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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code; revising 3 and providing provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code 4 relating to electronic documents of title, warehouse 5 receipts, bills of lading, and other documents of title to 6 conform to the revised Article 7 of the Uniform Commercial 7 Code as prepared by the National Conference of 8 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; amending ss. 668.50 9 and 671.304, F.S.; correcting cross-references; amending 10 ss. 671.201, 672.103, 672.104, 674.104, 677.102, and 11 679.1021, F.S.; revising and providing definitions; revising provisions pertaining to definitions applicable 12 to certain provisions of the code, to conform cross-13 14 references to revisions made by this act; amending s. 15 672.310, F.S.; revising time when certain delivery 16 payments are due; amending ss. 559.9232, 672.323, 672.401, 17 672.503, 672.505, 672.506, 672.509, 672.605, 672.705, 674.2101, 677.201, 677.202, 677.203, 677.205, 677.206, 18 19 677.207, 677.208, 677.301, 677.302, 677.304, 677.305, 677.401, 677.402, 677.403, 677.404, 677.502, 677.503, 20 21 677.505, 677.506, 677.507, 677.508, 677.509, 677.602, 22 677.603, 679.2031, 679.2071, 679.3011, 679.3101, 679.3121, 679.3131, 679.3141, 679.3171, 679.338, 680.1031, 680.514, 23 24 and 680.526, F.S.; revising provisions to conform to 25 changes made by this act; making editorial changes; amending s. 677.103, F.S.; revising and providing 26 27 application in relation of chapter to treaty, statute, 28 classification, or regulation; amending s. 677.104, F.S.;

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providing when certain documents of title are
nonnegotiable; amending s. 677.105, F.S.; authorizing an
issuer of the electronic document to issue a tangible
document of title as a substitute for the electronic
document under certain conditions; authorizing an issuer
of a tangible document to issue an electronic document of
title as a substitute for the tangible document under
certain conditions; creating s. 677.106, F.S.; providing
when certain persons have control of an electronic
document of title; amending s. 677.204, F.S.; revising
liability of certain damages; authorizing a warehouse
receipt or storage agreement to provide certain
requirements; amending s. 677.209, F.S.; revising
conditions for a warehouse to establish a lien against a
bailor; providing when and against whom the lien is
effective; amending s. 677.210, F.S.; revising provisions
relating to the enforcement of warehouse's liens; amending
s. 677.303, F.S.; prohibiting liability for certain
carriers; amending s. 677.307, F.S.; revising conditions
under which a carrier has a lien on goods covered by a
bill of lading; amending s. 677.308, F.S.; revising
provisions relating to the enforcement of a carrier's
lien; amending s. 677.309, F.S.; revising provisions
relating to the contractual limitation of a carrier's
liability; amending s. 677.501, F.S.; providing
requirements for negotiable tangible documents of title
and negotiable electronic documents of title; amending s.
677.504, F.S.; providing condition under which the rights

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57	of the transferee may be defeated; amending s. 677.601,
58	F.S.; revising provisions relating to lost, stolen, or
59	destroyed documents of title; amending s. 678.1031, F.S.;
60	providing that certain documents of title are not
61	financial assets; amending s. 679.2081, F.S.; providing
62	requirements for secured parties having control of an
63	electronic document; providing an effective date.
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65	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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67	Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
68	559.9232, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
69	559.9232 Definitions; exclusion of rental-purchase
70	agreements from certain regulations
71	(2) A rental-purchase agreement that complies with this
72	act shall not be construed to be, nor be governed by, any of the
73	following:
74	(f) A security interest as defined in s. 671.201 <u>(38)</u> (35).
75	Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (16) of section
76	668.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
77	668.50 Uniform Electronic Transaction Act
78	(16) TRANSFERABLE RECORDS
79	(d) Except as otherwise agreed, a person having control of
80	a transferable record is the holder, as defined in s.
81	671.201(21), of the transferable record and has the same rights
82	and defenses as a holder of an equivalent record or writing
83	under the Uniform Commercial Code, including, if the applicable
84	statutory requirements under s. 673.3021, s. 677.501, or s.
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85 <u>679.330</u> 679.308 are satisfied, the rights and defenses of a 86 holder in due course, a holder to which a negotiable document of 87 title has been duly negotiated, or a purchaser, respectively. 88 Delivery, possession, and indorsement are not required to obtain 89 or exercise any of the rights under this paragraph.

90 Section 3. Present subsections (25) through (43) of 91 section 671.201, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections 92 (28) through (46), respectively, new subsections (25), (26), and 93 (27) are added to that section, and present subsections (5), 94 (6), (10), (15), (16), (21), and (42) are amended, to read:

95 671.201 General definitions.-Unless the context otherwise 96 requires, words or phrases defined in this section, or in the 97 additional definitions contained in other chapters of this code 98 which apply to particular chapters or parts thereof, have the 99 meanings stated. Subject to definitions contained in other 100 chapters of this code which apply to particular chapters or 101 parts thereof, the term:

(5) "Bearer" means a person in <u>control of a negotiable</u> electronic document of title or a person in possession of a negotiable instrument, <u>a negotiable tangible</u> document of title, or <u>a</u> certificated security that is payable to bearer or indorsed in blank.

(6) "Bill of lading" means a document <u>of title</u> evidencing
the receipt of goods for shipment issued by a person engaged in
the business of <u>directly or indirectly</u> transporting or
forwarding goods. <u>The term does not include a warehouse receipt.</u>

(10) "Conspicuous," with reference to a term, means so written, displayed, or presented that a reasonable person Page 4 of 70

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against <u>which</u> whom it is to operate ought to have noticed it.
Whether a term is "conspicuous" is a decision for the court.
Conspicuous terms include the following:

(a) A heading in capitals in a size equal to or greater in size larger than that of the surrounding text, or in contrasting a type, font, or color in contrast to the surrounding text of the same or lesser size; and.

(b) Language in the body of a record or display in <u>larger</u>
type larger than that of the surrounding text; in a type, font,
or color in contrast to the surrounding text of the same size;
or set off from surrounding text of the same size by symbols or
other marks that call attention to the language.

(15) "Delivery," with respect to an <u>electronic document of</u> title, means voluntary transfer of control and "delivery," with respect to instruments instrument, tangible document of title, or chattel paper, <u>or certificated securities</u>, means voluntary transfer of possession.

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(16) "Document of title" means a record:

131 (a) includes bill of lading, dock warrant, dock receipt, 132 warehouse receipt or order for the delivery of goods, and any 133 other document That in the regular course of business or 134 financing is treated as adequately evidencing that the person in 135 possession or control of the record it is entitled to receive, 136 control, hold, and dispose of the record document and the goods 137 the record it covers; and

138 (b) That purports to be issued by or addressed to a bailee 139 and to cover goods in the bailee's possession which are either 140 identified or are fungible portions of an identified mass. The

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141 term includes a bill of lading, transport document, dock 142 warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt, and order for delivery 143 of goods. An electronic document of title means a document of 144 title evidenced by a record consisting of information stored in 145 an electronic medium. A tangible document of title means a document of title evidenced by a record consisting of 146 147 information that is inscribed on a tangible medium. To be a document of title, a document must purport to be issued by or 148 149 addressed to a bailee and purport to cover goods in the bailee's 150 possession which are either identified or are fungible portions of an identified mass. 151 152 (21) "Holder" means: 153 The person in possession of a negotiable instrument (a) 154 that is payable either to bearer or to an identified person that 155 is the person in possession; or 156 (b) The person in possession of a negotiable tangible 157 document of title if the goods are deliverable either to bearer 158 or to the order of the person in possession; or. (C) 159 The person in control of a negotiable electronic 160 document of title. 161 (25) Subject to subsection (27), a person has "notice" of a fact if the person: 162 163 (a) Has actual knowledge of it; 164 (b) Has received a notice or notification of it; or 165 (c) From all the facts and circumstances known to the person at the time in question, has reason to know that it 166 exists. A person "knows" or has "knowledge" of a fact when the 167 168 person has actual knowledge of it. "Discover" or "learn" or a

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169 word or phrase of similar import refers to knowledge rather than 170 to reason to know. The time and circumstances under which a 171 notice or notification may cease to be effective are not 172 determined by this section. 173 (26) A person "notifies" or "gives" a notice or 174 notification to another person by taking such steps as may be 175 reasonably required to inform the other person in ordinary 176 course, whether or not the other person actually comes to know of it. Subject to subsection (27), a person "receives" a notice 177 178 or notification when: 179 (a) It comes to that person's attention; or 180 (b) It is duly delivered in a form reasonable under the 181 circumstances at the place of business through which the 182 contract was made or at another location held out by that person as the place for receipt of such communications. 183 (27) Notice, knowledge, or a notice or notification 184 185 received by an organization is effective for a particular 186 transaction from the time when it is brought to the attention of 187 the individual conducting that transaction, and, in any event, from the time when it would have been brought to the 188 189 individual's attention if the organization had exercised due 190 diligence. An organization exercises due diligence if it 191 maintains reasonable routines for communicating significant 192 information to the person conducting the transaction and there 193 is reasonable compliance with the routines. Due diligence does 194 not require an individual acting for the organization to 195 communicate information unless such communication is part of the 196 individual's regular duties or the individual has reason to know

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197 of the transaction and that the transaction would be materially 198 affected by the information.

199 <u>(45)(42)</u> "Warehouse receipt" means a <u>document of title</u> 200 receipt issued by a person engaged in the business of storing 201 goods for hire.

202 Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 671.304, Florida 203 Statutes, is amended to read:

204 671.304 Laws not repealed; precedence where code 205 provisions in conflict with other laws; certain statutory 206 remedies retained.-

207 (5) The effectiveness of any financing statement or continuation statement filed prior to January 1, 1980, or any 208 209 continuation statement filed on or after October 1, 1984, which 210 states that the debtor is a transmitting utility as provided in 211 s. 679.515(6) 679.403(6) shall continue until a termination 212 statement is filed, except that if this act requires a filing in 213 an office where there was no previous financing statement, a new 214 financing statement conforming to s. 680.109(4), Florida 215 Statutes 1979, shall be filed in that office.

216 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 672.103, Florida 217 Statutes, is amended to read:

672.103 Definitions and index of definitions.-

(3) The following definitions in other chapters apply tothis chapter:

221 "Check," s. 673.1041.

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222 "Consignee," s. 677.102.

223 "Consignor," s. 677.102.

"Consumer goods," s. 679.1021.

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225 "Control," s. 677.106. 226 "Dishonor," s. 673.5021. 227 "Draft," s. 673.1041. Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 672.104, Florida 228 229 Statutes, is amended to read: 230 672.104 Definitions: "merchant"; "between merchants"; 231 "financing agency."-232 "Financing agency" means a bank, finance company or (2)233 other person who in the ordinary course of business makes advances against goods or documents of title or who by 234 235 arrangement with either the seller or the buyer intervenes in 236 ordinary course to make or collect payment due or claimed under 237 the contract for sale, as by purchasing or paying the seller's 238 draft or making advances against it or by merely taking it for 239 collection whether or not documents of title accompany or are 240 associated with the draft. "Financing agency" includes also a 241 bank or other person who similarly intervenes between persons 242 who are in the position of seller and buyer in respect to the 243 goods (s. 672.707). 244 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 672.310, Florida 245 Statutes, is amended to read: 246 672.310 Open time for payment or running of credit; 247 authority to ship under reservation.-Unless otherwise agreed: 248 If delivery is authorized and made by way of documents (3) of title otherwise than by subsection (2) then payment is due 249 regardless of where the goods are to be received at the time and 250 place at which the buyer is to receive delivery of the tangible 251 252 documents or at the time the buyer is to receive delivery of the Page 9 of 70

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253 <u>electronic documents and at the seller's place of business or,</u> 254 <u>if none, the seller's residence</u> regardless of where the goods 255 are to be received; and

256 Section 8. Section 672.323, Florida Statutes, is amended 257 to read:

258 672.323 Form of bill of lading required in overseas 259 shipment; "overseas."-

(1) Where the contract contemplates overseas shipment and contains a term "C.I.F." or "C. & F. or F.O.B. vessel," the seller unless otherwise agreed <u>shall must</u> obtain a negotiable bill of lading stating that the goods have been loaded <u>in</u> on board or, in the case of a term "C.I.F." or "C. & F.," received for shipment.

