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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to self-service storage

An act relating to self-service storage facilities; amending s. 83.803, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "last known address"; amending s. 83.806, F.S.; revising notice requirements relating to enforcing an owner's lien; authorizing notice by first-class mail, along with a certificate of mailing; revising provisions relating to when notice given is presumed delivered; amending s. 83.808, F.S.; specifying nonapplication of certain provisions to the right to create contractual liens and limitations on liability; requiring rental agreements and applications for rental agreements to contain a provision for the disclosure of the applicant's membership in the uniformed services; requiring rental agreements limiting the value of property that is stored in a leased space to conspicuously place such provision in the agreement; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 83.803, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

83.803 Definitions.—As used in ss. 83.801-83.809:

(6) "Last known address" means the street that address or post office box address provided by the tenant in the latest rental agreement or in a subsequent written change-of-address notice provided the address provided by the tenant by hand delivery, first-class mail, or electronic certified mail in a

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subsequent written notice of a change of address.

- Section 2. Subsections (1), (3), and (8) of section 83.806, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 83.806 Enforcement of lien.—An owner's lien as provided in s. 83.805 may be satisfied as follows:
- (1) The tenant shall be notified by written notice delivered in person or by <u>first-class</u> <u>certified</u> mail, along with a certificate of mailing, to the tenant's last known address and conspicuously posted at the self-service storage facility or on the self-contained storage unit.
- (3) Any notice given pursuant to this section shall be presumed delivered when it is deposited with the United States Postal Service, registered, and properly addressed with postage prepaid.
- (8) In the event of a sale under this section, the owner may satisfy his or her lien from the proceeds of the sale, provided the owner's lien has priority over all other liens in the personal property. The lien rights of secured lienholders are automatically transferred to the remaining proceeds of the sale. The balance, if any, shall be held by the owner for delivery on demand to the tenant. A notice of any balance shall be delivered by the owner to the tenant in person or by first-class certified mail, along with a certificate of mailing, to the last known address of the tenant. If the tenant does not claim the balance of the proceeds within 2 years after of-the-date of-sale, the proceeds shall be deemed abandoned, and the owner shall have no further obligation with regard to the payment of the balance. In the event that the owner's lien does

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not have priority over all other liens, the sale proceeds shall be held for the benefit of the holders of those liens having priority. A notice of the amount of the sale proceeds shall be delivered by the owner to the tenant or secured lienholders in person or by first-class certified mail, along with a certificate of mailing, to their last known addresses. If the tenant or the secured lienholders do not claim the sale proceeds within 2 years after of the date of sale, the proceeds shall be deemed abandoned, and the owner shall have no further obligation with regard to the payment of the proceeds.

Section 3. Section 83.808, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

83.808 Contracts Contractual liens.-

- (1) This part does not impair or affect Nothing in ss. 83.801-83.809 shall be construed as in any manner impairing or affecting the right of parties to create liens or limitations on liability by special contract or agreement or nor shall it in any manner impair or affect any other lien arising at common law, in equity, or by any statute of this state or any other lien not provided for in s. 83.805.
- (2) A rental agreement or an application for a rental agreement must contain a provision disclosing whether the applicant is a member of the uniformed services as that term is defined in 10 U.S.C. s. 101(a)(5).
- (3) If a rental agreement contains a provision limiting the value of property that is stored in a leased space, the provision must be conspicuously placed in the agreement.
 - Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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