Proposed Revisions to Statute 482.132. and post on Facebook as well.

For the past few weeks, Dr. Koehler and Rebecca Baldwin at the University of Florida (UF) have been working on revisions to Statute 482.132, qualifications for examination and certification. The actual way the law read did not match the educational curriculum that was offered by the educational institutions. They contend that UF graduates and certain certificate holders are very well prepared to enter the pest control industry. In fact, many former UF students are now leaders in the industry. The hope is that these changes to the law will allow UF to continue placing future graduates in the industry so they qualify to take the state pest control exams and become certified.

According to Dr. Koehler, the real problem is that the law currently requires UF graduates to have 1 year of employment by a pest control firm. Because they are students at the time of their internships, they are not usually employees of a pest control company. The proposed changes do not diminish the amount of time students would spend learning about proper pest control and actually seeing it implemented.

UF has worked with Dale Dubberly and Joe Parker to try to assure the quality of applicants for the state pest control exams is not diminished by this proposal.

If you would like more information on the proposed changes please contact Dr. Koehler at pgk@email.