(2) Where in a case within subsection (1) a <u>tangible</u> bill of lading has been issued in a set of parts, unless otherwise agreed if the documents are not to be sent from abroad the buyer may demand tender of the full set; otherwise only one part of the bill of lading need be tendered. Even if the agreement expressly requires a full set:

(a) Due tender of a single part is acceptable within the
provisions of this chapter on cure of improper delivery (s.
672.508(1)); and

(b) Even though the full set is demanded, if the documents are sent from abroad the person tendering an incomplete set may nevertheless require payment upon furnishing an indemnity which the buyer in good faith deems adequate.

(3) A shipment by water or by air or a contract
 contemplating such shipment is "overseas" insofar as by usage of

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281 trade or agreement it is subject to the commercial, financing or 282 shipping practices characteristic of international deepwater 283 commerce.

284 Section 9. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 672.401, 285 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

286 672.401 Passing of title; reservation for security; 287 limited application of this section.-Each provision of this 288 chapter with regard to the rights, obligations and remedies of 289 the seller, the buyer, purchasers or other third parties applies 290 irrespective of title to the goods except where the provision refers to such title. Insofar as situations are not covered by 291 292 the other provisions of this chapter and matters concerning 293 title become material the following rules apply:

(2) Unless otherwise explicitly agreed title passes to the buyer at the time and place at which the seller completes her or his performance with reference to the physical delivery of the goods, despite any reservation of a security interest and even though a document of title is to be delivered at a different time or place; and in particular and despite any reservation of a security interest by the bill of lading:

301 (a) If the contract requires or authorizes the seller to
302 send the goods to the buyer but does not require him or her the
303 seller to deliver them at destination, title passes to the buyer
304 at the time and place of shipment; but

305 (b) If the contract requires delivery at destination,306 title passes on tender there.

307 (3) Unless otherwise explicitly agreed where delivery is308 to be made without moving the goods:

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309 If the seller is to deliver a tangible document of (a) 310 title, title passes at the time when and the place where he or 311 she the seller delivers such documents and if the seller is to 312 deliver an electronic document of title, title passes when the 313 seller delivers the document; or 314 If the goods are at the time of contracting already (b) 315 identified and no documents of title are to be delivered, title 316 passes at the time and place of contracting. 317 Section 10. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 672.503, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 318 319 672.503 Manner of seller's tender of delivery.-320 Where goods are in the possession of a bailee and are (4) to be delivered without being moved: 321 322 (a) Tender requires that the seller either tender a 323 negotiable document of title covering such goods or procure 324 acknowledgment by the bailee of the buyer's right to possession 325 of the goods; but 326 Tender to the buyer of a nonnegotiable document of (b) 327 title or of a record directing written direction to the bailee 328 to deliver is sufficient tender unless the buyer seasonably 329 objects, and, except as otherwise provided in chapter 679, 330 receipt by the bailee of notification of the buyer's rights 331 fixes those rights as against the bailee and all third persons;

but risk of loss of the goods and of any failure by the bailee to honor the nonnegotiable document of title or to obey the direction remains on the seller until the buyer has had a reasonable time to present the document or direction, and a refusal by the bailee to honor the document or to obey the

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337 direction defeats the tender.

338 (5) Where the contract requires the seller to deliver 339 documents:

(a) He or she <u>shall</u> must tender all such documents in
correct form, except as provided in this chapter with respect to
bills of lading in a set (s. 672.323(2)); and

343 (b) Tender through customary banking channels is
344 sufficient and dishonor of a draft accompanying <u>or associated</u>
345 <u>with</u> the documents constitutes nonacceptance or rejection.

346 Section 11. Section 672.505, Florida Statutes, is amended 347 to read:

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672.505 Seller's shipment under reservation.-

349 (1) Where the seller has identified goods to the contract350 by or before shipment:

(a) <u>His or her</u> The seller's procurement of a negotiable
bill of lading to his or her own order or otherwise reserves in
<u>him or her</u> the seller a security interest in the goods. His or
her procurement of the bill to the order of a financing agency
or of the buyer indicates in addition only the seller's
expectation of transferring that interest to the person named.

(b) A nonnegotiable bill of lading to himself or herself
or his or her nominee reserves possession of the goods as
security but except in a case of conditional delivery (s.
672.507(2)) a nonnegotiable bill of lading naming the buyer as
consignee reserves no security interest even though the seller
retains possession or control of the bill of lading.

363 (2) When shipment by the seller with reservation of a
 364 security interest is in violation of the contract for sale it

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365 constitutes an improper contract for transportation within the 366 preceding section but impairs neither the rights given to the 367 buyer by shipment and identification of the goods to the 368 contract nor the seller's powers as a holder of a negotiable 369 document of title.

370 Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 672.506, Florida371 Statutes, is amended to read:

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672.506 Rights of financing agency.-

(2) The right to reimbursement of a financing agency which has in good faith honored or purchased the draft under commitment to or authority from the buyer is not impaired by subsequent discovery of defects with reference to any relevant document which was apparently regular on its face.

378 Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 672.509, Florida 379 Statutes, is amended to read:

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672.509 Risk of loss in the absence of breach.-

381 (2) Where the goods are held by a bailee to be delivered382 without being moved, the risk of loss passes to the buyer:

383 (a) On her or his receipt of possession or control of a
 384 negotiable document of title covering the goods; or

385 (b) On acknowledgment by the bailee of the buyer's right386 to possession of the goods; or

387 (c) After her or his receipt of <u>possession or control of</u> a
388 nonnegotiable document of title or other written direction to
389 deliver <u>in a record</u>, as provided in s. 672.503(4)(b).

390 Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 672.605, Florida391 Statutes, is amended to read:

392 672.605 Waiver of buyer's objections by failure to

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393 particularize.-

394 (2) Payment against documents made without reservation of
 395 rights precludes recovery of the payment for defects apparent <u>in</u>
 396 on the face of the documents.

397 Section 15. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 672.705, 398 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

399 672.705 Seller's stoppage of delivery in transit or 400 otherwise.-

401 (2) As against such buyer the seller may stop delivery 402 until:

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(a) Receipt of the goods by the buyer; or

404 (b) Acknowledgment to the buyer by any bailee of the goods
405 except a carrier that the bailee holds the goods for the buyer;
406 or

407 (c) Such acknowledgment to the buyer by a carrier by 408 reshipment or as a warehouse warehouseman; or

(d) Negotiation to the buyer of any negotiable document oftitle covering the goods.

(3) (a) To stop delivery the seller <u>shall</u> must so notify as
to enable the bailee by reasonable diligence to prevent delivery
of the goods.

(b) After such notification the bailee <u>shall</u> must hold and deliver the goods according to the directions of the seller but the seller is liable to the bailee for any ensuing charges or damages.

(c) If a negotiable document of title has been issued for
goods the bailee is not obliged to obey a notification to stop
until surrender of possession or control of the document.

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421	(d) A carrier who has issued a nonnegotiable bill of
422	lading is not obliged to obey a notification to stop received
423	from a person other than the consignor.
424	Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 674.104, Florida
425	Statutes, is amended to read:
426	674.104 Definitions and index of definitions
427	(3) The following definitions in other chapters apply to
428	this chapter:
429	"Acceptance," s. 673.4091.
430	"Alteration," s. 673.4071.
431	"Cashier's check," s. 673.1041.
432	"Certificate of deposit," s. 673.1041.
433	"Certified check," s. 673.4091.
434	"Check," s. 673.1041.
435	"Control," s. 677.106.
436	"Good faith," s. 673.1031.
437	"Holder in due course," s. 673.3021.
438	"Instrument," s. 673.1041.
439	"Notice of dishonor," s. 673.5031.
440	"Order," s. 673.1031.
441	"Ordinary care," s. 673.1031.
442	"Person entitled to enforce," s. 673.3011.
443	"Presentment," s. 673.5011.
444	"Promise," s. 673.1031.
445	"Prove," s. 673.1031.
446	"Teller's check," s. 673.1041.
447	"Unauthorized signature," s. 673.4031.
448	Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 674.2101, Florida
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449 Statutes, is amended to read:

450 674.2101 Security interest of collecting bank in items,
451 accompanying documents, and proceeds.-

452 Receipt by a collecting bank of a final settlement for (3) 453 an item is a realization on its security interest in the item, accompanying documents, and proceeds. So long as the bank does 454 455 not receive final settlement for the item or give up possession 456 of the item or possession or control of the accompanying or 457 associated documents for purposes other than collection, the 458 security interest continues to that extent and is subject to 459 chapter 679, but:

460 (a) No security agreement is necessary to make the
461 security interest enforceable (s. 679.2031(2)(c)1.);

(b) No filing is required to perfect the securityinterest; and

464 (c) The security interest has priority over conflicting
465 perfected security interests in the item, accompanying
466 documents, or proceeds.

467 Section 18. Section 677.102, Florida Statutes, is amended 468 to read:

469 677.102 Definitions and index of definitions.-

470 (1) In this chapter, unless the context otherwise471 requires:

(a) "Bailee" means <u>a</u> the person <u>that</u> who by a warehouse
receipt, bill of lading or other document of title acknowledges
possession of goods and contracts to deliver them.

475 (b) "Carrier" means a person that issues a bill of 476 lading.

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477 (c)-(b) "Consignee" means <u>a</u> the person named in a bill <u>of</u>
478 <u>lading</u> to <u>which</u> whom or to whose order the bill promises
479 delivery.

480 <u>(d) (c)</u> "Consignor" means <u>a</u> the person named in a bill <u>of</u> 481 <u>lading</u> as the person from <u>which</u> whom the goods have been 482 received for shipment.

483 <u>(e) (d)</u> "Delivery order" means a <u>record that contains an</u> 484 written order to deliver goods directed to a <u>warehouse</u> 485 warehouseman, carrier, or other person <u>that</u> who in the ordinary 486 course of business issues warehouse receipts or bills of lading.

487 (f) "Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance
 488 of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.

489 (e) "Document" means document of title as defined in the 490 general definitions in chapter 671 (s. 671.201).

491 (g) (f) "Goods" means all things that which are treated as
 492 movable for the purposes of a contract of storage or
 493 transportation.

494 (h) (g) "Issuer" means a bailee who issues a document of 495 title or, in the case of except that in relation to an 496 unaccepted delivery order, it means the person who orders the 497 possessor of goods to deliver. The term Issuer includes a any 498 person for which whom an agent or employee purports to act in 499 issuing a document if the agent or employee has real or apparent 500 authority to issue documents, notwithstanding that the issuer received no goods or that the goods were misdescribed or that in 501 502 any other respect the agent or employee violated his or her 503 instructions.

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(i) "Person entitled under the document" means the holder,

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505	in the case of a negotiable document of title, or the person to
506	which delivery of the goods is to be made by the terms of, or
507	pursuant to instructions in a record under, a nonnegotiable
508	document of title.
509	(j) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a
510	tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other
511	medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
512	(k) "Shipper" means a person that enters into a contract
513	of transportation with a carrier.
514	(1) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or
515	adopt a record:
516	1. To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
517	2. To attach to or logically associate with the record an
518	electronic sound, symbol, or process.
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520	engaged in the business of storing goods for hire.
521	(2) Other definitions applying to this chapter or to
522	specified parts thereof, and the sections in which they appear
523	are:
524	"Duly negotiate," s. 677.501.
525	"Person entitled under the document," s. 677.403(4).
526	(3) Definitions in other chapters applying to this chapter
527	and the sections in which they appear are:
528	"Contract for sale," s. 672.106.
529	"Overseas," s. 672.323.
530	"Lessee in ordinary course of business," s. 680.1031.
531	"Receipt" of goods, s. 672.103.
532	<u>(3)</u> (4) In addition, chapter 671 contains general
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533 definitions and principles of construction and interpretation 534 applicable throughout this chapter.

