



# Licensing Resiliency

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# Agency Structure

## DBPR regulates more than **1.4 million** businesses and professionals in Florida

### Businesses:

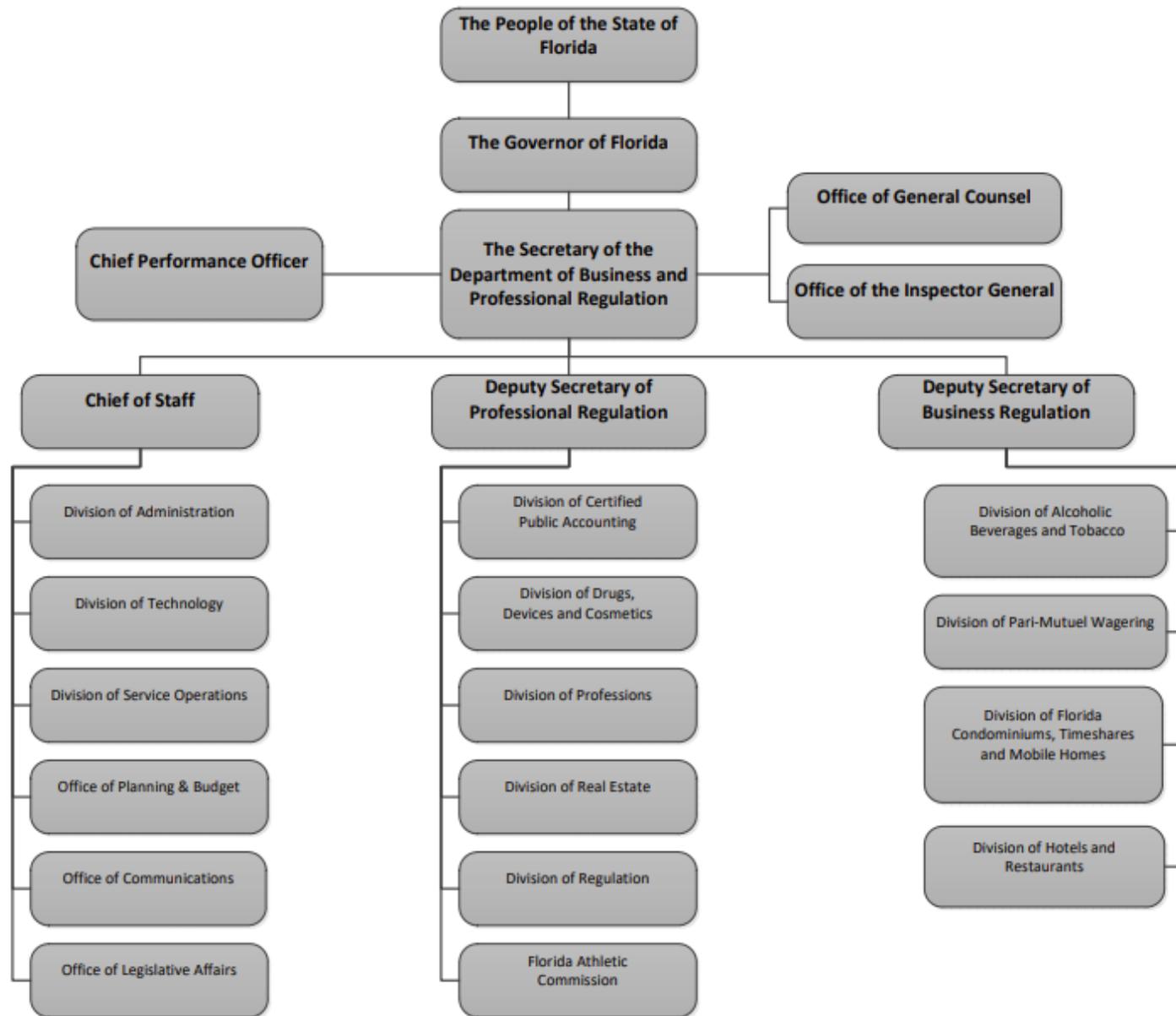
- Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
- Condominiums, Timeshares & Mobile Homes
- Hotels & Restaurants
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering

