacturers and manufacturer’s authorized representatives for the purchase of Pursuit, Administrative, and Other Vehicles.

The Florida Sheriffs Association invites interested bidders to submit bids. Refer to the Bid Calendar for major bid tasks, activities, and dates. All prospective bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting on July 14, 2025, for FSA25-VEL33.0 Pursuit, Administrative, and Other Vehicles.

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Bid Evaluations	9/15/25 9/19/25
Intent To Award	9/23/2025
Final Award	10/1/2025

Plankenhorn at rplankenhorn@foresightcgi.com to receive a link to all the bid documents. It is the responsibility of all the vendors and bidders to make sure they visit the website regularly for updates. All revisions will be posted on Building Connected and a notice sent out electronically by email. PREQUALIFICATION: All bidders must be currently prequalified with Foresight Construction Group. To confirm your status contact Ryan Plankenhorn at rplankenhorn@foresightcgi.com. Prequalification forms can be found on our website at <https://foresightcgi.com/trade-partners/>. All Prequalification’s must be submitted seven (7) days prior to the bid date. BID BONDING: All bids exceeding \$100,000 will be required to provide a 100% performance and payment bond. SITE VISIT: Monday, April 14th, 2025. Time TBD. The exact time will be sent out via notice on Building Connected. BIDS: All bids over \$150,000.00 must be delivered to the Foresight Construction Group Office located at 3917 NW 97th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32606 in a sealed envelope. All bids under \$150,000.00 can be submitted via Building Connected or via email to rplankenhorn@foresightcgi.com. Email submissions must also copy rdorau@foresightcgi.com. BID DUE DATE: All bids are due Monday, April 28th, 2025 by noon. Late bids may not be accepted. Foresight Construction Group and/or owner reserves the right to reject any/all bids and waive informalities in any bid.

Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025.

FORESIGHT CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.
 INVITATION TO BID TO:
 All Drywall, Acoustical Ceiling, Painting, Electrical, Data/Comm, Security Camera & Intrusion Detection Trade Contractors FROM: Foresight Construction Group, Inc. CGC #1520606 PROJECT: UF MP06133 Harn Museum Security & Access Control Foresight Construction Group, the Construction Manager, is accepting bids from qualified trade contractors for the above mentioned project. SBE/MBE participation is strongly encouraged. Experience working in active museum spaces is required. BID DOCUMENTS: The bid documents are available through Foresight Construction’s Building Connected Website. All interested bidders can send an email to Ryan

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5CER25-1	3/27/2025	3/27/2025
60FF1-5.003	3/24/2025	4/13/2025
61G15-22.0105	3/26/2025	4/15/2025
61H1-30.060	3/27/2025	4/16/2025
61H1-36.004	3/27/2025	4/16/2025
64B8-4.009	3/26/2025	4/15/2025
64B8-9.0091	3/25/2025	4/14/2025
64B8-13.005	3/24/2025	4/13/2025
64B8-30.003	3/24/2025	4/13/2025
64B8-31.003	3/25/2025	4/14/2025
64B15-6.003	3/24/2025	4/13/2025

64B15-7.003	3/25/2025	4/14/2025
64B15-14.0076	3/25/2025	4/14/2025
LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES		
Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

Section XIII
Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Division of Resource Management
NOTICE OF EXTENSION UNDER SECTION 120.74(5), FLORIDA STATUTES
In accordance with subsection 120.74(5), F.S., the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) extends the April 1 deadline to publish Notice of Proposed Rule for rules required by 2013-205, Laws of Florida, regarding natural gas storage facilities. The Department is continuing its technical research and review related to Florida specific issues for facilities covered by this law.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
Division of Accounting and Auditing
NOTICE OF EXTENSION UNDER SECTION 120.74(5), FLORIDA STATUTES
RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:
69I-22.003 Procedures
69I-22.004 Procedures for State of Florida Payees
The State of Florida Department of Financial Services (“Department”) hereby provides notice of extension of the deadline set forth in section 120.74(5), F.S., requiring publication of a Notice of Proposed Rule by April 1, 2025, for certain rules listed on the Department’s 2024-2025 Regulatory Plan. More specifically, the deadline for publication of a Notice of Proposed Rule is extended for the above-listed rule numbers. The Department has initiated rulemaking to list and detail requirements for disbursements by direct deposit through electronic funds transfer to state employees, retirees, and other persons or entities receiving payments from the State of Florida. The Department is developing a web portal with a private vendor to facilitate some of these direct deposit payments. The portal development is ongoing and, as a result, the Department requires additional time to prepare the relevant forms. The Notice of Rule Development for the rule numbers listed above was published in Vol. 50, No. 211 of the FAR on October 28, 2024. Pursuant to subsection 120.74(5), F.S., this extension expires on October 1, 2025.