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A bill to be entitled An act relating to business entities; amending s. 605.0213, F.S.; revising the filing fees for a limited liability company; making technical changes; amending s. 607.0122, F.S.; revising the filing fees for a corporation; making technical changes; amending s. 607.01401, F.S.; defining the term "department"; creating s. 607.1623, F.S.; requiring a fee to be imposed for the late filing of an annual report; specifying the fee; providing an exception; repealing s. 607.193, F.S., relating to a supplemental corporate fee; amending 617.0122, F.S.; revising the filing fees for a corporation not for profit; making technical changes; amending s. 620.1102, F.S.; defining the term "department"; amending s. 620.1109, F.S.; revising the filing fees for a limited partnership; making technical changes; amending s. 620.8101, F.S.; defining the term "department"; amending s. 620.81055, F.S.; revising the filing fees for a partnership; making technical changes; amending ss. 339.12, 605.0118, 607.0505, 610.104, and 631.0515, F.S.; conforming cross-references to changes made in the act; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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27 Section 1. Section 605.0213, Florida Statutes, is amended 28 to read: 605.0213 Fees of the department. 29 30 The fees of the department shall collect the following 31 fees on documents delivered to the department for filing under 32 this chapter are as follows: 33 For furnishing a certified copy, \$30. 34 (a) (2) For filing Original articles of organization and 35 initial registered agent designation or articles of revocation 36 of dissolution, \$125 \$100. (b) (3) For filing a Foreign limited liability company's 37 application for a certificate of authority to transact business 38 39 and initial registered agent designation, \$125 \$100. 40 (c) (4) For filing a Certificate of merger of limited 41 liability companies or other business entities, \$25 per 42 constituent party to the merger, unless a specific fee is required for a party under other applicable law. 43 (d) (5) For filing an Annual report, \$125 \$50. 44 (e) (6) For filing an Application for reinstatement after 45 an administrative or judicial dissolution or a revocation of 46 authority to transact business, \$100. 47 (f) (7) For filing a Certificate of designation of 48 49 designating a registered agent or changing a registered agent, 50 \$25. 51 (g) (8) For filing a Registered agent's statement of 52 resignation from a an active limited liability company, \$25 \$85.