535 Section 19. Section 677.103, Florida Statutes, is amended 536 to read:

537 677.103 Relation of chapter to treaty, statute, tariff, 538 classification, or regulation.-

539 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this 540 chapter is subject to the extent that any treaty or statute of 541 the United States to the extent the treaty or statute, 542 regulatory statute of this state or tariff, classification or 543 regulation filed or issued pursuant thereto is applicable, the 544 provisions of this chapter are subject thereto.

545 (2) This chapter does not modify or repeal any law
546 prescribing the form or content of a document of title or the
547 services or facilities to be afforded by a bailee, or otherwise
548 regulating a bailee's business in respects not specifically
549 treated in this chapter. However, a violation of such a law does
550 not affect the status of a document of title that otherwise is
551 within the definition of a document of title.

552 (3) This chapter modifies, limits, and supersedes the 553 federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce 554 Act, 15 U.S.C. ss. 7001, et seq., but does not modify, limit, or 555 supersede s. 101(c) of that act, 15 U.S.C. s. 7001(c), or 556 authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in 557 s. 103(b) of that act, 15 U.S.C. s. 7003(b). 558 (4) To the extent that there is a conflict between any 559 provisions of the laws of this state regarding electronic

560 transactions and this chapter, this chapter governs.

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561 Section 20. Section 677.104, Florida Statutes, is amended 562 to read: 563 677.104 Negotiable and nonnegotiable warehouse receipt, 564 bill of lading or other document of title.-565 Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), a (1)566 warehouse receipt, bill of lading or other document of title is 567 negotiable: 568 (a) if by its terms the goods are to be delivered to 569 bearer or to the order of a named person; or 570 (b) Where recognized in overseas trade, if it runs to a 571 named person or assigns. 572 A document of title other than one described in (2) 573 subsection (1) Any other document is nonnegotiable. A bill of 574 lading that states in which it is stated that the goods are 575 consigned to a named person is not made negotiable by a 576 provision that the goods are to be delivered only against an $\frac{1}{2}$ 577 written order in a record signed by the same or another named 578 person. 579 (3) A document of title is nonnegotiable if, at the time 580 it is issued, the document has a conspicuous legend, however 581 expressed, that it is nonnegotiable. 582 Section 21. Section 677.105, Florida Statutes, is amended 583 to read: 677.105 Reissuance in alternative medium Construction 584 585 against negative implication.-586 (1) Upon request of a person entitled under an electronic document of title, the issuer of the electronic document may 587 588 issue a tangible document of title as a substitute for the Page 21 of 70

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589	electronic document if:
590	(a) The person entitled under the electronic document
591	surrenders control of the document to the issuer; and
592	(b) The tangible document when issued contains a statement
593	that it is issued in substitution for the electronic document.
594	(2) Upon issuance of a tangible document of title in
595	substitution for an electronic document of title in accordance
596	with subsection (1):
597	(a) The electronic document ceases to have any effect or
598	validity; and
599	(b) The person that procured issuance of the tangible
600	document warrants to all subsequent persons entitled under the
601	tangible document that the warrantor was a person entitled under
602	the electronic document when the warrantor surrendered control
603	of the electronic document to the issuer.
604	(3) Upon request of a person entitled under a tangible
605	document of title, the issuer of the tangible document may issue
606	an electronic document of title as a substitute for the tangible
607	document if:
608	(a) The person entitled under the tangible document
609	surrenders possession of the document to the issuer; and
610	(b) The electronic document when issued contains a
611	statement that it is issued in substitution for the tangible
612	document.
613	(4) Upon issuance of an electronic document of title in
614	substitution for a tangible document of title is accordance with
615	subsection (3):
616	(a) The tangible document ceases to have any effect or
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617 validity; and 618 (b) The person that procured issuance of the electronic 619 document warrants to all subsequent persons entitled under the 620 electronic document that the warrantor was a person entitled 621 under the tangible document when the warrantor surrendered 622 possession of the tangible document to the issuer. The omission 623 from either part II or part III of this chapter of a provision 624 corresponding to a provision made in the other part does not 625 imply that a corresponding rule of law is not applicable. 626 Section 22. Section 677.106, Florida Statutes, is created 627 to read: 628 677.106 Control of electronic document of title.-629 (1) A person has control of an electronic document of 630 title if a system employed for evidencing the transfer of 631 interests in the electronic document reliably establishes that 632 person as the person to which the electronic document was issued 633 or transferred. 634 (2) A system satisfies subsection (1), and a person is 635 deemed to have control of an electronic document of title, if 636 the document is created, stored, and assigned in a manner that: 637 A single authoritative copy of the document exists (a) 638 which is unique, identifiable, and, except as otherwise provided 639 in paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), unalterable; 640 (b) The authoritative copy identifies the person asserting 641 control as: 642 1. The person to which the document was issued; or

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643 2. If the authoritative copy indicates that the document 644 has been transferred, the person to which the document was most 645 recently transferred; (c) The authoritative copy is communicated to and 646 647 maintained by the person asserting control or its designated 648 custodian; 649 (d) Copies or amendments that add or change an identified 650 assignee of the authoritative copy can be made only with the 651 consent of the person asserting control; 652 (e) Each copy of the authoritative copy and any copy of a 653 copy is readily identifiable as a copy that is not the 654 authoritative copy; and 655 (f) Any amendment of the authoritative copy is readily 656 identifiable as authorized or unauthorized. 657 Section 23. Section 677.201, Florida Statutes, is amended 658 to read: 659 677.201 Persons that Who may issue a warehouse receipt; 660 storage under government bond.-661 (1) A warehouse receipt may be issued by any warehouse 662 warehouseman. 663 (2) If Where goods, including distilled spirits and 664 agricultural commodities, are stored under a statute requiring a 665 bond against withdrawal or a license for the issuance of 666 receipts in the nature of warehouse receipts, a receipt issued 667 for the goods is deemed to be has like effect as a warehouse receipt even if though issued by a person that who is the owner 668 669 of the goods and is not a warehouse warehouseman. 670 Section 24. Section 677.202, Florida Statutes, is amended Page 24 of 70

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671 to read: 672 677.202 Form of warehouse receipt; effect of omission 673 essential terms; optional terms.-674 (1) A warehouse receipt need not be in any particular 675 form. 676 (2)Unless a warehouse receipt provides for embodies 677 within its written or printed terms each of the following, the 678 warehouse warehouseman is liable for damages caused to a person 679 injured by its by the omission to a person injured thereby: (a) 680 A statement of the location of the warehouse facility 681 where the goods are stored; 682 The date of issue of the receipt; (b) 683 The unique identification code consecutive number of (C) 684 the receipt; 685 A statement whether the goods received will be (d) 686 delivered to the bearer, to a named specified person, or to a 687 named specified person or its his or her order; 688 The rate of storage and handling charges, unless (e) 689 except that where goods are stored under a field warehousing 690 arrangement, in which case a statement of that fact is 691 sufficient on a nonnegotiable receipt; (f) A description of the goods or of the packages 692 693 containing them; The signature of the warehouse or its warehouseman, 694 (q) 695 which may be made by his or her authorized agent; 696 (h) If the receipt is issued for goods that the warehouse 697 owns of which the warehouseman is owner, either solely, or 698 jointly, or in common with others, <u>a statement of</u> the fact of Page 25 of 70

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699 that such ownership; and

700 (i) A statement of the amount of advances made and of 701 liabilities incurred for which the warehouse warehouseman claims 702 a lien or security interest, unless (s. 677.209). If the precise 703 amount of such advances made or of such liabilities incurred is, at the time of the issue of the receipt is $_{\overline{\tau}}$ unknown to the 704 705 warehouse warehouseman or to its his or her agent that issued 706 the receipt, in which case who issues it, a statement of the 707 fact that advances have been made or liabilities incurred and the purpose of the advances or liabilities thereof is 708 sufficient. 709

(3) A <u>warehouse</u> warehouseman may insert in <u>its</u> his or her receipt any other terms <u>that</u> which are not contrary to the provisions of this code and do not impair <u>its</u> his or her obligation of delivery <u>under s. 677.403</u> (s. 677.403) or <u>its</u> his or her duty of care <u>under s. 677.204</u> (s. 677.204). Any contrary provision is provisions shall be ineffective.

716 Section 25. Section 677.203, Florida Statutes, is amended 717 to read:

718 677.203 Liability of nonreceipt or misdescription.—A party 719 to or purchaser for value in good faith of a document of title, 720 other than a bill of lading, that relies relying in either case 721 upon the description therein of the goods in the document may 722 recover from the issuer damages caused by the nonreceipt or 723 misdescription of the goods, except to the extent that:

(1) The document conspicuously indicates that the issuer
does not know whether <u>all or</u> any part or all of the goods in
fact were received or conform to the description, <u>such as a case</u>

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727 <u>in which</u> as where the description is in terms of marks or labels 728 or kind, quantity or condition, or the receipt or description is 729 qualified by "contents, condition and quality unknown," "said to 730 contain," or words of similar import the like, if such 731 indication is be true; τ or

732 (2) The party or purchaser otherwise has notice of the
733 nonreceipt or misdescription.

734 Section 26. Section 677.204, Florida Statutes, is amended735 to read:

736 677.204 Duty of care; contractual limitation of
 737 warehouse's warehouseman's liability.-

(1) A <u>warehouse</u> warehouseman is liable for damages for
loss of or injury to the goods caused by <u>its</u> his or her failure
to exercise such care with in regard to the goods that them as a
reasonably careful person would exercise under <u>similar</u> like
circumstances. but Unless otherwise agreed, the warehouse he or
she is not liable for damages <u>that</u> which could not have been
avoided by the exercise of <u>that</u> such care.

745 Damages may be limited by a term in the warehouse (2) 746 receipt or storage agreement limiting the amount of liability in 747 case of loss or damage τ and setting forth a specific liability 748 per article or item, or value per unit of weight, or any other 749 negotiated limitation of damages as agreed upon between the 750 parties beyond which the warehouse is warehouseman shall not be 751 liable. Such a limitation is not effective with respect to the 752 warehouse's liability for conversion to its own use. On; 753 provided, however, that such liability may on written request of 754 the bailor in a record at the time of signing the such storage Page 27 of 70

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755 agreement or within a reasonable time after receipt of the 756 warehouse receipt, the warehouse's liability may be increased on 757 part or all of the goods covered by the storage agreement or the 758 warehouse receipt. In this event, thereunder, in which event 759 increased rates may be charged based on an such increased 760 valuation of the goods, but that no such increase shall be 761 permitted contrary to a lawful limitation of liability contained 762 in the warehouseman's tariff, if any. No such limitation is 763 effective with respect to the warehouseman's liability for 764 conversion to his or her own use.

765 (3) Reasonable provisions as to the time and manner of 766 presenting claims and commencing actions based on the bailment 767 may be included in the warehouse receipt or storage agreement.

768 (4) (3) This section does not impair or repeal any statute 769 which imposes a higher responsibility upon the warehouse 770 warehouseman or invalidates contractual limitations which would 771 be permissible under this chapter.

