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1	HB 0611 2004 A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to conveyances of land; transferring,
3	renumbering, and amending s. 689.26, F.S.; providing that
4	certain contracts are voidable for a specified period;
5	requiring that a purchaser provide written notice of
6	cancellation; transferring and renumbering s. 689.265,
7	F.S., relating to required financial reports of certain
8	residential subdivision developers; amending s. 498.025,
9	F.S., relating to the disposition of subdivided lands;
10	conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. Section 689.26, Florida Statutes, is
15	transferred, renumbered as section 720.3085, Florida Statutes,
16	and amended to read:
17	720.3085 689.26 Prospective purchasers subject to
18	association membership requirement; disclosure required;
19	covenants; assessments; contract voidability
20	(1)(a) A prospective parcel owner in a community must be
21	presented a disclosure summary before executing the contract for
22	sale. The disclosure summary must be in a form substantially
23	similar to the following form:
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25	DISCLOSURE SUMMARY
26	FOR
27	(NAME OF COMMUNITY)
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29 1. AS A PURCHASER OF PROPERTY IN THIS COMMUNITY, YOU
30 (WILL) (WILL NOT) BE OBLIGATED TO BE A MEMBER OF A HOMEOWNERS'
31 ASSOCIATION.

32 2. THERE HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE RECORDED RESTRICTIVE
33 COVENANTS GOVERNING THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTIES IN THIS
34 COMMUNITY.

35 3. YOU (WILL) (WILL NOT) BE OBLIGATED TO PAY ASSESSMENTS
36 TO THE ASSOCIATION. YOU (WILL) (WILL NOT) BE OBLIGATED TO PAY
37 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR
38 SPECIAL DISTRICT. ALL ASSESSMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC
39 CHANGE.

40 4. YOUR FAILURE TO PAY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OR ASSESSMENTS
41 LEVIED BY A MANDATORY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION COULD RESULT IN A
42 LIEN ON YOUR PROPERTY.

5. THERE (IS) (IS NOT) AN OBLIGATION TO PAY RENT OR LAND
USE FEES FOR RECREATIONAL OR OTHER COMMONLY USED FACILITIES AS
AN OBLIGATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. (If
such obligation exists, then the amount of the current
obligation shall be set forth.)

6. THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS (CAN) (CANNOT) BE AMENDED
WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP OR, IF NO
MANDATORY ASSOCIATION EXISTS, PARCEL OWNERS.

51 7. THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE FORM ARE
52 ONLY SUMMARY IN NATURE, AND, AS A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, YOU
53 SHOULD REFER TO THE COVENANTS AND THE ASSOCIATION GOVERNING
54 DOCUMENTS BEFORE PURCHASING PROPERTY.

55 8. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE MATTERS OF PUBLIC RECORD AND CAN BE
56 OBTAINED FROM THE RECORD OFFICE IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY
57 IS LOCATED.

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59	DATE: PURCHASER:
60	PURCHASER:
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62	The disclosure must be supplied by the developer, or by the
63	parcel owner if the sale is by an owner that is not the
64	developer. Any contract or agreement for sale shall refer to
65	and incorporate the disclosure summary and shall include, in
66	prominent language, a statement that the potential buyer should
67	not execute the contract or agreement until they have received
68	and read the disclosure summary required by this section.
69	(b) Each contract entered into for the sale of property
70	governed by covenants subject to disclosure required by this
71	section must contain in conspicuous type a clause that states:
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73	IF THE DISCLOSURE SUMMARY REQUIRED BY SECTION 720.3085
74	689.26, FLORIDA STATUTES, HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED TO THE
75	PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER BEFORE EXECUTING THIS CONTRACT
76	FOR SALE, THIS CONTRACT IS VOIDABLE BY BUYER BY
77	DELIVERING TO SELLER OR SELLER'S AGENT <u>OR</u>
78	REPRESENTATIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE BUYER'S INTENTION
79	TO CANCEL WITHIN 3 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE
80	DISCLOSURE SUMMARY OR PRIOR TO CLOSING, WHICHEVER
81	OCCURS FIRST. ANY PURPORTED WAIVER OF THIS VOIDABILITY
82	RIGHT HAS NO EFFECT. BUYER'S RIGHT TO VOID THIS
83	CONTRACT SHALL TERMINATE AT CLOSING.
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85	(c) <u>If the disclosure summary is not provided to a</u>
86	prospective purchaser before the purchaser executes a contract

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HB 0611 2004 87 for the sale of property governed by covenants that are subject 88 to disclosure pursuant to this section, the purchaser may void 89 the contract by delivering to the seller or the seller's agent 90 or representative written notice canceling the contract within 3 91 days after receipt of the disclosure summary or prior to closing, whichever occurs first. This right may not be waived by 92 the purchaser, but terminates at closing. A contract that does 93 94 not conform to the requirements of this subsection is voidable 95 at the option of the purchaser prior to closing.