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(9) For filing a registered agent's statement of
resignation from a dissolved limited liability company, \$25.
(h) (10) For filing a Certificate of conversion of a
limited liability company, \$25.
(i) Articles of revocation of dissolution, \$25.
(j) (11) For filing Any other limited liability company
document, \$25.
(12) For furnishing a certificate of status, \$5.
(2) The department shall collect the following fees on
documents furnished by the department:
(a) Certified copy, \$8.75.
(b) Certificate of status, \$5.
Section 2. Section 607.0122, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:
607.0122 Fees of the department for filing documents and
issuing certificates
(1) The department of State shall collect the following
fees on when the documents described in this section are
delivered to the department for filing:
(a) (1) Original articles of incorporation and initial
registered agent designation, $$70 \div $35$ .
(b) (2) Application for registered name, $\$25:\$87.50$ .
$\underline{\text{(c)}}$ Application for renewal of registered name, \$25:
$\underline{\text{(c)}}$ Application for renewal of registered name, \$25: \$87.50.
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     report, $25: $35.
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          (e) (5) Designation of and acceptance by registered agent,
     $25: $35.
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          (f) (6) Agent's statement of resignation, $25 from active
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          (g) (8) Amendment of articles of incorporation, $25: $35.
          (h) (9) Restatement of articles of incorporation with
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     amendment of articles, $25: $35.
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          (i) (10) Articles of merger or share exchange, $25 for each
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     party thereto: $35.
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          (j) (11) Articles of dissolution, $25: $35.
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          (k) (12) Articles of revocation of dissolution, $25: $35.
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          (1) (13) Application for reinstatement following
     administrative dissolution, + $600.
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          (m) (14) Application for certificate of authority to
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     initial registered agent designation, $70: $35.
          (n) (15) Application for amended certificate of authority,
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     $25: $35.
          (o) (16) Application for certificate of withdrawal by a
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     foreign corporation, $25: $35.
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          (p) \frac{(17)}{(17)} Annual report, $125: $61.25.
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          (q) (18) Articles of correction, $25: $35.
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          (19) Application for certificate of status: $8.75.
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105	<u>(r)<del>(20)</del></u> Certificate of domestication of a foreign
106	corporation <u>, \$25</u> : <del>\$50</del> .
107	(21) Certified copy of document: \$52.50.
108	(22) Serving as agent for substitute service of process:
109	<del>\$87.50.</del>
110	(23) Supplemental corporate fee: \$88.75.
111	(s) (24) Any other document required or permitted to be
112	filed by this act <u>, \$25</u> : <del>\$35</del> .
113	(2) The department shall collect the following fees on
114	documents furnished by the department:
115	(a) Certified copy, \$8.75.
116	(b) Certificate of status, \$8.75.
117	(3) The department shall collect a fee of \$8.75 to serve
118	as an agent for substitute service of process.
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119	Section 3. Subsections (8) through (31) of section
	607.01401, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (9)
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120 121 122 123 124 125	607.01401, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (9) through (32), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:  607.01401 Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:
120 121 122 123 124	607.01401, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (9) through (32), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:  607.01401 Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:  (8) "Department" means the Department of State.
120 121 122 123 124 125 126	607.01401, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (9) through (32), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:  607.01401 Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:  (8) "Department" means the Department of State.  Section 4. Section 607.1623, Florida Statutes, is created
120 121 122 123 124 125 126	607.01401, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (9) through (32), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:  607.01401 Definitions.—As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:  (8) "Department" means the Department of State.  Section 4. Section 607.1623, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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131	<pre>following late fees:</pre>
132	(a) If the annual report fee is remitted after May 1,
133	<u>\$125;</u>
134	(b) If the annual report fee is remitted after May 31,
135	<u>\$250;</u>
136	(c) If the annual report fee is remitted after June 30,
137	\$375; or
138	(d) If the annual report fee is remitted after July 31,
139	<u>\$400.</u>
140	(2) A late fee under subsection (1) may not be collected
141	if a business entity is administratively dissolved or its
142	certificate of authority is revoked due to its failure to file
143	an annual report and the entity subsequently applies for
144	reinstatement and pays the applicable reinstatement fee.
145	Section 5. Section 607.193, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
146	Section 6. Section 617.0122, Florida Statutes, is amended
147	to read:
148	617.0122 Fees of the department for filing documents and
149	issuing certificates.—
150	(1) The department of State shall collect the following
151	fees on documents delivered to the department for filing:
152	(a) (1) Original articles of incorporation and initial
153	registered agent designation, \$70: \$35.
154	(b) $(2)$ Application for registered name, \$25: \$87.50.
155	$\underline{\text{(c)}}$ Application for renewal of registered name, \$25 ÷
156	<del>\$87.50</del> .

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157	<u>(d)<del>(4)</del></u> Corporation's statement of change of registered
158	agent or registered office or both if not included on the annual
159	report <u>, \$25</u> : <del>\$35</del> .
160	(e) (5) Designation of and acceptance by registered agent,
161	<u>\$25</u> : \$35.
162	(f)(6) Agent's statement of resignation, \$25 from active
163	corporation: \$87.50.
164	(7) Agent's statement of resignation from inactive
165	corporation: \$35.
166	(g) (8) Amendment of articles of incorporation, \$25: \$35.
167	$\underline{\text{(h)}}$ Restatement of articles of incorporation with
168	amendment of articles, $$25 \div $35$ .
169	(i) (10) Articles of merger, \$25 for each party thereto:
170	<del>\$35</del> .
171	$\underline{\text{(j)}}$ Articles of dissolution, \$25: \$35.
172	(k) (12) Articles of revocation of dissolution, \$25: \$35.
173	(1) (13) Application for reinstatement following
174	administrative dissolution, $\div$ \$175.
175	(m) $(14)$ Application for certificate of authority to
176	transact business in this state by a foreign corporation $\underline{ ext{and}}$
177	initial registered agent designation, \$70: \$35.
178	(n) (15) Application for amended certificate of authority.
179	<u>\$25</u> : \$35.
180	$\underline{\text{(o)}}$ (16) Application for certificate of withdrawal by a
181	foreign corporation <u>, \$25</u> : \$35.
182	<u>(p) <del>(17)</del></u> Annual report <u>,</u> ÷ \$61.25.

