CS/HB 219 2022

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to real property rights; amending s. 3 712.03, F.S.; revising rights that are not affected or 4 extinguished by marketable record titles; amending s. 5 712.04, F.S.; revising the types of interests 6 extinguished by a marketable record title; providing 7 construction; amending s. 712.12, F.S.; revising the 8 definition of the term "covenant or restriction"; 9 creating s. 715.075, F.S.; authorizing the owner or operator of private property used for motor vehicle 10 11 parking to establish rules, rates, and fines, 12 including parking charges, which govern private 13 persons who park their motor vehicles on such private 14 property; prohibiting a county or municipality from 15 enacting certain ordinances or regulations; providing 16 that certain ordinances and regulations are null and 17 void; providing applicability; requiring persons with 18 certain interests in land which may be extinguished by 19 this act to file a certain notice by a specified date to preserve such interests; providing a directive to 20 the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective 21 22 date.

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

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26 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 712.03, Florida 27 Statutes, is amended to read: 28 712.03 Exceptions to marketability.—Such marketable record 29 title shall not affect or extinguish the following rights: 30 Estates, or interests, easements, and use restrictions 31 disclosed by and defects inherent in the muniments of title on 32 which said estate is based beginning with the root of title, + 33 provided, however, that in the muniments of title those estates, 34 interests, easements, or use restrictions created before the 35 root of title are preserved by identification in the legal 36 description of the property by specific reference to the official records book and page number, instrument number, or 37 38 plat name or there is otherwise an affirmative statement in a 39 muniment of title to preserve such estates, interests, 40 easements, or use restrictions created before the root of title 41 as identified by the official records book and page or 42 instrument number a general reference in any of such muniments 43 to easements, use restrictions or other interests created prior the root of title shall not be sufficient to preserve 44 45 unless specific identification by reference to book and page of 46 record or by name of recorded plat be made therein to a recorded title transaction which imposed, transferred or continued such 47 48 easement, use restrictions or other interests; subject, however, 49 to the provisions of subsection (5).

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Section 2. Section 712.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to

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712.04 Interests extinguished by marketable record title.-Subject to s. 712.03, a marketable record title is free and clear of all estates, interests, claims, covenants, restrictions, or charges, the existence of which depends upon any act, title transaction, event, zoning requirement, building or development permit, or omission that occurred before the effective date of the root of title. Except as provided in s. 712.03, all such estates, interests, claims, covenants, restrictions, or charges, however denominated, whether they are or appear to be held or asserted by a person sui juris or under a disability, whether such person is within or without the state, natural or corporate, or private or governmental, are declared to be null and void. However, this chapter does not affect any right, title, or interest of the United States, Florida, or any of its officers, boards, commissions, or other agencies reserved in the patent or deed by which the United States, Florida, or any of its agencies parted with title. This section may not be construed to alter or invalidate:

(1) A comprehensive plan or plan amendment; zoning ordinance; land development regulation; building code; development permit; development order; or other law, regulation, or regulatory approval, to the extent such law, regulation, or regulatory approval operates independently of matters recorded in the official records; or

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(2) Any recorded covenant or restriction that on the face
of the first page of the document states that it was accepted by
a governmental entity as part of, or as a condition of, any such
comprehensive plan or plan amendment; zoning ordinance; land
development regulation; building code; development permit;
development order; or other law, regulation, or regulatory
approval.

- Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 712.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 712.12 Covenant or restriction revitalization by parcel owners not subject to a homeowners' association.—
  - (1) As used in this section, the term:

- (b) "Covenant or restriction" means any agreement or limitation imposed by a private party and not required by a governmental agency as a condition of a development permit, as defined in s. 163.3164, which is contained in a document recorded in the public records of the county in which a parcel is located and which subjects the parcel to any use restriction that may be enforced by a parcel owner.
- Section 4. Section 715.075, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 715.075 Vehicles parked on private property; rules and rates authorized.—
- (1) The owner or operator of private property used for motor vehicle parking may establish rules, rates, and fines that

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govern private persons who park their motor vehicles on such private property. The rules and rates may include parking charges and fines for violating the private property owner's or operator's rules.

(2) A county or municipality may not enact an ordinance or regulation restricting or prohibiting the right of a private property owner or operator to establish rules, rates, and fines pursuant to subsection (1). Any such ordinance or regulation is a violation of this section and is null and void.

Section 5. The amendments to ss. 712.03, 712.04, and 712.12, Florida Statutes, in this act are intended to clarify existing law, are remedial in nature, and apply to all estates, interests, claims, covenants, restrictions, and charges, whether imposed or accepted before, on, or after the effective date of this act.

Section 6. A person with an interest in land which may potentially be extinguished by this act, and whose interest has not been extinguished before July 1, 2022, must file a notice pursuant to s. 712.06, Florida Statutes, by July 1, 2023, to preserve such interest.

Section 7. The Division of Law Revision is directed to replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" wherever it occurs in this act with the date the act becomes a law.

Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.