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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 personal property or equipment throughout the rental-purchase
27 agreement period.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.
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