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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural
Resources)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to household movers and moving
brokers; amending s. 507.03, F.S.; requiring the
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
deny or refuse to renew the registration of a mover or
a moving broker under certain circumstances; amending
s. 507.07, F.S.; prohibiting a mover or moving broker
from knowingly refusing or failing to disclose in
writing specified criminal information under certain
circumstances; amending ss. 507.09 and 507.10, F.S.,
relating to administrative remedies and civil
penalties, respectively; requiring the department to
impose either a civil penalty or an administrative
fine for failure to disclose in writing specified
criminal information; providing an effective date.

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

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

507.03 Registration.—

(9) The department shall deny or refuse to renew the
registration of a mover or a moving broker or deny a
registration or renewal request by any of the mover's or moving



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27 broker's directors, officers, owners, or general partners if the
28 mover or moving broker has not satisfied a civil penalty or
29 administrative fine for a violation of s. 507.07(9).

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

32 507.07 Violations.—It is a violation of this chapter:

33 (9) For a mover or a moving broker to knowingly refuse or
34 fail to disclose in writing to a customer before a household
35 move that the mover or an employee or subcontractor of the mover
36 or moving broker who has access to the dwelling or property of
37 the customer has been convicted of a felony listed in s.
38 775.21(4)(a)1. or convicted of a similar offense of another
39 jurisdiction, regardless of when such felony offense was
40 committed.

41 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
42 507.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43 507.09 Administrative remedies; penalties.—

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

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

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



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56 507.10 Civil penalties; remedies.-

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

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