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BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL REG 79000000

PRIORITY SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

In preparing the Schedule VIIIB-2 Priority Listing of Possible Budget Reductions for FY 2009-10 the Department first looked at appropriation categories that could be reduced with little to no impact on the service levels; next programs or activities that are not required by statute and recurring appropriations that support activities that are not critical to the Department in achieving its mission to "license efficiently and regulate fairly" were considered; the finally consideration was program and staff reductions that will impact service to internal and external customers some having significant impact on regulatory requirements but were necessary to meet the required reduction target.

In consideration of the economic condition and the Governor's Accelerative Florida initiative, the Department made an attempt to avoid proposing reductions that would impact the service level to citizens seeking individual or business licenses. The goal is to allow qualified candidates to complete the requirements and obtain licenses allowing for employment opportunities and for the opening of businesses. The reductions that have a significant impact on service levels are more focused on the compliance and enforcement activities of the Department.

SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -

OPERATING			33B0000
APPLICATION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT		1	33B2500
TRUST FUNDS.....	2,770,380-		2000

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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #1 - Funding was provided for FY 2008-09 to convert the maintenance and support for the Single Licensing System from an out-sourced contract to in-house support. The contract expires December 31, 2008, \$2.9M was reduced for the current year. This issue eliminates the balance of the appropriation for the contract.

CONDOMINIUM COOP MANAGEMENT

EDUCATION		2	33B0120
TRUST FUNDS.....	250,000-		2000

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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #2 - Sections 718.501(1)(j) and 719.501(1)(k), Florida Statutes, require the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to provide training programs for condominium and cooperative board members and unit owners. An appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 is provided for this purpose. The division has complied with this mandate through a contract with a private vendor but is transitioning from classroom training to DVD training programs and handling more of the functions with existing staff.

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 SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -
 OPERATING 33B0000
 DIVISION HOTEL AND RESTAURANTS
 EXPENSE APPROPRIATION 3 33B2510
 TRUST FUNDS..... 228,542- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #3 - The inspectors and supervisors for food and lodging establishments are not provided state offices and computer equipment, other than the portable digital assistants (PDAs) and cell phones. The department has submitted budget issues including the full standard expense package that has provided budget for rent and other items that are not required. This reduction eliminates excess expense budget.

OFFICE SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATION
 EXPENSE/OPERATING CAPTIAL OUTLAY 4 33B2520
 TRUST FUNDS..... 45,000- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #4 - Reduction of Expense is related to cost savings from renewing an equipment lease at a lower amount and the OCO is excess appropriation. There would be no impact to the Department from these reductions.

DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE CONTINUING
 EDUCATION SPECIAL CATEGORY 5 33B2530
 TRUST FUNDS..... 1,500- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #5 - Eliminate Special Category for Continuing Education in the Division of Real Estate. Any necessary expenditures could be paid from Expense. The category has not been used since FY 2003-04.

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 SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -
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 DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/
 TOBACCO EXPENSE APPROPRIATION 6 33B2540
 TRUST FUNDS..... 11,800- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #6 - An alternative funding source for the Special Response Team (SRT) training has been identified. This function meets the criteria to be funded from the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund and will allow for a reduction from the Compliance & Enforcement Budget Entity. The reduction is contingent on the requested appropriation being funded for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/
 TOBACCO ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS 7 33B2550
 TRUST FUNDS..... 2.00- 106,149- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #7 - Eliminate two administrative support positions in the Central Office of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONS
 EXPENDITURES FOR BOARD MEETINGS 8 33B2560
 TRUST FUNDS..... 60,000- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #8 - Chapter 455, F.S. provides for regulation and licensure of the various professional boards by the Department. Legislation passed by the 2008 Legislature granted the Department authority to approve non-deficient and non-controversial applications eliminating the requirement to take them before the full Board. The number of Board meetings could be reduced creating a savings in board member and staff travel and board member compensation.

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 SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -
 OPERATING 33B0000
 DIVISION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC
 ACCOUNTING EXPENDITURES 9 33B2570
 TRUST FUNDS..... 14,210- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #9 - The Board of Accountancy has a nine member board that meets 10 times per year. By scheduling one meeting as a conference call meeting, as opposed to in-person meeting, travel, site rental, court reporter and other related costs would be reduced.

