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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Fair Housing Act; amending s. 760.29, F.S.; providing that a 3 4 housing facility or community may qualify as 5 housing for older persons despite specified 6 provisions in the document which governs deed 7 restrictions pertaining to that facility or community; providing legislative purpose; 8 9 providing for retroactive applicability; 10 providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (4) of section 760.29, Florida Statutes, to read: 15 16 760.29 Exemptions.--17 (4)(e)1. Any housing facility or community may qualify at 18 19 any time under this section as housing for older persons which is exempt from ss. 760.20-760.37, notwithstanding any of the 20 21 following in the declaration of restrictions, as defined in s. 22 617.306(1)(b), of that housing facility or community, or in 23 any other such document governing deed restrictions, which was 24 executed before the effective date of this paragraph: 25 a. The absence of an amending procedure; 26 b. An express prohibition of amendments; or 27 c. A restriction on amendments until a specified 28 future date. 29 The purpose of this paragraph is to reaffirm 30 existing legislative intent that all existing housing facilities or communities may qualify as housing for older

persons under this section. This paragraph applies retroactively to validate any amendments to a declaration of restrictions, or other such document governing deed restrictions, which heretofore complied with the requirements of this section to qualify as housing for older persons but which contained any of the provisions described in subparagraph 1. This paragraph does not void any contracts or deeds for sale that were executed before the effective date of this paragraph. A county or municipal ordinance regarding housing for older persons may not contravene the provisions of this subsection. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. ********** SENATE SUMMARY Revises certain exemptions in the Fair Housing Act by providing that any housing facility or community may qualify at any time as housing for older persons, despite specified provisions in the declaration of deed restrictions which governs the facility or community. Provides legislative purpose. Provides for retroactive applicability.