

By Senator Crist

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to hiring or leasing with
3 intent to defraud; amending s. 812.155, F.S.;
4 providing that the exclusion of property
5 obtained under a rental-purchase agreement from
6 criminal statutes relating to hiring or leasing
7 with intent to defraud and similar offenses
8 does not apply when the rental store retains
9 title to the property through the period of the
10 agreement; providing penalties; providing an
11 effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 812.155, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 812.155 Hiring, leasing, or obtaining personal
18 property or equipment with the intent to defraud; failing to
19 return hired or leased personal property or equipment; rules
20 of evidence.--

21 (7) EXCLUSION OF RENTAL-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.--This
22 section does not apply to personal property or equipment that
23 is the subject of a rental-purchase agreement that permits the
24 lessee to acquire ownership of the personal property or
25 equipment unless the rental store retains title to the
26 property throughout the rental-purchase agreement period.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Applies criminal provisions relating to obtaining by
trick, false representation, etc.; hiring or leasing with
intent to defraud; and failure to redeliver hired or
leased property to property that is the subject of a
rental-purchase agreement when the rental store retains
title to the property during the rental period.