

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Commerce (Garcia) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment

Delete lines 97 - 155 and insert:

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507.06 Transportation or shipment, delivery, and storage of household goods.-

- (1) A mover, before transporting or shipping a shipper's household goods, may refuse to transport or ship any of the goods, if the mover notifies the shipper and the shipper acknowledges the refusal in writing.
- (2) (1) A mover must relinquish household goods to a shipper and must place the goods inside a shipper's dwelling or, if directed by the shipper, inside a storehouse or warehouse that

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is owned or rented by the shipper or the shipper's agent, unless the shipper has not tendered payment in the amount specified in a written contract or estimate signed and dated by the shipper. A mover may not refuse to relinquish prescription medicines and goods for use by children, including children's furniture, clothing, or toys, under any circumstances.

(3) (2) A mover may not refuse to relinquish household goods to a shipper or fail to place the goods inside a shipper's dwelling or, if directed by the shipper, inside a storehouse or warehouse that is owned or rented by the shipper or the shipper's agent, based on the mover's refusal to accept an acceptable form of payment.

(4) A mover that lawfully fails to relinquish a shipper's household goods may place the goods in storage until payment is tendered; however, the mover must notify the shipper of the location where the goods are stored and the amount due within 5 days after receipt of a written request for that information from the shipper, which request must include the address where the shipper may receive the notice. A mover may not require a prospective shipper to waive any rights or requirements under this section.

Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 507.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

507.07 Violations.-It is a violation of this chapter to:

(1) Conduct business as a mover or moving broker, or advertise to engage in the business of moving or offering to move, without first being registered annually with the department.

Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 507.13, Florida



Statutes, is amended to read:

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507.13 Local regulation.-

(1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and (c), this chapter preempts a does not preempt local ordinance ordinances or regulation regulations of a county or municipality which regulates regulate transactions relating to movers of household goods or moving brokers.

(b) This chapter does not preempt an ordinance or regulation originally enacted by a county before January 1, 2010, or a subsequent amendment to such an ordinance or regulation. However, registration fees required by such an ordinance or regulation must be reasonable and may not exceed the cost of administering the ordinance or regulation. Such an ordinance may only apply to the mover or moving broker whose principal place of business is located within that jurisdiction.

(c) This section does not preempt a local government's authority to levy a local business tax pursuant to chapter 205. As provided in s. 507.03(4), counties and municipalities may require , levy, or collect any registration fee or tax or require the registration or bonding in any manner of any mover or moving broker.