

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to liability for renting to persons  
 3           with criminal records; creating s. 83.555, F.S.;  
 4           specifying that a cause of action does not arise  
 5           against a landlord, or a manager or an agent of a  
 6           landlord, solely for renting to a tenant with a  
 7           criminal record; providing exceptions; providing  
 8           construction; providing an 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. Section 83.555, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 13 read:

14           83.555 Immunity from liability for renting to persons with  
 15 certain criminal records.-

16           (1) A cause of action does not arise against a landlord,  
 17 or the manager or agent of a landlord, solely for renting a  
 18 dwelling unit to a tenant convicted of or found guilty of, or  
 19 who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a criminal offense  
 20 unless:

21           (a)1. The criminal offense was a violation of:

22           a. Section 777.04, relating to criminal attempts,  
 23 solicitation, and conspiracy;

24           b. Section 782.04, relating to murder;

25           c. Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping;

26 d. Section 787.06, relating to human trafficking;  
 27 e. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery;  
 28 f. Section 796.07(2)(f), relating to soliciting, inducing,  
 29 enticing, or procuring another person to commit prostitution,  
 30 lewdness, or assignation;  
 31 g. Section 810.02, relating to burglary;  
 32 h. Section 812.13(2)(a) or (b), relating to robbery while  
 33 carrying a weapon;  
 34 i. Section 827.03, relating to abuse, aggravated abuse,  
 35 and neglect of a child; or  
 36 j. Section 893.13(1)(c), (d), (e), (f), or (h), relating  
 37 to enhanced penalties for selling, manufacturing, delivering  
 38 controlled substances; or  
 39 2. The tenant is required to register as a sexual offender  
 40 under s. 943.0435; and  
 41 (b) The landlord, manager, or agent knew or should have  
 42 reasonably known of the conviction, finding, or plea.  
 43 (2) This section does not create a cause of action or  
 44 expand an existing cause of action.  
 45 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.