

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to regulatory boards; amending s.  
 3           455.203, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business  
 4           and Professional Regulation to indemnify, defend, and  
 5           hold harmless from claims, actions, demands, suits,  
 6           investigations, damages, and liability all current and  
 7           former board members and any companies or businesses  
 8           with which they have or had specified affiliations,  
 9           but only if their service meets a specified  
 10          requirement; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14           Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 455.203,  
 15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16           455.203 Department; powers and duties.—The department, for  
 17 the boards under its jurisdiction, shall:

18           (11) Indemnify, defend, and hold harmless all current and  
 19 former board members and any companies or businesses in which  
 20 they have or had an equity interest or in which they serve or  
 21 served as an employee, director, officer, or representative,  
 22 against all claims, actions, demands, suits, investigations,  
 23 damages, and liability incurred by any board member in  
 24 connection with any action or inaction by a current or former  
 25 board member in the course and conduct of his or her service.

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26 However, this subsection applies only if, in providing such  
27 service, the current or former board members acted in good faith  
28 and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in conformity  
29 with, or not contrary to, the laws of this state and the United  
30 States.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.