

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Regulated Industries

CS/HB 715 — Self-service Storage Facilities

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Caldwell (CS/S 646 by Regulated Industries and Senator Wise)

This bill revises the provision in s. 83.803(6), F.S., that a notice of change of address must be provided by the tenant by certified mail and instead allows for first-class mail and e-mail notifications. This bill amends s. 83.806, F.S., to allow notices to be provided to the tenant by e-mail or first-class mail with a certificate of mailing. If the owner notifies the tenant by e-mail, a response, return receipt, or delivery confirmation from the last known e-mail address of the tenant is required. If no response is forthcoming, the owner must send notice of the sale to the tenant's last known address by first-class mail along with a certificate of mailing, before proceeding with the sale. A notice of any balance remaining after the sale may be delivered to the tenant by first-class mail with a certificate of mailing rather than by certified mail. The bill also amends s. 83.808, F.S., to require rental agreements or applications for a rental agreement to 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).

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 114-0