

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to household movers; amending s.
 3 507.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture
 4 and Consumer Services to deny or refuse to renew the
 5 registration of a mover under certain circumstances;
 6 amending s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting a mover from
 7 knowingly refusing or failing to disclose in writing
 8 specified criminal information under certain
 9 circumstances; amending s. 507.10, F.S.; providing a
 10 penalty; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Present subsections (9) and (10) of section
 15 507.03, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (10)
 16 and (11), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to
 17 that section, to read:

18 507.03 Registration.—

19 (9) The department shall deny or refuse to renew the
 20 registration of a mover or deny a registration or renewal
 21 request by any of the mover's directors, officers, owners, or
 22 general partners if the mover has not satisfied a civil fine or
 23 penalty for a violation of s. 507.07(9).

24 Section 2. Subsection (9) is added to section 507.07,
 25 Florida Statutes, to read:

26 507.07 Violations.—It is a violation of this chapter:

27 (9) For a mover to knowingly refuse or fail to disclose in
28 writing to a customer before a household move that the mover or
29 an employee of the mover who has access to the dwelling or
30 property of the customer has been convicted of a sexual offense,
31 as defined in s. 92.55.

32 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 507.10, Florida
33 Statutes, is amended to read:

34 507.10 Civil penalties; remedies.—

35 (2) The department may seek a civil penalty in the Class
36 II category pursuant to s. 570.971 for each violation of this
37 chapter. However, the department must seek a civil penalty in
38 the Class IV category for each violation of s. 507.07(9).

39 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.