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183	$\frac{(q)}{(18)}$ Articles of correction, \$25: \$35.
184	(19) Application for certificate of status: \$8.75.
185	(20) Certified copy of document: \$52.50.
186	(21) Serving as agent for substitute service of process:
187	<del>\$87.50.</del>
188	$\underline{(r)}$ (22) Certificate of conversion of a limited
189	agricultural association to a domestic corporation, $\$25$ : $\$35$ .
190	(s) (23) Any other document required or permitted to be
191	filed by this chapter, $$25 \div $35$ .
192	(2) The department shall collect the following fees on
193	documents furnished by the department:
194	(a) Certified copy, \$8.75.
195	(b) Certificate of status, \$8.75.
196	(3) The department shall collect a fee of \$8.75 to serve
197	as an agent for substitute service of process.
198	(4) A Any citizen support organization that is required by
199	rule of the Department of Environmental Protection to be formed
200	as a nonprofit organization and is under contract with the
201	department is exempt from $\underline{\text{the}}$ $\underline{\text{any}}$ fees required for
202	incorporation as a nonprofit organization, and the Secretary of
203	State may not assess any such fees if the citizen support
204	organization is certified by the Department of Environmental
205	Protection to the Secretary of State as being under contract
206	with the Department of Environmental Protection.
207	Section 7. Subsections (5) through (26) of section
208	620.1102, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6)

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209	through (27), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to
210	that section, to read:
211	620.1102 Definitions.—As used in this act:
212	(5) "Department" means the Department of State.
213	Section 8. Section 620.1109, Florida Statutes, is amended
214	to read:
215	620.1109 Fees of the department of State; fees
216	(1) The department shall collect the following fees on
217	documents delivered to the department for filing $\frac{1}{2}$
218	the supplemental corporate fee of \$88.75 imposed pursuant to s.
219	607.193, the fees of the Department of State under this act are
220	as follows:
221	(1) For furnishing a certified copy, \$52.50 for the first
222	15 pages plus \$1.00 for each additional page.
223	(a) (2) For filing an Original certificate of limited
224	partnership and initial registered agent designation, $$1,000$
225	<del>\$965</del> .
226	(b) (3) For filing an Original application for registration
227	as a foreign limited partnership and initial registered agent
228	designation, $$1,000$ $$965$ .
229	$\underline{\text{(c)}}$ (4) For filing Certificate of conversion, \$25 \\$52.50.
230	$\underline{\text{(d)}}$ (5) For filing Certificate of merger, \$25 \$52.50 for
231	each party thereto.
232	(e) (6) For filing a Reinstatement application, \$500 for
233	each calendar year or part thereof the limited partnership was
234	administratively dissolved or foreign limited partnership was

