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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to stolen property; amending s.
812.022, F.S.; providing that proof of
possession of certain misappropriated property
gives rise to an inference that the person
buying or selling the property knew or should
have known that it had been stolen; providing a
defense to such an inference; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 812.022,
Florida Statutes, to read:

812.022 Evidence of theft or dealing in stolen
property.--

(5) Proof of possession of misappropriated property
that contains identifying or ownership information, whether or
not attempts have been made to alter or conceal the
identifying or ownership information, gives rise to the
inference that the person buying or selling the property knew
or should have known that the property had been stolen. A
purchaser of property may avoid this inference by contacting
the identified owner, if the identifying or ownership
information is decipherable, to confirm that the property has
not been misappropriated, or, if the identifying or ownership
information is not decipherable, by contacting local law
enforcement to inquire as to whether the property may have
been misappropriated.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.