

By Senator Hutson

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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 felony listed
31 in s. 775.21(4)(a)1. or convicted of a similar offense of
32 another jurisdiction, regardless of when such felony offense was

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33 committed.

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

36 507.10 Civil penalties; remedies.—

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

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