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An act relating to employment practices; prohibiting the use of a job applicant's personal credit history as a hiring criterion; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. (1) Except where required by law, it is an improper employment practice for an employer to directly or indirectly use a job applicant's personal credit history as a hiring criterion.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an employer may request a credit history background check as part of the application process if such history is shown to be directly related to the position sought by the applicant. However, such history may not be the determining factor in whether the applicant is ultimately hired to the position sought.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.