

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 ss. 507.09 and 507.10, F.S.,
 10 relating to administrative remedies and civil
 11 penalties, respectively; requiring the department to
 12 impose either a civil penalty or an administrative
 13 fine for failure to disclose in writing specified
 14 criminal information; providing an effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Present subsections (9) and (10) of section
 19 507.03, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (10)
 20 and (11), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to
 21 that section to read:

22 507.03 Registration.—

23 (9) The department shall deny or refuse to renew the
 24 registration of a mover or deny a registration or renewal
 25 request by any of the mover's directors, officers, owners, or

26 | general partners if the mover has not satisfied a civil penalty
 27 | or administrative fine for a violation of s. 507.07(9).

28 | Section 2. Subsection (9) is added to section 507.07,
 29 | Florida Statutes, to read:

30 | 507.07 Violations.—It is a violation of this chapter:

31 | (9) For a mover to knowingly refuse or fail to disclose in
 32 | writing to a customer before a household move that the mover or
 33 | an employee of the mover who has access to the dwelling or
 34 | property of the customer has been convicted of a felony listed
 35 | in s. 775.21(4)(a)1. or convicted of a similar offense of
 36 | another jurisdiction, regardless of when such felony offense was
 37 | committed.

38 | Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 39 | 507.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

40 | 507.09 Administrative remedies; penalties.—

41 | (1) The department may enter an order doing one or more of
 42 | the following if the department finds that a mover or moving
 43 | broker, or a person employed or contracted by a mover or broker,
 44 | has violated or is operating in violation of this chapter or the
 45 | rules or orders issued pursuant to this chapter:

46 | (b) Imposing an administrative fine in the Class II
 47 | category pursuant to s. 570.971 for each act or omission.
 48 | However, the department must impose an administrative fine in
 49 | the Class IV category for each violation of s. 507.07(9) if the
 50 | department does not seek a civil penalty for the same offense.

51 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 507.10, Florida
52 Statutes, is amended to read:

53 507.10 Civil penalties; remedies.—

54 (2) The department may seek a civil penalty in the Class
55 II category pursuant to s. 570.971 for each violation of this
56 chapter. However, the department must seek a civil penalty in
57 the Class IV category for each violation of s. 507.07(9) if the
58 department does not impose an administrative fine for the same
59 offense.

60 Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.