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235	revoked in the records of the Department of State.
236	(f) (7) For filing an Annual report, $$125$ $$411.25$ .
237	(g) (8) For filing a Certificate of designation of:
238	<del>(a)</del> <del>designating</del> a registered agent, <u>\$25.</u> <del>\$35;</del>
239	(h) (b) Certificate of change of changing a registered
240	agent or registered office address, \$25. \$35;
241	(i) (c) Certificate of resignation resigning as a
242	registered agent, <u>\$25.</u> <del>\$87.50; or</del>
243	(j) (d) Certificate of amendment or restatement of the
244	certificate of limited partnership, \$25. \$52.50;
245	(k) (9) For filing a Statement of termination, $$25$ $$52.50$ .
246	(1) (10) For filing a Notice of cancellation for foreign
247	limited partnership, $\frac{$25}{}$
248	(11) For furnishing a Certificate of status or
249	authorization, \$8.75.
250	(m) (12) For filing a Certificate of dissolution, $$25$
251	<del>\$52.50</del> .
252	(n) (13) For filing a Certificate of revocation of
253	dissolution, $\frac{$25}{}$
254	(o) (14) For filing Any other domestic or foreign limited
255	partnership document, $$25$ $$52.50$ .
256	(2) The department shall collect the following fees on
257	documents furnished by the department:
258	(a) Certified copy, \$8.75.
259	(b) Certificate of status or authorization, \$8.75.
260	Section 9. Present subsections (4) through (16) of section

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261 620.8101, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) 262 through (17), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to 263 that section, to read: 264 620.8101 Definitions.—As used in this act, the term: "Department" means the Department of State. 265 266 Section 10. Section 620.81055, Florida Statutes, is 267 amended to read: 268 620.81055 Fees of the department for filing documents and 269 issuing certificates; powers and authority of the department of 270 State.-271 (1)The department of State shall collect the following fees on when documents authorized by this act are delivered to 272 273 the department of State for filing: 274 Partnership registration statement, ÷ \$50. (a) 275 (b) Statement of partnership authority, ÷ \$25. 276 Statement of denial,  $\div$  \$25. (C) 277 Statement of dissociation,  $\div$  \$25. (d) 278 Statement of dissolution, + \$25. (e) 279 (f) Statement of qualification,  $\div$  \$25. 280 Statement of foreign qualification,  $\div$  \$25. (g) 281 (h) Limited liability partnership annual report, ÷ \$25. Certificate of merger, for each party thereto: \$25. 282 (i) 283 Amendment to any statement or registration,  $\div$  \$25. (j) 284 (k) Cancellation of any statement or registration,  $\div$  \$25. 285 -Certified copy of any recording or part thereof: 286 \$52.50.

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287	(m) Certificate of status: \$8.75.
288	(1) (n) Certificate of conversion, ÷ \$25.
289	(m) (o) Any other document required or permitted to be
290	filed by this act <u>,</u> ÷ \$25.
291	(2) The department shall collect the following fees on
292	documents furnished by the department:
293	(a) Certified copy, \$8.75.
294	(b) Certificate of status, \$8.75.
295	(3) (2) The department of State has the power and authority
296	reasonably necessary to enable it to administer this act
297	efficiently, to perform the duties imposed upon it by this act,
298	and to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to
299	implement the provisions of this act conferring duties upon it.
300	Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
301	339.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
302	339.12 Aid and contributions by governmental entities for
303	department projects; federal aid.—
304	(4)(a) Prior to accepting the contribution of road bond
305	proceeds, time warrants, or cash for which reimbursement is
306	sought, the department shall enter into agreements with the
307	governing body of the governmental entity for the project or
308	project phases in accordance with specifications agreed upon
309	between the department and the governing body of the
310	governmental entity. The department in no instance is to receive
311	from such governmental entity an amount in excess of the actual

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cost of the project or project phase. By specific provision in

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the written agreement between the department and the governing body of the governmental entity, the department may agree to reimburse the governmental entity for the actual amount of the bond proceeds, time warrants, or cash used on a highway project or project phases that are not revenue producing and are contained in the department's adopted work program, or any public transportation project contained in the adopted work program. Subject to appropriation of funds by the Legislature, the department may commit state funds for reimbursement of such projects or project phases. Reimbursement to the governmental entity for such a project or project phase must be made from funds appropriated by the Legislature, and reimbursement for the cost of the project or project phase is to begin in the year the project or project phase is scheduled in the work program as of the date of the agreement. Funds advanced pursuant to this section, which were originally designated for transportation purposes and so reimbursed to a county or municipality, shall be used by the county or municipality for any transportation expenditure authorized under s. 336.025(7). Also, cities and counties may receive funds from persons, and reimburse those persons, for the purposes of this section. Such persons may include, but are not limited to, those persons defined in s.  $607.01401(20) \frac{607.01401(19)}{1}$ Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 605.0118, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 605.0118 Delivery of record.-