772 Section 27. Section 677.205, Florida Statutes, is amended 773 to read:

774 677.205 Title under warehouse receipt defeated in certain 775 cases.-A buyer in the ordinary course of business of fungible 776 goods sold and delivered by a warehouse that warehouseman who is 777 also in the business of buying and selling such goods takes the 778 goods free of any claim under a warehouse receipt even if the 779 receipt is negotiable and though it has been duly negotiated. 780 Section 28. Section 677.206, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 781 782

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783 warehouseman's option.-

784 (1)A warehouse, by giving notice to warehouseman may on 785 notifying the person on whose account the goods are held and any 786 other person known to claim an interest in the goods, may 787 require payment of any charges and removal of the goods from the 788 warehouse at the termination of the period of storage fixed by 789 the document of title or by a nonnegotiable warehouse receipt \overline{r} 790 or, if a no period is not fixed, within a stated period not less 791 than 30 days after the warehouse gives notice notification. If 792 the goods are not removed before the date specified in the 793 notice notification, the warehouse warehouseman may sell them 794 pursuant to s. 677.210 in accordance with the provisions of the 795 section on enforcement of a warehouseman's lien (s. 677.210).

796 (2) If a warehouse warehouseman in good faith believes 797 that the goods are about to deteriorate or decline in value to 798 less than the amount of its his or her lien within the time 799 provided prescribed in subsection (1) and s. 677.210 for 800 notification, advertisement and sale, the warehouse warehouseman 801 may specify in the notice given under subsection (1) 802 notification any reasonable shorter time for removal of the 803 goods and, if in case the goods are not removed, may sell them 804 at public sale held not less than 1 week after a single 805 advertisement or posting.

(3) If, as a result of a quality or condition of the goods
of which the <u>warehouse did not have</u> warehouseman had no notice
at the time of deposit, the goods are a hazard to other
property, or to the warehouse <u>facilities</u>, or <u>other</u> to persons,
the <u>warehouse</u> warehouseman may sell the goods at public or

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811 private sale without advertisement <u>or posting</u> on reasonable 812 notification to all persons known to claim an interest in the 813 goods. If the <u>warehouse</u>, <u>warehouseman</u> after a reasonable effort, 814 is unable to sell the goods, <u>it he or she</u> may dispose of them in 815 any lawful manner and <u>does not shall</u> incur no liability by 816 reason of that such disposition.

817 (4) <u>A warehouse shall</u> The warehouseman must deliver the
818 goods to any person entitled to them under this chapter upon due
819 demand made at any time <u>before</u> prior to sale or other
820 disposition under this section.

(5) <u>A warehouse</u> The warehouseman may satisfy its his or
her lien from the proceeds of any sale or disposition under this
section but <u>shall</u> must hold the balance for delivery on the
demand of any person to <u>which the warehouse</u> whom he or she would
have been bound to deliver the goods.

826 Section 29. Section 677.207, Florida Statutes, is amended 827 to read:

828 677.207 Goods <u>shall</u> must be kept separate; fungible 829 goods.-

(1) Unless the warehouse receipt otherwise provides
otherwise, a warehouse shall warehouseman must keep separate the
goods covered by each receipt so as to permit at all times
identification and delivery of those goods. However, except that
different lots of fungible goods may be commingled.

(2) <u>If different lots of</u> fungible goods <u>are so</u> commingled,
the goods are owned in common by the persons entitled thereto
and the <u>warehouse</u> warehouseman is severally liable to each owner
for that owner's share. <u>If</u>, <u>Where</u> because of overissue, a mass
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of fungible goods is insufficient to meet all the receipts which the <u>warehouse</u> warehouseman has issued against it, the persons entitled include all holders to whom overissued receipts have been duly negotiated.

843 Section 30. Section 677.208, Florida Statutes, is amended 844 to read:

677.208 Altered warehouse receipts.—<u>If</u> Where a blank in a negotiable warehouse receipt has been filled in without authority, a <u>good faith</u> purchaser for value and without notice of the <u>lack</u> want of authority may treat the insertion as authorized. Any other unauthorized alteration leaves any <u>tangible or electronic warehouse</u> receipt enforceable against the issuer according to its original tenor.

852 Section 31. Section 677.209, Florida Statutes, is amended 853 to read:

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677.209 Lien of warehouse warehouseman.-

855 A warehouse warehouseman has a lien against the bailor (1)856 on the goods covered by a warehouse receipt or storage agreement or on the proceeds thereof in its his or her possession for 857 858 charges for storage or transportation, including demurrage and 859 terminal charges (including demurrage and terminal charges), 860 insurance, labor, or other charges, present or future, in relation to the goods, and for expenses necessary for 861 862 preservation of the goods or reasonably incurred in their sale 863 pursuant to law. If the person on whose account the goods are 864 held is liable for similar like charges or expenses in relation to other goods whenever deposited and it is stated in the 865 866 warehouse receipt or storage agreement that a lien is claimed

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867 for charges and expenses in relation to other goods, the 868 warehouse warehouseman also has a lien against the goods covered 869 by the warehouse receipt or storage agreement or on the proceeds 870 thereof in its possession him or her for those such charges and 871 expenses, whether or not the other goods have been delivered by 872 the warehouse warehouseman. However, as But against a person to 873 which whom a negotiable warehouse receipt is duly negotiated, a 874 warehouse's warehouseman's lien is limited to charges in an 875 amount or at a rate specified in on the warehouse receipt or, if 876 no charges are so specified, then to a reasonable charge for 877 storage of the specific goods covered by the receipt subsequent 878 to the date of the receipt.

(2) <u>A warehouse The warehouseman may also reserve a</u>
security interest against the bailor for <u>the</u> a maximum amount
specified on the receipt for charges other than those specified
in subsection (1), such as for money advanced and interest. <u>The</u>
Such a security interest is governed by <u>chapter 679</u> the chapter
on secured transactions (chapter 679).

885 A warehouse's warehouseman's lien for charges and (3) 886 expenses under subsection (1) or a security interest under 887 subsection (2) is also effective against any person that who so 888 entrusted the bailor with possession of the goods that a pledge 889 of them by the bailor him or her to a good faith good faith 890 purchaser for value would have been valid. However, the lien or 891 security interest but is not effective against a person that before issuance of a document of title had a legal interest or a 892 893 perfected security interest in the goods and that did not: 894 (a) Deliver or entrust the goods or any document of title

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895	covering the goods to the bailor or the bailor's nominee with:
896	1. Actual or apparent authority to ship, store, or sell;
897	2. Power to obtain delivery under s. 677.403; or
898	3. Power of disposition under s. 672.403, s. 680.304(2),
899	<u>s. 680.305(2), s. 679.320, or s. 679.321(3) or other statute or</u>
900	rule of law; or
901	(b) Acquiesce in the procurement by the bailor or its
902	nominee of any document as to whom the document confers no right
903	in the goods covered by it under s. 677.503.
904	(4) A warehouse's lien on household goods for charges and
905	expenses in relation to the goods under subsection (1) is also
906	effective against all persons if the depositor was the legal
907	possessor of the goods at the time of deposit. In this
908	subsection, the term "household goods" means furniture,
909	furnishings, or personal effects used by the depositor in a
910	dwelling.
911	<u>(5)</u> (4) A <u>warehouse</u> warehouseman loses <u>its</u> his or her lien
912	on any goods <u>that it</u> which he or she voluntarily delivers or
913	which he or she unjustifiably refuses to deliver.
914	Section 32. Section 677.210, Florida Statutes, is amended
915	to read:
916	677.210 Enforcement of <u>warehouse's</u> warehouseman's lien
917	(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a <u>warehouse's</u>
918	warehouseman's lien may be enforced by public or private sale of
919	the goods, in bulk or in packages in block or in parcels, at any
920	time or place and on any terms <u>that</u> which are commercially
921	reasonable, after notifying all persons known to claim an
922	interest in the goods. <u>The</u> Such notification <u>shall</u> must include
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923 a statement of the amount due, the nature of the proposed sale, 924 and the time and place of any public sale. The fact that a 925 better price could have been obtained by a sale at a different 926 time or in a different method from that selected by the 927 warehouse warehouseman is not of itself sufficient to establish 928 that the sale was not made in a commercially reasonable manner. 929 The warehouse sells in a commercially reasonable manner if the 930 warehouse If the warehouseman either sells the goods in the 931 usual manner in any recognized market therefor, or if he or she sells at the price current in that such market at the time of 932 933 the his or her sale, or if he or she has otherwise sells sold in 934 conformity with commercially reasonable practices among dealers 935 in the type of goods sold, he or she has sold in a commercially 936 reasonable manner. A sale of more goods than apparently 937 necessary to be offered to ensure satisfaction of the obligation 938 is not commercially reasonable except in cases covered by the 939 preceding sentence.

940 (2) A <u>warehouse may enforce its</u> <u>warehouseman's</u> lien on 941 goods, other than goods stored by a merchant in the course of 942 <u>its his or her</u> business, only if the following requirements are 943 <u>satisfied</u> may be enforced only as follows:

944 (a) All persons known to claim an interest in the goods
 945 <u>shall</u> must be notified.

946 (b) The notification must be delivered in person or sent
947 by registered or certified letter to the last known address of
948 any person to be notified.

949 (c) The notification <u>shall</u> must include an itemized 950 statement of the claim, a description of the goods subject to

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951 the lien, a demand for payment within a specified time not less 952 than 10 days after receipt of the notification, and a 953 conspicuous statement that unless the claim is paid within that 954 time the goods will be advertised for sale and sold by auction 955 at a specified time and place.

956 (d) The sale <u>shall</u> must conform to the terms of the 957 notification.

958 (e) The sale <u>shall</u> must be held at the nearest suitable 959 place to that where the goods are held or stored.

960 (f) After the expiration of the time given in the 961 notification, an advertisement of the sale shall must be 962 published once a week for 2 weeks consecutively in a newspaper 963 of general circulation where the sale is to be held. The 964 advertisement shall must include a description of the goods, the 965 name of the person on whose account they are being held, and the 966 time and place of the sale. The sale shall must take place at 967 least 15 days after the first publication. If there is no 968 newspaper of general circulation where the sale is to be held, 969 the advertisement shall must be posted at least 10 days before 970 the sale in not fewer less than 6 conspicuous places in the 971 neighborhood of the proposed sale.

972 (3) Before any sale pursuant to this section any person
973 claiming a right in the goods may pay the amount necessary to
974 satisfy the lien and the reasonable expenses incurred <u>in</u>
975 <u>complying with under this section</u>. In that event, the goods <u>may</u>
976 must not be sold, but <u>shall must</u> be retained by the <u>warehouse</u>
977 warehouseman subject to the terms of the receipt and this
978 chapter.

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979 (4) <u>A warehouse The warehouseman may buy at any public</u>
980 sale held pursuant to this section.

981 (5) A purchaser in good faith of goods sold to enforce a 982 <u>warehouse's warehouseman's</u> lien takes the goods free of any 983 rights of persons against <u>which</u> whom the lien was valid, despite 984 <u>the warehouse's</u> noncompliance by the warehouseman with the 985 requirements of this section.

986 (6) <u>A warehouse The warehouseman may satisfy its his or</u>
987 her lien from the proceeds of any sale pursuant to this section
988 but <u>shall must hold the balance</u>, if any, for delivery on demand
989 to any person to <u>which the warehouse</u> whom he or she would have
990 been bound to deliver the goods.

991 (7) The rights provided by this section shall be in 992 addition to all other rights allowed by law to a creditor 993 against a his or her debtor.

994 (8) <u>If Where a lien is on goods stored by a merchant in</u> 995 the course of <u>its</u> his or her business, the lien may be enforced 996 in accordance with either subsection (1) or subsection (2).

997 (9) <u>A warehouse</u> The warehouseman is liable for damages
998 caused by failure to comply with the requirements for sale under
999 this section, and in case of willful violation, is liable for
1000 conversion.

