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To: All Persons Interested Mosquito Control

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Subject: Licensing Requirements for Mosquito Control Services – Treatment services and the Installation and Service of Automated Mosquito Misting Devices In, On or Under Structures

Mosquito control activities can be divided into two groups. The Public Health component which normally involves a governmental entity (or government contracted vendors) making widespread community or municipal arthropod control applications over a large area **and** individuals or contractors wanting to operate on a for-hire basis that make arthropod control applications to an individual person's property or commercial properties such as hotels/resorts, etc.

Chapter 388, Florida Statutes, strictly regulates the Public Health component, establishing districts, commissions and other governmental entities for these programs.

Chapter 482, Florida Statutes, strictly regulates structural pest control activities (which includes the performance of *any type* of pest control and the use of *any* pest control devices).

Therefore, the installation and servicing of automated mosquito control misters *in, on or under* any structure would require a pest control business license. To qualify for a business license, the licensee must have at least one employee who is a Florida certified operator with the General Household and Rodent Pest Control category. A pest control business license with the same pest control category would also be required for individuals offering fogging and barrier treatment services for residential or commercial properties.

To further clarify, this license would also be required for the installation of automated devices on any structure -- which would include any agricultural structures such as horse barns, stables and pole barns.

The only exception would be for individuals who only install (and test with water) the devices. A pest control licensee or property owners are the only individuals that can actually operate these devices (by supplying chemicals, servicing and calibrating the devices).

Please contact this office if there are any additional questions.



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