

By Senator Osgood

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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, or  
17 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,

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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, and  
35 neglect of a child; or

36 j. Section 893.13(1)(c), (d), (e), (f), or (h), relating to  
37 enhanced penalties for selling, manufacturing, or 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.