96 (2) This section does not apply to any association
97 regulated under chapter 718, chapter 719, chapter 721, or
98 chapter 723 or to a subdivider registered under chapter 498; and
99 also does not apply if disclosure regarding the association is
100 otherwise made in connection with the requirements of chapter
101 718, chapter 719, chapter 721, or chapter 723.

102 Section 2. Section 689.265, Florida Statutes, is 103 transferred and renumbered as section 720.3086, Florida 104 Statutes, to read:

105 720.3086 689.265 Financial report.--In a residential 106 subdivision in which the owners of lots or parcels must pay 107 mandatory maintenance or amenity fees to the subdivision 108 developer or to the owners of the common areas, recreational facilities, and other properties serving the lots or parcels, 109 110 the developer or owner of such areas, facilities, or properties 111 shall make public, within 60 days following the end of each 112 fiscal year, a complete financial report of the actual, total 113 receipts of mandatory maintenance or amenity fees received by 114 it, and an itemized listing of the expenditures made by it from 115 such fees, for that year. Such report shall be made public by

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HB 0611 2004 116 mailing it to each lot or parcel owner in the subdivision, by 117 publishing it in a publication regularly distributed within the subdivision, or by posting it in prominent locations in the 118 119 This section does not apply to amounts paid to subdivision. 120 homeowner associations pursuant to chapter 617, chapter 718, chapter 719, chapter 721, or chapter 723, or to amounts paid to 121 122 local governmental entities, including special districts.

123Section 3. Paragraphs (g) and (h) of subsection (2) of124section 498.025, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

498.025 Exemptions.--

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126 (2) Except as provided in s. 498.022, the provisions of 127 this chapter do not apply to offers or dispositions of interests in lots, parcels, or units contained in a recorded subdivision 128 129 plat, or resulting from the subdivision of land in accordance 130 with applicable local land development laws and regulations 131 pursuant to part II of chapter 163, including lots, parcels, 132 units, or interest vested under such part, if all of the 133 following conditions exist:

(g) The contract for purchase or lease contains, and the subdivider complies with, the following provisions:

The purchaser must inspect the subdivided land prior to
 the execution of the contract or lease.

138 2. The purchaser shall have an absolute right to cancel 139 the contract or lease for any reason whatsoever for a period of 140 7 business days following the date on which the contract or 141 lease was executed by the purchaser.

142 3. In the event the purchaser elects to cancel within the
143 period provided, all funds or other property paid by the
144 purchaser shall be refunded without penalty or obligation within

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145 20 days of the receipt of the notice of cancellation by the 146 developer.

4. All funds <u>or for</u> property paid by the purchaser shall
be put in escrow until closing has occurred and the lease or
deed has been recorded.

150 5. Unless otherwise timely canceled, closing shall occur
151 within 180 days of the date of execution of the contract by the
152 purchaser.

6. When title is conveyed, said title shall be conveyed by
statutory warranty deed unencumbered by any lien or mortgage
except for any first purchase money mortgage given by the
purchaser and restrictions, covenants, or easements of record.

157 7. The subdivider presents to the purchaser the disclosure 158 required by <u>s. 720.3085</u> s. 689.26 prior to the execution of the 159 contract or lease.

(h) The agreement for deed contains, and the subdividercomplies with, the following provisions:

162 1. The purchaser must inspect the subdivided land prior to
 163 the execution of the agreement for deed.

164 2. The purchaser shall have an absolute right to cancel 165 the agreement for deed for any reason whatsoever for a period of 166 7 business days following the date on which the agreement for 167 deed was executed by the purchaser.

168 3. If the purchaser elects to cancel within the period 169 provided, all funds or other property paid by the purchaser 170 shall be refunded without penalty or obligation within 20 days 171 after the receipt of the notice of cancellation by the 172 developer.

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HB 0611 2004 173 All funds or for property paid by the purchaser shall 4. 174 be put in escrow until the agreement for deed has been recorded 175 in the county in which the subdivision is located. 176 5. Unless otherwise timely canceled, the agreement for 177 deed shall be recorded within 180 days after its execution by 178 the purchaser. 179 6. Sale of lots in the subdivision shall be restricted 180 solely to residents of the state. The underlying mortgage or other ancillary documents 181 7. shall contain release provisions for the individual lot 182 183 purchased. 8. The subdivider presents to the purchaser the disclosure 184 185 required by s. 720.3085 s. 689.26 prior to the execution of the 186 agreement for deed. 187 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.