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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the termination of agreements by a
3 servicemember; amending ss. 83.682 and 689.27, F.S.;
4 defining the term "government quarters" for purposes
5 of the termination of a servicemember's rental
6 agreement or agreement to purchase real property,
7 respectively; making technical changes; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 83.682, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 83.682 Termination of rental agreement by a servicemember.—

15 (1) Any servicemember may terminate his or her rental
16 agreement by providing the landlord with a written notice of
17 termination to be effective on the date stated in the notice
18 which ~~that~~ is at least 30 days after the landlord's receipt of
19 the notice if any of the following criteria are met:

20 (a) The servicemember is required, pursuant to a permanent
21 change of station orders, to move 35 miles or more from the
22 location of the rental premises;

23 (b) The servicemember is prematurely or involuntarily
24 discharged or released from active duty or state active duty;

25 (c) The servicemember is released from active duty or state
26 active duty after having leased the rental premises while on
27 active duty or state active duty status and the rental premises
28 is 35 miles or more from the servicemember's home of record
29 before ~~prior to~~ entering active duty or state active duty;

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30 (d) After entering into a rental agreement, the
31 servicemember receives military orders requiring him or her to
32 move into government quarters or the servicemember becomes
33 eligible to live in and opts to move into government quarters.
34 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "government quarters"
35 means any military housing option that is available to a
36 servicemember, including privatized military installation
37 housing that is owned by a private sector company;

38 (e) The servicemember receives temporary duty orders,
39 temporary change of station orders, or state active duty orders
40 to an area 35 miles or more from the location of the rental
41 premises, provided such orders are for a period exceeding 60
42 days; or

43 (f) The servicemember has leased the property, but before
44 ~~prior to~~ taking possession of the rental premises, receives a
45 change of orders to an area that is 35 miles or more from the
46 location of the rental premises.

47 Section 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of
48 section 689.27, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs
49 (d) and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is added to
50 that subsection, to read:

51 689.27 Termination by servicemember of agreement to
52 purchase real property.—

53 (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and for the
54 purposes of this section:

55 (c) "Government quarters" means any military housing option
56 that is available to a servicemember, including privatized
57 military installation housing that is owned by a private sector
58 company.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.