### Professions:

- Architects & Interior Designers
- Asbestos Consultants
- Athlete Agents
- Auctioneers
- Barbers & Cosmetology
- Boxing, Kickboxing & Mixed Martial Arts
- Building Code Administrators & Inspectors
- Certified Public Accountants
- Community Association Managers
- Construction & Electrical Contractors
- Drugs, Devices, and Cosmetics
- Employee Leasing Companies
- Geologists
- Landscape Architects
- Mold Assessors & Remediators
- Pilot Commissioners
- Realtors , Brokers & Home Inspectors
- Veterinarians



# Agency Structure



**Mission:** License Efficiently. Regulate Fairly.

# Pandemic Resiliency

## Agency Priorities

### **Protecting public health and safety**

- Encouraging safe practices in high-transmission locations such as salons, restaurants, bars and entertainment venues.

### **Aiming to keep Florida open for business**

- Attaining growth in real estate and combat sports industries.
- Supporting the hotel and restaurant industry.

# Combat Sports Industry Growth

## The Florida Athletic Commission Regulates:

- Professional Boxing
- Kickboxing
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Muay Thai
- Bare Knuckle

Live events  
in Florida are  
skyrocketing!

**104%**

increase in FY 2020-21

↑ From 49 in FY 19-20  
to 100 events in FY 20-21



# Real Estate Resiliency

## Florida's market is booming

Real estate professionals are, and continue to be the largest licensee population regulated by Florida's Department of Business & Professional Regulation totaling **448,000** professionals.

### The numbers at-a-glance:

- There has been a **43.3%** increase in sales of single-family homes, townhomes and condos from FY 2020 to 2021.
- DBPR processed **58,000** real estate license applications by the end of FY 20-21.

### Vacation rentals:

- The fastest growing segment over the past year.
- Since July 2020, vacation rental licenses have increased by more than **4,000** licensees.
- In development: a new short-term rental database to be searchable and accessible to the public.



# Creating Accessibility for Applicants

## New Digital Testing Options

**FY 19-20 to 20-21**

**↑ 48%** in all exams

### New Online Testing for Professionals:

- Asbestos Contractors and Consultants
- Auctioneers
- Barbers
- Certified Drug Representatives
- Community Managers
- Landscape Architects
- Real Estate
- Veterinarians



# Hotel & Restaurant Resiliency

**2.6%** increase in food service licenses from FY 19-20 to 20-21

We saw the industry evolve during the pandemic with  
↑ Mobile Food Service applications and license growth

## NEW Law: “Cocktails-to-Go”

- SB 148, better known as “Alcohol-to-Go,” was signed into law in May after a positive response from consumers during the pandemic.
- This law allows certain establishments to sell or deliver alcoholic beverages prepared by the vendor off-premises in sealed containers, as long as the sale is accompanied by a food order.
- It is expected that this will positively impact customers, businesses and the industry as a whole.



# Department Changes: Gaming Commission

The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering will move, by way of Type II transfer, from the Department into its own entity.

- This is a result of legislation passed during the 2020-2021 Legislative Session. It will become effective on July 1, 2022.
  - At that time, the Commission will retain all regulatory authority over gaming in Florida.
- The Department's role in the transition is to assist administratively in the transfer plan and to prepare the Legislative Budget Requests for the Commission's first year.



# Looking to the Future

**The Department will continue to help enhance Florida's pro-business climate.**

- Nearly **845** people move to Florida per day.
- DBPR will prioritize efficiency in helping people open businesses, maintain and grow their businesses, as well as start their careers.
- Improving customer experience through modernization.
- Seeking technological solutions to enhance operations.



**Thank you!**  
**What questions  
do you have?**



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