1001 Section 33. Section 677.301, Florida Statutes, is amended 1002 to read:

1003 677.301 Liability for nonreceipt or misdescription; "said 1004 to contain"; "shipper's <u>weight</u>, load, and count"; improper 1005 handling.-

1006 (1) A consignee of a nonnegotiable bill <u>of lading which</u> Page 36 of 70

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1007 who has given value in good faith, or a holder to which whom a 1008 negotiable bill has been duly negotiated, relying in either case 1009 upon the description therein of the goods in the bill $_{ au}$ or upon 1010 the date therein shown in the bill, may recover from the issuer 1011 damages caused by the misdating of the bill or the nonreceipt or 1012 misdescription of the goods, except to the extent that the bill 1013 document indicates that the issuer does not know whether any 1014 part or all of the goods in fact were received or conform to the description, such as in the case in which where the description 1015 is in terms of marks or labels or kind, quantity, or condition 1016 1017 or the receipt or description is qualified by "contents or 1018 condition of contents of packages unknown," "said to contain," "shipper's weight, load, and count" or words of similar import 1019 1020 the like, if that such indication is be true.

1021 (2) If When goods are loaded by the an issuer of a bill of 1022 lading: who is a common carrier,

1023 <u>(a)</u> The issuer <u>shall</u> must count the packages of goods if 1024 <u>shipped in packages</u> package freight and ascertain the kind and 1025 quantity if <u>shipped in</u> bulk; and <u>freight</u>.

1026 (b) Words In such as cases "shipper's weight, load, and 1027 count" or other words of similar import indicating that the 1028 description was made by the shipper are ineffective except as to 1029 goods freight concealed in by packages.

1030 (3) <u>If When bulk goods are freight is loaded by a shipper</u>
1031 <u>that who makes available to the issuer of a bill of lading</u>
1032 adequate facilities for weighing <u>those goods</u>, the <u>such freight</u>,
1033 <u>an issuer shall who is a common carrier must ascertain the kind</u>
1034 and quantity within a reasonable time after receiving the

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1035 <u>shipper's written</u> request of the shipper to do so. In <u>that case</u> 1036 <u>such cases</u> "shipper's weight, load, and count" or other words of 1037 <u>similar import like purport</u> are ineffective.

The issuer of a bill of lading, may by including 1038 (4) 1039 inserting in the bill the words "shipper's weight, load, and count" or other words of similar import, may like purport 1040 1041 indicate that the goods were loaded by the shipper, + and if that such statement is be true, the issuer is shall not be liable for 1042 1043 damages caused by the improper loading. However, But their omission of such words does not imply liability for such damages 1044 1045 caused by improper loading.

1046 A The shipper guarantees shall be deemed to have (5)guaranteed to an the issuer the accuracy at the time of shipment 1047 1048 of the description, marks, labels, number, kind, quantity, condition and weight, as furnished by the shipper, him or her; 1049 1050 and the shipper shall indemnify the issuer against damage caused 1051 by inaccuracies in those such particulars. This The right of the 1052 issuer to such indemnity does not shall in no way limit the 1053 issuer's his or her responsibility or and liability under the 1054 contract of carriage to any person other than the shipper.

1055 Section 34. Section 677.302, Florida Statutes, is amended 1056 to read:

1057 677.302 Through bills of lading and similar documents of 1058 <u>title</u>.-

(1) The issuer of a through bill of lading, or other
document <u>of title</u> embodying an undertaking to be performed in
part by <u>a person</u> persons acting as its <u>agent</u> agents or by <u>a</u>
performing carrier, connecting carriers is liable to <u>any person</u>

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1063 anyone entitled to recover on the bill or other document for any 1064 breach by the such other person persons or the performing by a 1065 connecting carrier of its obligation under the bill or other 1066 document. However, but to the extent that the bill or other 1067 document covers an undertaking to be performed overseas or in 1068 territory not contiguous to the continental United States or an 1069 undertaking including matters other than transportation, this liability for breach by the other person or the performing 1070 1071 carrier may be varied by agreement of the parties.

1072 If Where goods covered by a through bill of lading or (2) 1073 other document of title embodying an undertaking to be performed 1074 in part by a person persons other than the issuer are received by that any such person, the person he or she is subject, with 1075 respect to its his or her own performance while the goods are in 1076 its his or her possession, to the obligation of the issuer. The 1077 1078 person's His or her obligation is discharged by delivery of the 1079 goods to another such person pursuant to the bill or other 1080 document_{τ} and does not include liability for breach by any other 1081 person such persons or by the issuer.

1082 (3) The issuer of <u>a</u> such through bill of lading or other 1083 document <u>of title described in subsection (1) is</u> shall be 1084 entitled to recover from the <u>performing connecting carrier</u>, or 1085 such other person in possession of the goods when the breach of 1086 the obligation under the <u>bill or other</u> document occurred: τ

1087 <u>(a)</u> The amount it may be required to pay to <u>any person</u> 1088 anyone entitled to recover on the <u>bill or other</u> document <u>for the</u> 1089 <u>breach therefor</u>, as may be evidenced by any receipt, judgment, 1090 or transcript <u>of judgment</u>; thereof, and

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1091 (b) The amount of any expense reasonably incurred by the 1092 insurer it in defending any action commenced brought by any 1093 person anyone entitled to recover on the bill or other document 1094 for the breach therefor.

1095 Section 35. Section 677.303, Florida Statutes, is amended 1096 to read:

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677.303 Diversion; reconsignment; change of instructions.-

(1) Unless the bill of lading otherwise provides, <u>a</u> the carrier may deliver the goods to a person or destination other than that stated in the bill or may otherwise dispose of the goods, without liability for misdelivery, on instructions from:

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(a) The holder of a negotiable bill; or

(b) The consignor on a nonnegotiable bill, even if the consignee has given notwithstanding contrary instructions from the consignee; or

(c) The consignee on a nonnegotiable bill in the absence of contrary instructions from the consignor, if the goods have arrived at the billed destination or if the consignee is in possession of the <u>tangible bill or in control of the electronic</u> bill; or

(d) The consignee on a nonnegotiable bill, if <u>the</u> consignee he or she is entitled as against the consignor to dispose of the goods them.

(2) Unless such instructions described in subsection (1) are <u>included in</u> noted on a negotiable bill of lading, a person to <u>which</u> whom the bill is duly negotiated <u>may</u> can hold the bailee according to the original terms.

1118 Section 36. Section 677.304, Florida Statutes, is amended Page 40 of 70

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1119	to read:
1120	677.304 <u>Tangible</u> bills of lading in a set.—
1121	(1) Except <u>as</u> where customary in <u>international</u> overseas
1122	transportation, a <u>tangible</u> bill of lading <u>may</u> must not be issued
1123	in a set of parts. The issuer is liable for damages caused by
1124	violation of this subsection.
1125	(2) If Where a tangible bill of lading is lawfully issued
1126	drawn in a set of parts, each of which <u>contains an</u>
1127	identification code is numbered and is expressed to be valid
1128	only if the goods have not been delivered against any other
1129	part, the whole of the parts <u>constitutes</u> constitute one bill.
1130	(3) If Where a tangible negotiable bill of lading is
1131	lawfully issued in a set of parts and different parts are
1132	negotiated to different persons, the title of the holder to
1133	which whom the first due negotiation is made prevails as to both
1134	the document <u>of title</u> and the goods even <u>if</u> though any later
1135	holder may have received the goods from the carrier in good
1136	faith and discharged the carrier's obligation by surrendering
1137	its surrender of his or her part.
1138	(4) <u>A</u> Any person that who negotiates or transfers a single
1139	part of a <u>tangible</u> bill of lading <u>issued</u> drawn in a set is
1140	liable to holders of that part as if it were the whole set.
1141	(5) The bailee <u>shall</u> is obliged to deliver in accordance
1142	with part IV of this chapter against the first presented part of
1143	a <u>tangible</u> bill of lading lawfully drawn in a set. Such Delivery
1144	in this manner discharges the bailee's obligation on the whole
1145	bill.
1146	Section 37. Section 677.305, Florida Statutes, is amended
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1147 to read: 1148 677.305 Destination bills.-

(1) Instead of issuing a bill of lading to the consignor at the place of shipment, a carrier, may at the request of the consignor, may procure the bill to be issued at destination or at any other place designated in the request.

(2) Upon request of <u>any person</u> anyone entitled as against the carrier to control the goods while in transit and on surrender of <u>possession or control of</u> any outstanding bill of lading or other receipt covering such goods, the issuer<u>, subject</u> to <u>s. 677.105</u>, may procure a substitute bill to be issued at any place designated in the request.

1159 Section 38. Section 677.307, Florida Statutes, is amended 1160 to read:

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677.307 Lien of carrier.-

1162 (1)A carrier has a lien on the goods covered by a bill of lading or on the proceeds thereof in its possession for charges 1163 1164 after subsequent to the date of the carrier's its receipt of the 1165 goods for storage or transportation, including demurrage and terminal charges, (including demurrage and terminal charges) and 1166 1167 for expenses necessary for preservation of the goods incident to 1168 their transportation or reasonably incurred in their sale 1169 pursuant to law. However, But against a purchaser for value of a negotiable bill of lading, a carrier's lien is limited to 1170 charges stated in the bill or the applicable tariffs $\overline{\tau}$ or, if no 1171 charges are stated, then to a reasonable charge. 1172

1173 (2) A lien for charges and expenses under subsection (1)
 1174 on goods <u>that</u> which the carrier was required by law to receive

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1175 for transportation is effective against the consignor or any 1176 person entitled to the goods unless the carrier had notice that 1177 the consignor lacked authority to subject the goods to those 1178 such charges and expenses. Any other lien under subsection (1) 1179 is effective against the consignor and any person that who 1180 permitted the bailor to have control or possession of the goods unless the carrier had notice that the bailor lacked such 1181 authority. 1182

(3) A carrier loses <u>its</u> his or her lien on any goods <u>that</u> <u>it</u> which the carrier voluntarily delivers or which he or she</u> unjustifiably refuses to deliver.

1186 Section 39. Section 677.308, Florida Statutes, is amended 1187 to read:

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677.308 Enforcement of carrier's lien.-

1189 A carrier's lien on goods may be enforced by public or (1)1190 private sale of the goods, in bulk block or in packages parcels, 1191 at any time or place and on any terms that which are 1192 commercially reasonable, after notifying all persons known to claim an interest in the goods. The $\frac{\mathrm{Such}}{\mathrm{Such}}$ notification shall $\frac{\mathrm{must}}{\mathrm{must}}$ 1193 1194 include a statement of the amount due, the nature of the 1195 proposed sale, and the time and place of any public sale. The 1196 fact that a better price could have been obtained by a sale at a 1197 different time or in a method different method from that 1198 selected by the carrier is not of itself sufficient to establish 1199 that the sale was not made in a commercially reasonable manner. 1200 If The carrier either sells the goods in a commercially 1201 reasonable the usual manner in any recognized market therefor or 1202 if the carrier he or she sells the goods in the usual manner in

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1203 any recognized market therefor, sells at the price current in 1204 that such market at the time of the his or her sale, or if the 1205 carrier has otherwise sells sold in conformity with commercially 1206 reasonable practices among dealers in the type of goods sold he 1207 or she has sold in a commercially reasonable manner. A sale of 1208 more goods than apparently necessary to be offered to ensure 1209 satisfaction of the obligation is not commercially reasonable, except in cases covered by the preceding sentence. 1210

1211 (2) Before any sale pursuant to this section, any person
1212 claiming a right in the goods may pay the amount necessary to
1213 satisfy the lien and the reasonable expenses incurred <u>in</u>
1214 <u>complying with under</u> this section. In that event, the goods <u>may</u>
1215 <u>must</u> not be sold, but <u>shall</u> <u>must</u> be retained by the carrier,
1216 subject to the terms of the bill <u>of lading</u> and this chapter.

1217 (3) The carrier may buy at any public sale pursuant to1218 this section.

(4) A purchaser in good faith of goods sold to enforce a carrier's lien takes the goods free of any rights of persons against which whom the lien was valid, despite the carrier's noncompliance by the carrier with the requirements of this section.

(5) <u>A</u> The carrier may satisfy <u>its</u> his or her lien from the proceeds of any sale pursuant to this section but <u>shall</u> must hold the balance, if any, for delivery on demand to any person to <u>which</u> whom the carrier would have been bound to deliver the goods.

