By Senator Jones

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to residential tenancies; amending s. 83.67, F.S.; prohibiting a landlord from refusing to enter into a rental agreement with a prospective tenant under certain circumstances related to COVID-19; 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. Present subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section 83.67, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7), (8), and (9), respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

83.67 Prohibited practices.—

(6) A landlord may not refuse to enter into a rental agreement with a prospective tenant if such refusal is solely based upon the tenant being previously evicted during a period when a public health emergency related to COVID-19 existed, as determined by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.