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(3) If a check is mailed to the department for payment of an annual report fee or the annual fee required under s. 607.193, the check shall be deemed to have been received by the department as of the postmark date appearing on the envelope or package transmitting the check if the envelope or package is received by the department.

Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsections (5) and (6) of section 607.0505, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

607.0505 Registered agent; duties.-

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Each such corporation, foreign corporation, or alien (b) business organization which fails to have and continuously maintain a registered office and a registered agent as required in this section will be liable to this state for \$500 for each year, or part of a year, during which the corporation, foreign corporation, or alien business organization fails to comply with these requirements; but such liability will be forgiven in full upon the compliance by the corporation, foreign corporation, or alien business organization with the requirements of this subsection, even if such compliance occurs after an action to collect such liability is instituted. The Department of Legal Affairs may file an action in the circuit court for the judicial circuit in which the corporation, foreign corporation, or alien business organization is found or transacts business, or in which real property belonging to the corporation, foreign

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corporation, or alien business organization is located, to petition the court for an order directing that a registered agent be appointed and that a registered office be designated, and to obtain judgment for the amount owed under this subsection. In connection with such proceeding, the Department of Legal Affairs may, without prior approval by the court, file a lis pendens against real property owned by the corporation, foreign corporation, or alien business organization, which lis pendens shall set forth the legal description of the real property and shall be filed in the public records of the county where the real property is located. If the lis pendens is filed in any county other than the county in which the action is pending, the lis pendens which is filed must be a certified copy of the original lis pendens. The failure to comply timely or fully with an order directing that a registered agent be appointed and that a registered office be designated will result in a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each day of noncompliance. A judgment or an order of payment entered pursuant to this subsection will become a judgment lien against any real property owned by the corporation, foreign corporation, or alien business organization when a certified copy of the judgment or order is recorded as required by s. 55.10. The Department of Legal Affairs will be able to avail itself of, and is entitled to use, any provision of law or of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure to further the collecting or obtaining of payment pursuant to a judgment or order of payment. The state,

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through the Attorney General, may bid, at any judicial sale to enforce its judgment lien, any amount up to the amount of the judgment or lien obtained pursuant to this subsection. All moneys recovered under this subsection shall be treated as forfeitures under ss. 895.01-895.09 and used or distributed in accordance with the procedure set forth in s. 895.09. A corporation, foreign corporation, or alien business organization which fails to have and continuously maintain a registered office and a registered agent as required in this section may not defend itself against any action instituted by the Department of Legal Affairs or by any other agency of this state until the requirements of this subsection have been met.

business organization fails without lawful excuse to comply timely or fully with a subpoena issued pursuant to subsection (2), the Department of Legal Affairs may file an action in the circuit court for the judicial circuit in which the corporation, foreign corporation, or alien business organization is found or transacts business or in which real property belonging to the corporation, foreign corporation, or alien business organization is located, for an order compelling compliance with the subpoena. The failure without a lawful excuse to comply timely or fully with an order compelling compliance with the subpoena will result in a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each day of noncompliance with the order. In connection with such proceeding, the Department of Legal Affairs may, without prior

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(6) Information provided to, and records and transcriptions of testimony obtained by, the Department of Legal Affairs pursuant to this section are confidential and exempt

