

Committee on Regulated Industries

CS/HB 327 — Household Movers and Moving Brokers

by Careers and Competition Subcommittee; and Rep. Yarborough and others (CS/CS/SB 336 by Appropriations Committee; Regulated Industries Committee; and Senators Hutson, Book, and Young)

The bill:

- Prohibits a mover or moving broker from knowingly refusing or failing to provide written notice to a customer before a household move that the mover or an employee or subcontractor of the mover or moving broker who has access to the customer's dwelling or property, including access to give a quote for the move, is a convicted sexual predator in Florida, or has been convicted of a similar offense in another jurisdiction, regardless of when the felony offense was committed.
- Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to either impose an administrative fine or seek a civil penalty of \$10,000 or more for each violation of that requirement.
- Requires the DACS to deny or refuse to renew the registration of a mover or moving broker or the mover's or moving broker's directors, officers, owners, or general partners, if the mover or moving broker has not satisfied a civil fine or penalty imposed for refusing or knowingly failing to provide the customer with the required written notice.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 119-0