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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to mobile home park lot tenancies; amending s. 723.006, F.S.; revising duties of the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes relating to proposed amendments to a prospectus or offering circular; amending s. 723.011, F.S.; revising park owner disclosure requirements for prospective lessees; amending s. 723.037, F.S.; clarifying what constitutes the market area or the competitive area for comparable mobile home parks; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 723.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

723.006 Powers and duties of division.—In performing its duties, the division has the following powers and duties:

(8) The division has the authority by rule to authorize amendments permitted by this chapter to an approved prospectus or offering circular. Prior to approving any proposed amendments to a prospectus or offering circular, the division shall provide notice to the homeowners' association of such amendments.

Section 2. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 723.011, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

723.011 Disclosure prior to rental of a mobile home lot; prospectus, filing, approval.—

(2) The park owner shall furnish to each prospective lessee a copy of the prospectus or offering circular together with all

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of the exhibits thereto and a mobile home expense disclosure document containing all the information required by s.

723.012(7), (8), (9), and (10). The mobile home expense disclosure document shall also include past, present, and estimated future lease year amounts and any other factors that may affect rent variations, such as lot location or size to each prospective lessee. Delivery shall be made prior to execution of the lot rental agreement or at the time of occupancy, whichever occurs first. Upon delivery of a prospectus to a prospective lessee, the lot rental agreement is voidable by the lessee for a period of 15 days. However, the park owner is not required to furnish a copy of the prospectus or offering circular if the tenancy is a renewal of a tenancy and the mobile home owner has previously received the prospectus or offering circular.

(3) The prospectus or offering circular, together with its exhibits, and the mobile home expense disclosure document are is a disclosure documents document intended to afford protection to homeowners and prospective homeowners in the mobile home park. The purpose of the documents document is to disclose the representations of the mobile home park owner concerning the operations of the mobile home park.

Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 723.037, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (f), and a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection to read:

723.037 Lot rental increases; reduction in services or utilities; change in rules and regulations; mediation.—

(4)

(e) For purposes of this subsection, the market area or the competitive area for comparable mobile home parks is the county

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