

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the delivery of notices; amending  
 3           s. 1.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
 4           "registered mail" for purposes of construction of the  
 5           Florida Statutes; defining the term "return receipt  
 6           requested" for purposes of construction of the Florida  
 7           Statutes; providing for retroactive applicability;  
 8           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. Subsection (11) of section 1.01, Florida  
 13 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (20) is added to that  
 14 section, to read:

15           1.01 Definitions.—In construing these statutes and each  
 16 and every word, phrase, or part hereof, where the context will  
 17 permit:

18           (11) The term ~~words~~ "registered mail" includes include  
 19 certified mail with return receipt requested. The term also  
 20 includes any delivery service by the United States Postal  
 21 Service or a private delivery service that is regularly engaged  
 22 in the delivery of documents which provides proof of mailing or  
 23 shipping and proof of delivery. Proof of delivery must be  
 24 established by a receipt that is signed by the addressee or  
 25 other responsible person at the delivery address.

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26        (20) The term "return receipt requested" includes a  
27 delivery confirmation service by the United States Postal  
28 Service or a private delivery service that is regularly engaged  
29 in the mailing or shipping of documents and that confirms  
30 delivery by receipt that is signed by the addressee or other  
31 responsible person at the delivery address.

32        Section 2. The amendments made by this act to s. 1.01,  
33 Florida Statutes, are remedial in nature and apply  
34 retroactively.

35        Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.