1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to property owners' right to install, 3 display, and store items; amending s. 718.113, F.S.; 4 authorizing condominium unit owners to display certain 5 flags on Patriot Day; amending s. 720.304, F.S.; 6 authorizing homeowners to display a certain number of 7 specified flags regardless of certain prohibitions in 8 the governing documents of the homeowners' 9 association; defining the term "first responder flag"; creating s. 720.3045, F.S.; prohibiting homeowners' 10 11 associations from restricting parcel owners and their tenants from installing, displaying, or storing items 12 13 on parcels under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; amending s. 720.3075, F.S.; prohibiting 14 certain homeowners' association documents from 15 16 precluding property owners from displaying a certain number of specified flags; requiring that such flags 17 18 be displayed in a specified manner; providing an effective date. 19 20 21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 22 23 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 718.113, Florida 24 Statutes, is amended to read:

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718.113 Maintenance; limitation upon improvement; display

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of flag; hurricane shutters and protection; display of religious decorations.—

- (4) Any unit owner may display one portable, removable United States flag in a respectful way and, on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day, and Veterans Day, may display in a respectful way portable, removable official flags, not larger than 4 1/2 feet by 6 feet, that represent the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard, regardless of any declaration rules or requirements dealing with flags or decorations.
- Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of section 720.304, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 720.304 Right of owners to peaceably assemble; display of flags flag; SLAPP suits prohibited.—
- (2) (a) If any covenant, restriction, bylaw, rule, or requirement of an association prohibits a homeowner from displaying flags permitted under this paragraph, the Any homeowner may still display one portable, removable United States flag or official flag of the State of Florida in a respectful manner up to two of the following, and one portable, removable flags official flag, in a respectful manner, not larger than 4 1/2 feet by 6 feet:, which represents
  - 1. The United States flag.

2. The official flag of the State of Florida.

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51	3. A flag that represents the United States Army, Navy,
52	Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard, or
53	4. A POW-MIA flag.
54	5. A first responder flag. A first responder flag may
55	incorporate the design of any other flag permitted under this
56	paragraph to form a combined flag. For purposes of this
57	subsection, the term "first responder flag" means a flag that
58	recognizes and honors the service of any of the following:
59	a. Law enforcement officers as defined in s. 943.10(1).
60	b. Firefighters as defined in s. 112.191(1).
51	c. Paramedics or emergency medical technicians as those
52	terms are defined in s. 112.1911(1).
63	d. Correctional officers as defined in s. 943.10(2).
54	e. 911 public safety telecommunicators as defined in s.
65	401.465(1).
66	f. Advanced practice registered nurses, licensed practical
57	nurses, or registered nurses as those terms are defined in s.
68	464.003.
59	g. Persons participating in a statewide urban search and
70	rescue program developed by the Division of Emergency Management
71	under s. 252.35.
72	h. Federal law enforcement officers as defined in 18
73	U.S.C. s. 115(c)(1), regardless of any covenants, restrictions,
7 4	bylaws, rules, or requirements of the association.
75	(b) Regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws,

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rules, or requirements of the association, a Any homeowner may erect a freestanding flagpole no more than 20 feet high on any portion of the homeowner's real property as long as, regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws, rules, or requirements of the association, if the flagpole does not obstruct sightlines at intersections and is not erected within or upon an easement. The homeowner may further display in a respectful manner from that flagpole, regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws, rules, or requirements of the association, one official United States flag, not larger than 4 1/2 feet by 6 feet, and may additionally display one other official flag permitted under paragraph (a) of the State of Florida or the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, or Coast Guard, or a POW-MIA flag. Such additional flag must be equal in size to or smaller than the United States flag. The flagpole and display are subject to all building codes, zoning setbacks, and other applicable governmental regulations, including, but not limited to, noise and lighting ordinances in the county or municipality in which the flagpole is erected and all setback and locational criteria contained in the governing documents.

Section 3. Section 720.3045, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

720.3045 Installation, display, and storage of items.—
Regardless of any covenants, restrictions, bylaws, rules, or
requirements of an association, and unless prohibited by general

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101	law or local ordinance, an association may not restrict parcel
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102	owners or their tenants from installing, displaying, or storing
103	any items on a parcel which are not visible from the parcel's
104	frontage or an adjacent parcel, including, but not limited to,
105	artificial turf, boats, flags, and recreational vehicles.
106	Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 720.3075, Florida
107	Statutes, is amended to read:
108	720.3075 Prohibited clauses in association documents
109	(3) Homeowners' association documents, including
110	declarations of covenants, articles of incorporation, or bylaws,
111	may not preclude the display of up to two one portable,
112	removable flags as described in s. 720.304(2)(a) United States
113	$rac{ extsf{flag}}{ extsf{flags}}$ by property owners. However, $rac{ extsf{all flags}}{ extsf{flag}}$ $rac{ extsf{the flag}}{ extsf{flag}}$ must be
114	displayed in a respectful manner $_{ au}$ consistent with $\underline{ ext{the}}$
115	requirements for the United States flag under Title 36 U.S.C.
116	chapter 10.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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