SALARY INCENTIVE
 APPROPRIATION IN DIVISION
 OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/TOBACCO 10 33B2580
 TRUST FUNDS..... 10,000- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #10 - Provides for a salary additive for law enforcement offers who have completed certain levels of education. The current appropriation is \$234,676 and has not been fully utilized in past years.

DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE
 EXPENSE APPROPRIATION 11 33B2590
 TRUST FUNDS..... 97,900- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #11 - Reduce travel in the Standards & Licensure budget entity and reduce travel, supplies and communication costs due to consolidation of investigative staff in the Compliance & Enforcement budget entity. Eliminate printing and mailing news letters, reduce meeting room rental for Board meetings and office supplies.

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SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -				
OPERATING				33B0000
CONSTRUCTION RECOVERY FUND STAFFING			12	33B2600
TRUST FUNDS.....	3.00-	158,465-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #12 - If an alternative means were implemented, such as a bonding requirement, to protect homeowners from financial loss as a result of wrong doings by licensed contractors the Construction Recovery Fund could be eliminated and staff reduced. The funding source for the Recovery Fund is excess revenue generated from a surcharge on building permits of one-half cent per square foot of under-roof floor space permitted (468.631, F.S.). Local governments collect and forward the surcharge to the department on a quarterly basis. Revenue from the surcharge is first used to fund the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board and then the Recovery Fund. Due to the decrease in building permits it is not anticipated that there will be any excess revenue in FY 2008-09 and until the housing industry significantly improves.

TESTING AND EDUCATION RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION EXAMINATIONS			13	33B2610
TRUST FUNDS.....		118,757-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #13 - The Electrical Contractors exam has been converted to computer based testing which will result in savings from the exam site rental, travel and OPS staff (\$5,845). Due to the decrease in the applicants for construction examinations the Tampa site could be eliminated and candidates scheduled for the Orlando site reducing costs of approximately \$112,912.

TESTING/EDUCATION CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LAWS/RULES EXAMINATIONS			14	33B2620
TRUST FUNDS.....		138,000-		2000
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 SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -
 OPERATING 33B0000
 TESTING/EDUCATION CERTIFIED
 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LAWS/RULES
 EXAMINATIONS 14 33B2620

SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:
 Priority #14 - Consideration is being given to eliminating the Laws & Rules Examination required for renewal of a CPA license. Present law requires completion of 4 hours of ethics courses which include Laws & Rules which could eliminate the need for the examination. A vendor is paid \$138,040 to administer the exam. This would require a statutory change.

TESTING AND EDUCATION FOR BUILDING
 CODE INSPECTORS AND ADMINISTRATIONS 15 33B2630
 TRUST FUNDS..... 295,000- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:
 Priority #15 - Chapter 468, F.S. provides for the licensure of building code inspectors and administrators but exempts employees of local governments from paying application and examination fees. The revenue source for regulation of the Board is the surcharge on building permits pursuant to s. 468.631, F.S. If the department was eliminated as the middleman and applicants went directly to the vendor and paid the testing fee to the International Code Council a reduction of \$295,000 could be realized. This would take a statutory change.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
 POSITIONS 16 33B2640
 TRUST FUNDS..... 3.00- 159,264- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:
 Priority #16 - Reductions in the Division of Administration include print shop, human resources and desk security positions, print shop equipment and OPS staff related to document management. These reductions could be taken without significant reductions in service.

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SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -			
OPERATING			33B0000
HOTEL & RESTAURANT SCHOOL TO CAREER			
GRANT		17	33B0110
TRUST FUNDS.....	250,000-		2000

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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #17 - Chapter 509, F.S. allows the Director of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants to award grants to support school-to-career transition programs. For FY 2007-08 the appropriation was increased from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Elimination of the grant would impact students who currently receive training paid for through the grant but would not have an impact on service requirements of the Division.

REAL ESTATE SCHOLARSHIP AND			
RECOVERY FUND		18	33B2030
TRUST FUNDS.....	200,000-		2000

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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #18 - An appropriation of \$450,000 is provided to support the Real Estate Education & Research Foundation and Recovery Fund. Historical expenditures have not utilized the full appropriation.

