

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 01/30/2012

The Committee on Community Affairs (Norman) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 42 and 43 insert:

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Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 83.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 83.56 Termination of rental agreement.-
- (5) If the landlord accepts rent with actual knowledge of a noncompliance by the tenant or accepts performance by the tenant of any other provision of the rental agreement that is at variance with its provisions, or if the tenant pays rent with actual knowledge of a noncompliance by the landlord or accepts



performance by the landlord of any other provision of the rental agreement that is at variance with its provisions, the landlord or tenant waives his or her right to terminate the rental agreement or to bring a civil action for that noncompliance, but not for any subsequent or continuing noncompliance. Any tenant who wishes to defend against an action by the landlord for possession of the unit for noncompliance of the rental agreement or of relevant statutes shall comply with the provisions in s. 83.60(2). The court may not set a date for mediation or trial unless the provisions of s. 83.60(2) have been met, but shall enter a default judgment for removal of the tenant with a writ of possession to issue immediately if the tenant fails to comply with s. 83.60(2). This subsection does not apply to that portion of rent subsidies received from a local, state, or national government or an agency of local, state, or national government; however, waiver will occur if an action has not been instituted within 90 45 days after the landlord has actual knowledge of the noncompliance.

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========= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 2

and insert:

An act relating to public housing; amending s. 83.56, F.S.; revising provisions for terminating a rental agreement that involves rent subsidies received from a local, state, or national government; amending s. 421.02,