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BUSINESS REGULATION STREAMLINING BILL PASSES FLORIDA HOUSE

TALLAHASSEE – Legislation reducing the regulatory burden on Florida’s businesses passed unanimously on the House Floor today. House Bill (HB) 425, sponsored by Representative Scott Plakon (R-Longwood), reforms Florida’s licensing procedures to foster economic growth and job creation.

“We have pulled together an impressive coalition of industries and business owners that support these streamlining initiatives for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation,” commented Plakon. “This bill will help put Floridians back to work and get our economy back on track. I encourage the Senate to quickly take up this bill so that we can get these changes implemented as swiftly as possible.”

“The Department of Business and Professional Regulation is committed to streamlining processes and increasing efficiency to better serve our licensees,” said Secretary Charles W. Drago. “I would like to thank Representative Scott Plakon and the Legislature for their continued support of our efforts.”

HB 425 impacts the licensing procedures for specific professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, including certified public accountants, barbers and contractors. The changes contained in this legislation include the establishment of computer-based testing only for barbers and increased regulatory flexibility for construction contractors. HB 425 also reduces barriers to access for licenses by eliminating the requirement streamlining for specific licensing exams and eliminating the requirement for notarized applications to facilitate online form submission.

The Senate companion to HB 425 is SB 2262 by Senator Gaetz.

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