AUCTIONEER RECOVERY FUND		19	33B0160
TRUST FUNDS.....	25,000-		2000

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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #19 - An appropriation of \$100,000 is provided for payment of claims in satisfaction of a judgments against an auctioneer or auction business. In the past 5 years claims payments has not exceeded \$50,000 and in 3 of the 5 years there were no payments.

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BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL REG			79000000
SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS - OPERATING			33B0000
SLOT MACHINE GAMING COMPULSIVE GAMBLING CONTRACT		20	33B2100
TRUST FUNDS.....	250,000-		2000
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SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #20 - Section 551.118, F.S. requires the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering to contract for an advertising program and to publicize a gambling telephone help-line. The funding is provided from a non-refundable regulatory fee of \$250,000 paid from the licensee to the Division. The proposed reduction will still enable the Division to fulfill statutory requirements but a lower funding level. In addition to the Department's requirements each facility is required to support an compulsive gambling program.

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CERTIFIED
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

21 33B0130

TRUST FUNDS..... 20,000- 2000

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SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #21 - The Certified Public Accounting (CPA) Minority Assistance Program provides scholarships to encourage minority students to remain in school and complete the fifth year, which is required to become licensed as a CPA. Budget reductions in this area will reduce the scholarship program. The current budget is \$100,000.

PARI-MUTUEL STATE UNIVERSITY
SYSTEM INDUSTRY RESEARCH

22 33B2120

TRUST FUNDS..... 12,500- 2000

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SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #22 - Section 550.2451, F.S. requires the division to implement medication levels developed by the University of Florida pursuant to the Pharmacokinetic and Clearance Study Agreement. The research provides specific recommendations regarding the elimination of performance altering drugs used on animals at pari-mutuel events. The appropriation was reduced from \$300,000 to \$112,500, this issue will further reduce it to \$100,000. A statutory change would be required

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SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS -			
OPERATING			33B0000
PARI-MUTUEL STATE UNIVERSITY			
SYSTEM INDUSTRY RESEARCH	22		33B2120

to eliminate the appropriation.

PRIVATIZED PROFESSIONAL BOARDS		23	33B2710
TRUST FUNDS.....	300,000-		2000

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SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #23 - The Board of Professional Engineers is privatized and all regulatory functions are performed by the Florida Engineering Management Corp (FEMC). The Board of Architecture & Interior Design has privatized the compliance & enforcement activities and contracts with a private firm to provide services. They are restricted in expenditures by the appropriations that provide for the transfer of operating cash to the entities. This issue would reduce cash transfers and therefore the budgets of those entities.

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION UNLICENSED ACTIVITY		24	33B2040
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TRUST FUNDS.....	500,000-		2000
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SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #24 - Unlicensed Activity is funded as a special category in the Professional Regulation Program and is allocated to the Divisions of Professions, Regulation, Real Estate, Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Engineering Management Corporation. Funds are used to hire temporary employees for investigating complaints and seek out unlicensed activity through sweeps and sting operations and maintain a toll-free hotline for consumers to report suspected unlicensed activity. The other use of the funds is to educate the public of the danger in hiring unlicensed people through public service announcements, brochures, trade shows, conferences and public appearances. The recurring appropriation is \$1,280,050 the reduction would target the funds used for the public awareness campaigns.

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 ICARE POSITIONS IN THE DIVISION
 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO 25 33B2650
 TRUST FUNDS..... 3.00- 187,543- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #25 - Identifying Contributors to Alcohol Related Events (ICARE) is a cooperative interagency law enforcement venture initiated August 14, 2006. ICARE investigations focus on identification of the supplier/source of alcoholic beverages to underage persons, and the pursuit of related administrative and/or criminal charges when an alcohol related fatality occurs. The Department works in conjunction with local and other state law enforcement agencies.

DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES &
 TOBACCO INSPECTIONS & ACCREDITATION
 OVERSIGHT

TRUST FUNDS..... 4.00- 290,586- 26 33B2660 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #26 - The Office of Inspections and Accreditation Oversight is responsible for a significant portion of the administrative support for the Chief of Enforcement. Functions including: office inspections and ensuring accreditation standards are maintained statewide; creating policy and procedures; conducting employee misconduct investigations; performance management audits; grants; legislative analysis and proposals; and other duties as assigned. These responsibilities are required and will need to be absorbed by other staff members.