1229 (6) The rights provided by this section <u>are shall be</u> in 1230 addition to all other rights allowed by law to a creditor

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1231 against a his or her debtor.

1232 (7) A carrier's lien may be enforced <u>pursuant to</u> in 1233 accordance with either subsection (1) or the procedure set forth 1234 in s. 677.210(2).

1235 (8) <u>A</u> The carrier is liable for damages caused by failure
1236 to comply with the requirements for sale under this section and,
1237 in case of willful violation, is liable for conversion.

1238 Section 40. Section 677.309, Florida Statutes, is amended 1239 to read:

1240 677.309 Duty of care; contractual limitation of carrier's 1241 liability.-

(1) A carrier <u>that</u> who issues a bill of lading, whether negotiable or nonnegotiable, <u>shall</u> must exercise the degree of care in relation to the goods which a reasonably careful person would exercise under <u>similar</u> like circumstances. This subsection does not <u>affect</u> repeal or change any <u>statute</u>, <u>regulation</u>, law or rule of law <u>that</u> which imposes liability upon a common carrier for damages not caused by its negligence.

Damages may be limited by a term in the bill of lading 1249 (2) 1250 or in a transportation agreement provision that the carrier's 1251 liability may shall not exceed a value stated in the bill or 1252 transportation agreement document if the carrier's rates are 1253 dependent upon value and the consignor by the carrier's tariff 1254 is afforded an opportunity to declare a higher value and the 1255 consignor or a value as lawfully provided in the tariff, or 1256 where no tariff is filed he or she is otherwise advised of the 1257 such opportunity. However, ; but no such a limitation is not 1258 effective with respect to the carrier's liability for conversion Page 45 of 70

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1259 to its own use.

(3) Reasonable provisions as to the time and manner of presenting claims and <u>commencing</u> instituting actions based on the shipment may be included in the bill of lading or <u>a</u> transportation agreement tariff.

1264 Section 41. Section 677.401, Florida Statutes, is amended 1265 to read:

1266 677.401 Irregularities in issue of receipt or bill or 1267 conduct of issuer.—The obligations imposed by this chapter on an 1268 issuer apply to a document of title <u>even if</u> regardless of the 1269 fact that:

(1) The document <u>does may</u> not comply with the requirements
of this chapter or of any other <u>statute</u>, <u>rule of law</u>, <u>law</u> or
regulation regarding its <u>issuance</u> <u>issue</u>, form, or content; or

1273 (2) The issuer may have violated laws regulating the
1274 conduct of <u>its</u> his or her business; or

1275 (3) The goods covered by the document were owned by the
1276 bailee when at the time the document was issued; or

1277 (4) The person issuing the document <u>is not a warehouse but</u>
 1278 <u>the document</u> does not come within the definition of warehouseman
 1279 <u>if it</u> purports to be a warehouse receipt.

1280 Section 42. Section 677.402, Florida Statutes, is amended 1281 to read:

1282 677.402 Duplicate <u>document of title</u> receipt or bill; 1283 overissue. Neither A duplicate <u>or nor</u> any other document of 1284 title purporting to cover goods already represented by an 1285 outstanding document of the same issuer <u>does not confer</u> confers 1286 any right in the goods, except as provided in the case of

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1287 <u>tangible</u> bills <u>of lading</u> in a set <u>of parts</u>, overissue of 1288 documents for fungible goods<u>, and substitutes for lost</u>, stolen 1289 or destroyed documents<u>, or substitute documents issued pursuant</u> 1290 <u>to s. 677.105</u>. But The issuer is liable for damages caused by 1291 <u>its his or her</u> overissue or failure to identify a duplicate 1292 document as such by a conspicuous notation on its face.

1293 Section 43. Section 677.403, Florida Statutes, is amended 1294 to read:

1295 677.403 Obligation of <u>bailee</u> warehouseman or carrier to 1296 deliver; excuse.-

1297 (1) <u>A</u> The bailee <u>shall</u> must deliver the goods to a person 1298 entitled under <u>a</u> the document <u>of title if the person</u> who 1299 complies with subsections (2) and (3), unless and to the extent 1300 that the bailee establishes any of the following:

1301 (a) Delivery of the goods to a person whose receipt was1302 rightful as against the claimant;

(b) Damage to or delay, loss or destruction of the goods for which the bailee is not liable, but the burden of establishing negligence in such cases when value of such damage, delay, loss, or destruction exceeds \$10,000 is on the person entitled under the document;-

1308 (c) Previous sale or other disposition of the goods in 1309 lawful enforcement of a lien or on <u>a warehouse's warehouseman's</u> 1310 lawful termination of storage;

(d) The exercise by a seller of <u>its</u> his or her right to stop delivery pursuant to <u>s. 672.705 or by a lessor of its right</u> to stop delivery pursuant to <u>s. 680.526</u> the provisions of the chapter on sales (<u>s. 672.705</u>);

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1315	(e) A diversion, reconsignment, or other disposition
1316	pursuant to <u>s. 677.303</u> the provisions of this chapter (s.
1317	677.303) or tariff regulating such right;
1318	(f) Release, satisfaction <u>,</u> or any other fact affording a
1319	personal defense against the claimant; <u>or</u>
1320	(g) Any other lawful excuse.
1321	(2) A person claiming goods covered by a document of title
1322	<u>shall</u> must satisfy the bailee's lien <u>if</u> where the bailee so
1323	requests or <u>if</u> where the bailee is prohibited by law from
1324	delivering the goods until the charges are paid.
1325	(3) Unless <u>a</u> the person claiming the goods is <u>a person</u> one
1326	against which whom the document of title does not confer a
1327	confers no right under s. 677.503(1) <u>:</u> -
1328	(a) The person claiming under a document shall he or she
1329	must surrender possession or control of any outstanding
1330	negotiable document covering the goods for cancellation or
1331	indication of partial deliveries; and
1332	(b) for cancellation or notation of partial deliveries any
1333	outstanding negotiable document covering the goods, and The
1334	bailee <u>shall</u> must cancel the document or conspicuously <u>indicate</u>
1335	<u>in the document</u> note the partial delivery thereon or <u>the bailee</u>
1336	<u>is</u> be liable to any person to <u>which</u> whom the document is duly
1337	negotiated.
1338	(4) "Person entitled under the document" means holder in
1339	the case of a negotiable document, or the person to whom
1340	delivery is to be made by the terms of or pursuant to written
1341	instructions under a nonnegotiable document.
1342	Section 44. Section 677.404, Florida Statutes, is amended
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1343	to read:
1344	677.404 No liability for good faith delivery pursuant to
1345	document of title receipt or bill .—A bailee <u>that</u> who in good
1346	faith including observance of reasonable commercial standards
1347	has received goods and delivered or otherwise disposed of <u>the</u>
1348	goods them according to the terms of the document of title or
1349	pursuant to this chapter is not liable <u>for the goods</u> therefor.
1350	This rule applies even if:
1351	(1) though The person from which the bailee whom he or she
1352	received the goods <u>did not have</u> had no authority to procure the
1353	document or to dispose of the goods <u>; or</u>
1354	(2) The and even though the person to which the bailee
1355	whom he or she delivered the goods <u>did not have</u> had no authority
1356	to receive <u>the goods</u> them .
1357	Section 45. Section 677.501, Florida Statutes, is amended
1358	to read:
1359	677.501 Form of negotiation and requirements of "due
1360	negotiation."
1361	(1) The following rules apply to a negotiable tangible
1362	document of title <u>:</u>
1363	(a) If the document's original terms run running to the
1364	order of a named person, the document is negotiated by the named
1365	person's indorsement and delivery. After <u>the named person's</u> $rac{ extsf{his}}{ extsf{his}}$
1366	or her indorsement in blank or to bearer <u>,</u> any person <u>may</u> can
1367	negotiate <u>the document</u> it by delivery alone.
1368	(b) If the document's original
1369	(2)(a) A negotiable document of title is also negotiated
1370	by delivery alone when by its original terms <u>run</u> it runs to
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1371 bearer, it is negotiated by delivery alone. 1372 (c) If the document's original terms run 1373 (b) When a document running to the order of a named person 1374 and it is delivered to the named person, him or her the effect 1375 is the same as if the document had been negotiated. 1376 (d) (3) Negotiation of the <u>a negotiable</u> document of title after it has been indorsed to a named specified person requires 1377 indorsement by the named person and special indorsee as well as 1378 1379 delivery. 1380 (e) (4) A negotiable document of title is duly negotiated if "duly negotiated" when it is negotiated in the manner stated 1381 1382 in this subsection section to a holder that who purchases it in good faith, without notice of any defense against or claim to it 1383 1384 on the part of any person, and for value, unless it is established that the negotiation is not in the regular course of 1385 1386 business or financing or involves receiving the document in 1387 settlement or payment of a money obligation. 1388 (2) The following rules apply to a negotiable electronic 1389 document of title: 1390 If the document's original terms run to the order of a (a) 1391 named person or to bearer, the document is negotiated by 1392 delivery of the document to another person. Indorsement by the 1393 named person is not required to negotiate the document. 1394 (b) If the document's original terms run to the order of a 1395 named person and the named person has control of the document, 1396 the effect is the same as if the document had been negotiated. 1397 (c) A document is duly negotiated if it is negotiated in 1398 the manner stated in this subsection to a holder that purchases

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1399 it in good faith, without notice of any defense against or claim 1400 to it on the part of any person, and for value, unless it is 1401 established that the negotiation is not in the regular course of 1402 business or financing or involves taking delivery of the 1403 document in settlement or payment of a monetary obligation. 1404 (3) (3) (5) Indorsement of a nonnegotiable document of title 1405 neither makes it negotiable nor adds to the transferee's rights. 1406 (4) (4) (6) The naming in a negotiable bill of lading of a 1407 person to be notified of the arrival of the goods does not limit 1408 the negotiability of the bill or nor constitute notice to a 1409 purchaser of the bill thereof of any interest of that such 1410 person in the goods. Section 46. Section 677.502, Florida Statutes, is amended 1411 1412 to read: 1413 677.502 Rights acquired by due negotiation.-1414 (1)Subject to ss. the following section and to the provisions of s. 677.205 and 677.503 on fungible goods, a holder 1415 1416 to which whom a negotiable document of title has been duly 1417 negotiated acquires thereby: 1418 Title to the document; (a) 1419 Title to the goods; (b) 1420 All rights accruing under the law of agency or (C) 1421 estoppel, including rights to goods delivered to the bailee 1422 after the document was issued; and 1423 (d) The direct obligation of the issuer to hold or deliver 1424 the goods according to the terms of the document free of any 1425 defense or claim by the issuer him or her except those arising 1426 under the terms of the document or under this chapter, but. in Page 51 of 70

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1427 the case of a delivery order, the bailee's obligation accrues 1428 only upon the bailee's acceptance of the delivery order and the 1429 obligation acquired by the holder is that the issuer and any 1430 indorser will procure the acceptance of the bailee.

1431 (2) Subject to the following section, title and rights so 1432 acquired <u>by due negotiation</u> are not defeated by any stoppage of 1433 the goods represented by the document <u>of title</u> or by surrender 1434 of <u>the such</u> goods by the bailee, and are not impaired even <u>if:</u>

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1437 (b) Any person has been deprived of possession of <u>a</u> 1438 <u>negotiable tangible the</u> document <u>or control of a negotiable</u> 1439 <u>electronic document</u> by misrepresentation, fraud, accident, 1440 mistake, duress, loss, theft, or conversion; or even though

1441(c)A previous sale or other transfer of the goods or1442document has been made to a third person.