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from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) while the investigation is active. For purposes of this section, an investigation shall be considered "active" while such investigation is being conducted with a reasonable, good faith belief that it may lead to the filing of an administrative, civil, or criminal proceeding. An investigation does not cease to be active so long as the Department of Legal Affairs is proceeding with reasonable dispatch and there is a good faith belief that action may be initiated by the Department of Legal Affairs or other administrative or law enforcement agency. Except for active criminal intelligence or criminal investigative information, as defined in s. 119.011, and information which, if disclosed, would reveal a trade secret, as defined in s. 688.002, or would jeopardize the safety of an individual, all information, records, and transcriptions become public record when the investigation is completed or ceases to be active. The Department of Legal Affairs may shall not disclose confidential information, records, or transcriptions of testimony except pursuant to the authorization by the Attorney General in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) To a law enforcement agency participating in or conducting a civil investigation under chapter 895, or participating in or conducting a criminal investigation.
- (b) In the course of filing, participating in, or conducting a judicial proceeding instituted pursuant to this section or chapter 895.

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(c) In the course of filing, participating in, or conducting a judicial proceeding to enforce an order or judgment entered pursuant to this section or chapter 895.(d) In the course of a criminal or civil proceeding.

A person or law enforcement agency which receives any information, record, or transcription of testimony that has been made confidential by this subsection shall maintain the confidentiality of such material and shall not disclose such information, record, or transcription of testimony except as provided for herein. Any person who willfully discloses any information, record, or transcription of testimony that has been made confidential by this subsection, except as provided for herein, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. If any information, record, or testimony obtained pursuant to subsection (2) is offered in evidence in any judicial proceeding, the court may, in its discretion, seal that portion of the record to further the policies of confidentiality set forth herein.

Section 14. Subsection (12) of section 610.104, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

610.104 State authorization to provide cable or video service.—

(12) Beginning 5 years after approval of the certificateholder's initial certificate of franchise issued by

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the department, and every 5 years thereafter, the certificateholder shall update the information contained in the original application for a certificate of franchise. At the time of filing the information update, the certificateholder shall pay a processing fee of \$1,000. Any certificateholder that fails to file the updated information and pay the processing fee on the 5-year anniversary dates shall be subject to cancellation of its state-issued certificate of franchise authority if, upon notice given to the certificateholder at its last address on file with the department, the certificateholder fails to file the updated information and pay the processing fee within 30 days after the date notice was mailed. The application and processing fees imposed in this section shall be paid to the Department of State for deposit into the Clearing Funds Trust Fund for immediate transfer by the Chief Financial Officer to the General Inspection Trust Fund of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall maintain a separate account within the General Inspection Trust Fund to distinguish cable franchise revenues from all other funds. The application, any amendments to the certificate, or information updates must be accompanied by a fee to the Department of State equal to that for filing articles of incorporation under s. 607.0122 pursuant to 607.0122(1). Section 15. Section 631.0515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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631.0515 Appointment of receiver; insurance holding company. - A delinquency proceeding pursuant to this chapter constitutes the sole and exclusive method of dissolving, liquidating, rehabilitating, reorganizing, conserving, or appointing a receiver of a Florida corporation which is not insolvent as defined by s.  $607.01401(17) \frac{607.01401(16)}{}$ ; which through its shareholders, board of directors, or governing body is deadlocked in the management of its affairs; and which directly or indirectly owns all of the stock of a Florida domestic insurer. The department may petition for an order directing it to rehabilitate such corporation if the interests of policyholders or the public will be harmed as a result of the deadlock. The department shall use due diligence to resolve the deadlock. Whether or not the department petitions for an order, the circuit court does shall not have jurisdiction pursuant to s. 607.271, s. 607.274, or s. 607.277 to dissolve, liquidate, or appoint receivers with respect to  $\tau$  a Florida corporation that which directly or indirectly owns all of the stock of a Florida domestic insurer and that which is not insolvent as defined by s. 607.01401(17)  $\frac{607.01401(16)}{(16)}$ . However, a managing general agent or holding company with a controlling interest in a domestic insurer in this state is subject to jurisdiction of the court under the provisions of s. 631.025.

Section 16. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

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