CONDOMINIUM MEDIATION SERVICES

TRUST FUNDS..... 1.00- 67,629- 27 33B2260 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #27 - The division currently has one position that provides mediation services for condominiums. While this service benefits the condominium community, it is not a part of the division's mandate, and private mediators are available to perform this service.

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SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -			
OPERATING			33B0000
CONDOMINIUMS, TIMESHARE AND			
MOBILE HOMES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION			
LIVING STUDY COUNCIL		28	33B2670
TRUST FUNDS.....	17,000-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #28 - Section 718.50151, F.S., creates the Community Association Living Study Council which is active for 6 months every five years beginning October 1, 2008. The council was created to receive public input with respect to community association living and make recommendations for changes in the law and advise the division regarding rules and the division's education program. Study council members serve without compensation but receive per diem and travel expenses while on official business. While this council may benefit the public, it is not a core function of the division and could be eliminated without serious impact to the public. The budget reduction would be contingent on legislative action.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO			
AUDIT POSITIONS		29	33B2680
TRUST FUNDS.....	3.00- 153,160-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #29 - Reduce audit staff in the Pensacola office due to a reduction in workload. The expenses of maintaining a full district auditing office would be reduced.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO			
INSPECTORS		30	33B2690
TRUST FUNDS.....	15.00- 714,483-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #30 - The elimination of Enforcement's non-sworn Inspectors will reduce the division's ability/time for dealing with underage sales and possession, and conducting site inspections for licensure qualifications. Sworn officers will

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO			
INSPECTORS		30	33B2690

need to absorb the inspection workload, which will reduce the time available to perform administrative investigations and may result in difficulty meeting government mandates relating to tobacco and alcohol inspections.

OFFICE OF THE CONDOMINIUM OMBUDSMAN		31	33B2700
TRUST FUNDS.....	8.00- 430,410-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #31 - Elimination of the Office of the Condominium Ombudsman. Section 718.5011, F.S., creates the Office of the Condominium Ombudsman and provides the authority to prepare and issue reports and recommendations; to act as a liaison between the division and unit owners, board members, managers, etc.; to monitor and review elections; to assist with the resolution of disputes; and assist with the education of the condominium community. Several of these functions are duplicative of the services provided by the division. Elimination of the office would be contingent on legislative action.

CONDOMINIUM/COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT			
AUTHORITY		32	33B2210
TRUST FUNDS.....	7.00- 336,680-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority # 32 - Reduction 7 FTE in the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes compliance and enforcement activities. Chapters 718 and 719, Florida Statutes, grants jurisdiction to the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to, respectively, enforce compliance with the condominium and cooperative acts. The division currently employs 36 FTE to perform these services. Approximately 2,300 complaints are received each year in these program areas resulting in an average caseload of 64 per investigator. Elimination of these 7 FTE (3 Investigation Specialist II and 4 Investigation Specialist I) would increase the current per investigator case load to 74 cases per investigator. In addition, the division was given new jurisdictional responsibilities in House Bill 995 (now Chapter 2008-28, LOF). The elimination of these positions, coupled with an increased caseload per investigator and additional responsibilities would impair our ability to timely resolve our complaints or provide the increased condominium educational services as mandated by this new law

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SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS - OPERATING			33B0000
BUREAU OF TESTING AND EDUCATION CONTINUING EDUCATION SECTION		33	33B2720
TRUST FUNDS.....	6.00- 238,437-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #33 - Reduction of 6 FTE from the Bureau of Testing and Continuing Education, Continuing Education Section (CES). The section processes continuing education requirements, performs audits of continuing education for license renewal, course review from authorized vendors that submit courses for continuing education, provides for review and approval of authorized course providers, in compliance with 455.2177, F.S. With an approximately 800,000 renewal license base, eliminating this service will increase call volume during peak renewal times. Licensees will not be renewed timely when continuing education course hours are not properly loaded into the LicenseEase Record System; resulting in license statuses changed to delinquent and null and void. With these status changes the licenses renewal process will be delayed and the licensees will not be permitted to legally perform in their profession

DIVISION OF REGULATION COMPLIANCE
AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

	5.00-	34	33B2730
TRUST FUNDS.....	245,665-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority # 34 - Reduction of 5 Investigators in the Division of Regulation responsible for investigating complaints against licensees under 19 Boards and Commissions. The reduction will negatively impact the goal of processing claims within 3 months. It will jeopardize the integrity of the investigative process increasing processing time and cases per investigator and decreasing quality and effectiveness of the investigation.