1443 Section 47. Section 677.503, Florida Statutes, is amended 1444 to read:

1445 677.503 Document of title to goods defeated in certain 1446 cases.-

(1) A document of title confers no right in goods against a person <u>that</u> who before issuance of the document had a legal interest or a perfected security interest in <u>the goods</u> them and that did not who neither:

(a) <u>Deliver or entrust the goods</u> Delivered or entrusted
them or any document of title covering <u>the goods</u> them to the
bailor or the bailor's nominee with:

1454 <u>1.</u> Actual or apparent authority to ship, store, or sell; Page 52 of 70

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 Power to obtain delivery under s. 677.403; this chapter

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 (s. 677.403) or with

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 Power of disposition under s. 672.403, s. 680.304(2),

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 s. 680.305(2), s. 679.320, or s. 679.321(3)
 this code (ss.

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 672.403 and 679.320)
 or other statute or rule of law; or nor

1461(b) (b)AcquiesceAcquiesced in the procurement by the1462bailor or its the bailor's nominee of any document of title.

(2) Title to goods based upon an unaccepted delivery order is subject to the rights of <u>any person</u> anyone to <u>which</u> whom a negotiable warehouse receipt or bill of lading covering the goods has been duly negotiated. <u>That</u> Such a title may be defeated under the next section to the same extent as the rights of the issuer or a transferee from the issuer.

(3) Title to goods based upon a bill of lading issued to a freight forwarder is subject to the rights of <u>any person</u> anyone to <u>which</u> whom a bill issued by the freight forwarder is duly negotiated. <u>However</u>, ; but delivery by the carrier in accordance with part IV of this chapter pursuant to its own bill of lading discharges the carrier's obligation to deliver.

1475 Section 48. Section 677.504, Florida Statutes, is amended 1476 to read:

1477 677.504 Rights acquired in the absence of due negotiation; 1478 effect of diversion; seller's stoppage of delivery.-

1479 (1) A transferee of a document <u>of title</u>, whether
1480 negotiable or nonnegotiable, to <u>which</u> whom the document has been
1481 delivered but not duly negotiated, acquires the title and rights
1482 <u>that its</u> which his or her transferor had or had actual authority

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1483 to convey.

1484 (2) In the case of a <u>transfer of a</u> nonnegotiable document
1485 <u>of title</u>, until but not after the bailee receives <u>notice</u>
1486 notification of the transfer, the rights of the transferee may
1487 be defeated:

(a) By those creditors of the transferor which who could treat the transfer sale as void under s. 672.402 or s. 680.308; or

(b) By a buyer from the transferor in ordinary course of business if the bailee has delivered the goods to the buyer or received notification of <u>the buyer's</u> his or her rights; or

1494 <u>(c) By a lessee from the transferor in ordinary course of</u> 1495 <u>business if the bailee has delivered the goods to the lessee or</u> 1496 <u>received notification of the lessee's rights; or</u>

1497 <u>(d) (c)</u> As against the bailee, by good-faith good faith 1498 dealings of the bailee with the transferor.

(3) A diversion or other change of shipping instructions by the consignor in a nonnegotiable bill of lading which causes the bailee not to deliver to the consignee defeats the consignee's title to the goods if <u>the goods</u> they have been delivered to a buyer <u>or a lessee</u> in ordinary course of business and, in any event, defeats the consignee's rights against the bailee.

1506 (4) Delivery <u>of the goods</u> pursuant to a nonnegotiable
1507 document <u>of title</u> may be stopped by a seller under s. 672.705 <u>or</u>
1508 <u>by a lessor under s. 680.526</u>, and subject to the <u>requirements</u>
1509 requirement of due notification there provided. A bailee <u>that</u>
1510 <u>honors</u> honoring the seller's <u>or lessor's</u> instructions is

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1511 entitled to be indemnified by the seller <u>or lessor</u> against any 1512 resulting loss or expense.

1513 Section 49. Section 677.505, Florida Statutes, is amended 1514 to read:

1515 677.505 Indorser not a guarantor for other parties.—The 1516 indorsement of a <u>tangible</u> document of title issued by a bailee 1517 does not make the indorser liable for any default by the bailee 1518 or by previous indorsers.

1519 Section 50. Section 677.506, Florida Statutes, is amended 1520 to read:

1521 677.506 Delivery without indorsement; right to compel 1522 indorsement.—The transferee of a negotiable <u>tangible</u> document of 1523 title has a specifically enforceable right to have <u>its</u> his or 1524 her transferor supply any necessary indorsement but the transfer 1525 becomes a negotiation only as of the time the indorsement is 1526 supplied.

1527 Section 51. Section 677.507, Florida Statutes, is amended 1528 to read:

1529 677.507 Warranties on negotiation or delivery of document 1530 of title transfer of receipt or bill.-If Where a person 1531 negotiates or delivers transfers a document of title for value, 1532 otherwise than as a mere intermediary under the next following 1533 section, then unless otherwise agreed, the transferor, in 1534 addition to any warranty made in selling or leasing the goods, 1535 person warrants to its his or her immediate purchaser only that 1536 in addition to any warranty made in selling the goods: 1537 (1) That The document is genuine; and

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(2) <u>The transferor does not have</u> That he or she has no

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1539 knowledge of any fact that which would impair the document's its
1540 validity or worth; and

1541 (3) <u>The That his or her</u> negotiation or <u>delivery transfer</u> 1542 is rightful and fully effective with respect to the title to the 1543 document and the goods it represents.

1544 Section 52. Section 677.508, Florida Statutes, is amended 1545 to read:

1546 677.508 Warranties of collecting bank as to documents of 1547 title.-A collecting bank or other intermediary known to be entrusted with documents of title on behalf of another or with 1548 1549 collection of a draft or other claim against delivery of 1550 documents warrants by the such delivery of the documents only 1551 its own good faith and authority. This rule applies even if 1552 though the collecting bank or other intermediary has purchased or made advances against the claim or draft to be collected. 1553

1554 Section 53. Section 677.509, Florida Statutes, is amended 1555 to read:

1556 677.509 Receipt or bill; when Adequate compliance with 1557 commercial contract. The question Whether a document of title is 1558 adequate to fulfill the obligations of a contract for sale, or 1559 the conditions of a letter of credit, or a contract for lease is 1560 determined governed by chapter 672, chapter 675, or chapter 680 1561 the chapters on sales (chapter 672) and on letters of credit 1562 (chapter 675).

1563 Section 54. Section 677.601, Florida Statutes, is amended 1564 to read:

1565 677.601 Lost, stolen, or destroyed and missing documents 1566 of title.-

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1567 If a document of title is has been lost, stolen, or (1)1568 destroyed, a court may order delivery of the goods or issuance 1569 of a substitute document and the bailee may without liability to 1570 any person comply with the such order. If the document was 1571 negotiable, a court may not order delivery of the goods or the 1572 issuance of a substitute document without the claimant's posting 1573 claimant must post security unless it finds that approved by the 1574 court to indemnify any person that who may suffer loss as a result of nonsurrender of possession or control of the document 1575 is adequately protected against the loss. If the document was 1576 1577 nonnegotiable not negotiable, the court such security may 1578 require security be required at the discretion of the court. The 1579 court may also in its discretion order payment of the bailee's 1580 reasonable costs and attorney's counsel fees in any action under 1581 this subsection.

1582 (2) A bailee that, who without a court order, delivers 1583 goods to a person claiming under a missing negotiable document 1584 of title is liable to any person injured thereby., and If the 1585 delivery is not in good faith, the bailee is becomes liable for conversion. Delivery in good faith is not conversion if made in 1586 1587 accordance with a filed classification or tariff or, where no 1588 classification or tariff is filed, if the claimant posts 1589 security with the bailee in an amount at least double the value 1590 of the goods at the time of posting to indemnify any person injured by the delivery which who files a notice of claim within 1591 1 year after the delivery. 1592

1593 Section 55. Section 677.602, Florida Statutes, is amended 1594 to read:

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1595 677.602 Judicial process against Attachment of goods 1596 covered by a negotiable document of title.-Unless a Except where 1597 the document of title was originally issued upon delivery of the 1598 goods by a person that did not have who had no power to dispose 1599 of them, a no lien does not attach attaches by virtue of any 1600 judicial process to goods in the possession of a bailee for 1601 which a negotiable document of title is outstanding unless 1602 possession or control of the document is be first surrendered to the bailee or the document's its negotiation is enjoined., and 1603 1604 The bailee may shall not be compelled to deliver the goods 1605 pursuant to process until possession or control of the document 1606 is surrendered to the bailee or to him or her or impounded by the court. A purchaser of One who purchases the document for 1607 1608 value without notice of the process or injunction takes free of the lien imposed by judicial process. 1609

1610 Section 56. Section 677.603, Florida Statutes, is amended 1611 to read:

1612 677.603 Conflicting claims; interpleader.-If more than one 1613 person claims title to or possession of the goods, the bailee is excused from delivery until the bailee he or she has had a 1614 1615 reasonable time to ascertain the validity of the adverse claims 1616 or to commence bring an action for to compel all claimants to 1617 interplead and may compel such interpleader. The bailee may 1618 assert an interpleader $_{\tau}$ either in defending an action for nondelivery of the goods, or by original action, whichever is 1619 1620 appropriate.

1621 Section 57. Subsection (7) is added to section 678.1031, 1622 Florida Statutes, to read:

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1623 678.1031 Rules for determining whether certain obligations and interests are securities or financial assets.-1624 1625 (7) A document of title is not a financial asset unless s. 1626 678.1021(1)(i)2. applies. 1627 Section 58. Subsection (2) of section 679.1021, Florida 1628 Statutes, is amended to read: 1629 679.1021 Definitions and index of definitions.-1630 The following definitions in other chapters apply to (2) 1631 this chapter: 1632 "Applicant" s. 675.103. 1633 "Beneficiary" s. 675.103. 1634 "Broker" s. 678.1021. 1635 "Certificated security" s. 678.1021. "Check" s. 673.1041. 1636 1637 "Clearing corporation" s. 678.1021. "Contract for sale" s. 672.106. 1638 1639 "Control" s. 677.106. 1640 "Customer" s. 674.104. "Entitlement holder" s. 678.1021. 1641 1642 "Financial asset" s. 678.1021. 1643 "Holder in due course" s. 673.3021. 1644 "Issuer" (with respect to a letter of credit or letter-of-credit right) s. 675.103. 1645 1646 "Issuer" (with respect to a security) s. 678.2011. 1647 "Issuer" (with respect to documents of title) s. 1648 677.102. "Lease" s. 680.1031. 1649 1650 "Lease agreement" s. 680.1031. Page 59 of 70

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1651	"Lease contract" s. 680.1031.
1652	"Leasehold interest" s. 680.1031.
1653	"Lessee" s. 680.1031.
1654	"Lessee in ordinary course of
1655	business" s. 680.1031.
1656	"Lessor" s. 680.1031.
1657	"Lessor's residual interest" s. 680.1031.
1658	"Letter of credit" s. 675.103.
1659	"Merchant" s. 672.104.
1660	"Negotiable instrument" s. 673.1041.
1661	"Nominated person" s. 675.103.
1662	"Note" s. 673.1041.
1663	"Proceeds of a letter of credit" s. 675.114.
1664	"Prove" s. 673.1031.
1665	"Sale" s. 672.106.
1666	"Securities account" s. 678.5011.
1667	"Securities intermediary" s. 678.1021.
1668	"Security" s. 678.1021.
1669	"Security certificate" s. 678.1021.
1670	"Security entitlement" s. 678.1021.
1671	"Uncertificated security" s. 678.1021.
1672	Section 59. Subsection (2) of section 679.2031, Florida
1673	Statutes, is amended to read:
1674	679.2031 Attachment and enforceability of security
1675	interest; proceeds; supporting obligations; formal requisites
1676	(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3)
1677	through (10), a security interest is enforceable against the
1678	debtor and third parties with respect to the collateral only if:
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1679 (a) Value has been given; 1680 (b) The debtor has rights in the collateral or the power 1681 to transfer rights in the collateral to a secured party; and 1682 One of the following conditions is met: (C) 1683 The debtor has authenticated a security agreement that 1. 1684 provides a description of the collateral and, if the security 1685 interest covers timber to be cut, a description of the land 1686 concerned; 1687 2. The collateral is not a certificated security and is in 1688 the possession of the secured party under s. 679.3131 pursuant 1689 to the debtor's security agreement; 1690 The collateral is a certificated security in registered 3. 1691 form and the security certificate has been delivered to the 1692 secured party under s. 678.3011 pursuant to the debtor's 1693 security agreement; or The collateral is deposit accounts, electronic chattel 1694 4. paper, investment property, or letter-of-credit rights, or 1695 1696 electronic documents, and the secured party has control under s. 677.106, s. 679.1041, s. 679.1051, s. 679.1061, or s. 679.1071 1697 pursuant to the debtor's security agreement. 1698 1699 Section 60. Subsection (3) of section 679.2071, Florida 1700 Statutes, is amended to read: 1701 679.2071 Rights and duties of secured party having 1702 possession or control of collateral.-1703 (3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), a 1704 secured party having possession of collateral or control of collateral under s. 677.106, s. 679.1041, s. 679.1051, s. 1705 1706 679.1061, or s. 679.1071:

