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HB 3399

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A bill to be entitled 1 An act relating to bulk transfers; creating s. 2 3 726.202, F.S.; specifying certain bulk 4 transfers as fraudulent under certain circumstances; providing criteria; providing 5 6 requirements; specifying liability; providing 7 an effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 Section 1. Section 726.202, Florida Statutes, is 11 12 created to read: 13 726.202 Bulk transfers; notice to unsecured 14 creditors.--For purposes of this section, the terms 15 transfer," "transferor," and "transferee" include the terms "sale," "seller," and "buyer," respectively. Any transfer in 16 17 bulk of a major part of the supplies, inventory, merchandise, 18 or other materials held by a transferor, not in the ordinary course of the transferor's business, is fraudulent if the 19 20 transferee fails to secure from the transferor a list, under oath, of the transferor's unsecured creditors and fails to 21 provide actual notice to such creditors of the proposed 22 23 transfer not less than 15 days prior to the consummation of 24 the transfer. Any unsecured creditor of the transferor which provides notice to the transferee of the creditor's unsecured 25 2.6 claim within 15 days before the consummation of the transfer 27 shall be treated as a creditor which holds a security interest 28 in the supplies, inventory, merchandise, or other materials subject to the transfer. A transferee's failure to secure a 29 30 list of the transferor's unsecured creditors and to notify 31 such creditors as required in this section obligates the 1

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transferee to pay the claims of the transferor's unsecured creditors to the same extent the transferor is obligated to pay such claims. Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve the transferor of any obligations to any unsecured creditor of the transferor. Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1 of the year in which enacted. HOUSE SUMMARY Provides that a bulk transfer of supplies, inventory, merchandise, or other materials is fraudulent if the transferee does not obtain a list of the transferor's unsecured creditors and notifies those creditors of the transfer before it occurs. See bill for details.

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