REAL ESTATE REGULATION POSITIONS

	7.00-	35	33B2320
TRUST FUNDS.....	343,727-		2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #35 Eliminate two Consumer Service/Complaint Analysts and six investigators for the Division of Real Estate

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Office of Compliance and Enforcement. The reduction will impact processing and assigning complaints creating a backlog and may result in the failure to meet Federal standards. Investigations will not be completed in 90 or less days, cases per investigator will increase and the quality of the case will decrease.

CUSTOMER CONTACT CENTER CALL AGENTS 36 33B2740
 TRUST FUNDS..... 12.00- 488,159- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #36 - Eliminate 12 call agents in the Department's centralized call center. These agents primarily receive calls from applicants and licensees for information in regards to licensure, checking the status on applications, examinations, renewals and continuing education requirements. In the last 2 years the caller hold times have been reduced from a high of 30 to 45 minutes to an average of 2 minutes, a backlog of over 8,000 e-mails was eliminated and e-mails are now answered within 48 hours. A reduction in staff will increase hold times, increase the abandonment rate and delay the response to e-mails potentially creating a backlog.

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT INSPECTION
 POSITIONS 37 33B2300
 TRUST FUNDS..... 36.00- 1,875,720- 2000
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

Priority #37 - Eliminates 31 food & lodging inspectors, 4 elevator inspectors and 1 Hospitality Education Program (HEP) support staff position. The elimination of the inspection positions would reduce compliance with the required inspection for food establishments from 86% to 72% and lodging from 95% to 79% impacting the compliance with state sanitation and safety laws. The reduction of 4 elevator inspectors would impact the monitoring/oversight of private elevator inspectors, accident follow ups, reviewing and investigation complaints and monitoring the 5 contracted jurisdictions. Reductions to the HEP program impact compliance training provided to restaurant employees.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF REDUCTION		38	33B2240
TRUST FUNDS.....	16.00- 951,991- =====		2000

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Priority # 38 - Eliminates 16 Law Enforcement Officers from the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. Bureau of Law Enforcement is responsible for the conduct, management, and operation of the manufacturing, packaging, distribution, and sale within the state of all alcoholic beverages and enforcement of the Beverage Law and the tobacco law and rules and regulations. They fulfill their oversight responsibilities of the 71,000 active alcoholic beverage and tobacco license holders by conducting license discipline investigations; providing guidance, direction and leadership to licensees; conducting criminal investigations pursuant to beverage and cigarette laws and statutes; and determining the need for using extraordinary emergency suspension powers when a business has become an immediate danger to the health, safety and welfare of Florida's citizens. Reduction of the law enforcement positions would impact the Division's ability to ensure compliance with Florida's beverage and tobacco laws.

DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO EXCISE TAX AUDIT POSITIONS		39	33B2750
TRUST FUNDS.....	10.00- 441,010- =====		2000

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Priority #39 - Reduce Excise Tax Audit Performance. Reducing the excise tax audit frequency from once every six months to once a year will reduce staff needs by 10 FTE. The Bureau of Audit is required by statute to audit wholesalers every 6 months (semi-annually). This audit frequency not only guarantees that the state receives the correct amount of excise taxes, but it also serves as a deterrent for non-compliance by the license holders that we regulate. By auditing the wholesalers annually versus semi-annually, the bureau could reduce our auditor staff, along with the salaries, benefits, and travel expenses associated with the reduction. Less frequent audits require a longer audit period, which increases the time and effort for each audit, thus only reducing the staff by a fraction of the number required under present conditions. Reduction of audit frequency has and can result in reduced compliance and less taxes reported and paid each month by the wholesalers. This budget reduction would require a statutory change for each audit type.

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OPERATING			33B0000
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY CENTRAL			33B2760
SERVICE OFFICES		40	
TRUST FUNDS.....	4.00- 232,678-		2000
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Priority #40 - Reduces positions from offices that fall under the Office of the Secretary including Inspector General , General Counsel and Accounting. These reductions will impact oversight service within the agency as well legal support for the various professions and businesses regulated by the Department.

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BY FUND TYPE			
TRUST FUNDS.....	145.00- 13,037,345-		2000
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