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1707 May hold as additional security any proceeds, except (a) 1708 money or funds, received from the collateral; 1709 Shall apply money or funds received from the (b) 1710 collateral to reduce the secured obligation, unless remitted to 1711 the debtor; and 1712 May create a security interest in the collateral. (C) 1713 Section 61. Subsection (2) of section 679.2081, Florida 1714 Statutes, is amended to read: 1715 679.2081 Additional duties of secured party having control of collateral.-1716 1717 Within 10 days after receiving an authenticated demand (2)1718 by the debtor: A secured party having control of a deposit account 1719 (a) 1720 under s. 679.1041(1)(b) shall send to the bank with which the 1721 deposit account is maintained an authenticated statement that 1722 releases the bank from any further obligation to comply with 1723 instructions originated by the secured party; 1724 A secured party having control of a deposit account (b) 1725 under s. 679.1041(1)(c) shall: 1726 Pay the debtor the balance on deposit in the deposit 1. 1727 account; or 1728 2. Transfer the balance on deposit into a deposit account 1729 in the debtor's name; (c) A secured party, other than a buyer, having control of 1730 1731 electronic chattel paper under s. 679.1051 shall: 1732 1. Communicate the authoritative copy of the electronic 1733 chattel paper to the debtor or its designated custodian; 1734 2. If the debtor designates a custodian that is the Page 62 of 70

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designated custodian with which the authoritative copy of the electronic chattel paper is maintained for the secured party, communicate to the custodian an authenticated record releasing the designated custodian from any further obligation to comply with instructions originated by the secured party and instructing the custodian to comply with instructions originated by the debtor; and

3. Take appropriate action to enable the debtor or the debtor's designated custodian to make copies of or revisions to the authoritative copy which add or change an identified assignee of the authoritative copy without the consent of the secured party;

1747 A secured party having control of investment property (d) 1748 under s. 678.1061(4)(b) or s. 679.1061(2) shall send to the 1749 securities intermediary or commodity intermediary with which the 1750 security entitlement or commodity contract is maintained an 1751 authenticated record that releases the securities intermediary 1752 or commodity intermediary from any further obligation to comply 1753 with entitlement orders or directions originated by the secured 1754 party; and

(e) A secured party having control of a letter-of-credit right under s. 679.1071 shall send to each person having an unfulfilled obligation to pay or deliver proceeds of the letter of credit to the secured party an authenticated release from any further obligation to pay or deliver proceeds of the letter of credit to the secured party; and.

1761(f) A secured party having control of an electronic1762document shall:

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1763	1. Give control of the electronic document to the debtor
1764	or its designated custodian;
1765	2. If the debtor designates a custodian that is the
1766	designated custodian with which the authoritative copy of the
1767	electronic document is maintained for the secured party,
1768	communicate to the custodian an authenticated record releasing
1769	the designated custodian from any further obligation to comply
1770	with instructions originated by the secured party and
1771	instructing the custodian to comply with instructions originated
1772	by the debtor; and
1773	3. Take appropriate action to enable the debtor or its
1774	designated custodian to make copies of or revisions to the
1775	authenticated copy which add or change an identified assignee of
1776	the authoritative copy without the consent of the secured party.
1777	Section 62. Subsection (3) of section 679.3011, Florida
1778	Statutes, is amended to read:
1779	679.3011 Law governing perfection and priority of security
1780	interestsExcept as otherwise provided in ss. 679.1091,
1781	679.3031, 679.3041, 679.3051, and 679.3061, the following rules
1782	determine the law governing perfection, the effect of perfection
1783	or nonperfection, and the priority of a security interest in
1784	collateral:
1785	(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (4) and
1786	(5), while tangible negotiable documents, goods, instruments,
1787	money, or tangible chattel paper is located in a jurisdiction,
1788	the local law of that jurisdiction governs:
1789	(a) Perfection of a security interest in the goods by
1790	filing a fixture filing;
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1791 (b) Perfection of a security interest in timber to be cut; 1792 and The effect of perfection or nonperfection and the 1793 (C) 1794 priority of a nonpossessory security interest in the collateral. 1795 Section 63. Subsection (2) of section 679.3101, Florida 1796 Statutes, is amended to read: 1797 679.3101 When filing required to perfect security interest 1798 or agricultural lien; security interests and agricultural liens 1799 to which filing provisions do not apply.-1800 The filing of a financing statement is not necessary (2)1801 to perfect a security interest: 1802 That is perfected under s. 679.3081(4), (5), (6), or (a) 1803 (7); 1804 (b) That is perfected under s. 679.3091 when it attaches; 1805 In property subject to a statute, regulation, or (C) 1806 treaty described in s. 679.3111(1); 1807 In goods in possession of a bailee which is perfected (d) 1808 under s. 679.3121(4)(a) or (b); 1809 (e) In certificated securities, documents, goods, or instruments which is perfected without filing, control, or 1810 1811 possession under s. 679.3121(5), (6), or (7); 1812 (f) In collateral in the secured party's possession under s. 679.3131; 1813 1814 In a certificated security which is perfected by (q) 1815 delivery of the security certificate to the secured party under s. 679.3131; 1816 In deposit accounts, electronic chattel paper, 1817 (h) electronic documents, investment property, or letter-of-credit 1818

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1819 rights which is perfected by control under s. 679.3141;

1820 (i) In proceeds which is perfected under s. 679.3151; or 1821

That is perfected under s. 679.3161. (j)

1822 Section 64. Subsection (5) of section 679.3121, Florida 1823 Statutes, is amended to read:

1824 679.3121 Perfection of security interests in chattel 1825 paper, deposit accounts, documents, goods covered by documents, 1826 instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, and 1827 money; perfection by permissive filing; temporary perfection without filing or transfer of possession.-1828

1829 A security interest in certificated securities, (5) 1830 negotiable documents, or instruments is perfected without filing or the taking of possession or control for a period of 20 days 1831 1832 from the time it attaches to the extent that it arises for new 1833 value given under an authenticated security agreement.

1834 Section 65. Subsection (1) of section 679.3131, Florida 1835 Statutes, is amended to read:

1836 679.3131 When possession by or delivery to secured party 1837 perfects security interest without filing.-

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), a 1838 (1)1839 secured party may perfect a security interest in tangible 1840 negotiable documents, goods, instruments, money, or tangible 1841 chattel paper by taking possession of the collateral. A secured party may perfect a security interest in certificated securities 1842 by taking delivery of the certificated securities under s. 1843 678.3011. 1844

1845 Section 66. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 679.3141, 1846 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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679.3141 Perfection by control.-

1848 (1) A security interest in investment property, deposit
1849 accounts, letter-of-credit rights, or electronic chattel paper,
1850 or electronic documents may be perfected by control of the
1851 collateral under <u>s. 677.106</u>, s. 679.1041, s. 679.1051, s.
1852 679.1061, or s. 679.1071.

(2) A security interest in deposit accounts, electronic
chattel paper, or letter-of-credit rights, or electronic
<u>documents</u> is perfected by control under <u>s. 677.106</u>, s. 679.1041,
s. 679.1051, or s. 679.1071 when the secured party obtains
control and remains perfected by control only while the secured
party retains control.

Section 67. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 679.3171, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1861679.3171Interests that take priority over or take free of1862security interest or agricultural lien.-

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), a
buyer, other than a secured party, of tangible chattel paper,
<u>tangible</u> documents, goods, instruments, or a security
certificate takes free of a security interest or agricultural
lien if the buyer gives value and receives delivery of the
collateral without knowledge of the security interest or
agricultural lien and before it is perfected.

(4) A licensee of a general intangible or a buyer, other
than a secured party, of accounts, electronic chattel paper,
<u>electronic documents</u>, general intangibles, or investment
property other than a certificated security takes free of a
security interest if the licensee or buyer gives value without

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1875 knowledge of the security interest and before it is perfected. 1876 Section 68. Subsection (2) of section 679.338, Florida 1877 Statutes, is amended to read:

1878 679.338 Priority of security interest or agricultural lien 1879 perfected by filed financing statement providing certain 1880 incorrect information.—If a security interest or agricultural 1881 lien is perfected by a filed financing statement providing 1882 information described in s. 679.516(2)(d) which is incorrect at 1883 the time the financing statement is filed:

1884 (2) A purchaser, other than a secured party, of the
1885 collateral takes free of the security interest or agricultural
1886 lien to the extent that, in reasonable reliance upon the
1887 incorrect information, the purchaser gives value and, in the
1888 case of <u>tangible</u> chattel paper, <u>tangible</u> documents, goods,
1889 instruments, or a security certificate, receives delivery of the
1890 collateral.

1891 Section 69. Paragraphs (a) and (o) of subsection (1) of 1892 section 680.1031, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

680.1031 Definitions and index of definitions.-

1894 (1) In this chapter, unless the context otherwise 1895 requires:

(a) "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a person
who in good faith and without knowledge that the sale to him or
her is in violation of the ownership rights or security interest
or leasehold interest of a third party in the goods buys in
ordinary course from a person in the business of selling goods
of that kind but does not include a pawnbroker. Buying may be
for cash or by exchange of other property or on secured or

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1903 unsecured credit and includes <u>acquiring receiving</u> goods or 1904 documents of title under a preexisting contract for sale but 1905 does not include a transfer in bulk or as security for or in 1906 total or partial satisfaction of a money debt.

1907 "Lessee in ordinary course of business" means a person (\circ) 1908 who in good faith and without knowledge that the lease to him or 1909 her is in violation of the ownership rights or security interest 1910 or leasehold interest of a third party in the goods leases in 1911 ordinary course from a person in the business of selling or 1912 leasing goods of that kind but does not include a pawnbroker. 1913 Leasing may be for cash or by exchange of other property or on 1914 secured or unsecured credit and includes acquiring receiving goods or documents of title under a preexisting lease contract 1915 1916 but does not include a transfer in bulk or as security for or in 1917 total or partial satisfaction of a money debt.

1918 Section 70. Subsection (2) of section 680.514, Florida 1919 Statutes, is amended to read:

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680.514 Waiver of lessee's objections.-

(2) A lessee's failure to reserve rights when paying rent or other consideration against documents precludes recovery of the payment for defects apparent <u>in</u> on the face of the documents.

1925 Section 71. Subsection (2) of section 680.526, Florida1926 Statutes, is amended to read:

1927 680.526 Lessor's stoppage of delivery in transit or 1928 otherwise.-

1929 (2) In pursuing her or his remedies under subsection (1),1930 the lessor may stop delivery until:

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(a) Receipt of the goods by the lessee;

(b) Acknowledgment to the lessee by any bailee of the goods, except a carrier, that the bailee holds the goods for the lessee; or

1935 (c) Such an acknowledgment to the lessee by a carrier via
1936 reshipment or as <u>a warehouse</u> warehouseman.

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Section 72. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.