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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to military support; creating s. 3 83.683, F.S.; requiring a landlord, a condominium 4 association, a cooperative association, or a 5 homeowners' association to complete the processing of 6 a rental application submitted by a servicemember 7 within a specified timeframe; providing applicability; 8 providing an effective date. 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Section 83.683, Florida Statutes, is created to 13 read: 14 83.683 Rental application by a servicemember.-15 (1) If a landlord requires a prospective tenant to 16 complete a rental application before residing in a rental unit, 17 the landlord must complete processing of a rental application submitted by a prospective tenant who is a servicemember, as 18 19 defined in s. 250.01, within 7 days after submission and must, within that 7-day period, notify the servicemember in writing of 20 21 an application approval or denial and, if denied, the reason for 22 denial. Absent a timely denial of the rental application, the

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If a condominium association, as defined in chapter

landlord must lease the rental unit to the servicemember if all

718, a cooperative association, as defined in chapter 719, or a

other terms of the application and lease are complied with.

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homeowners' association, as defined in chapter 720, requires a prospective tenant of a condominium unit, cooperative unit, or parcel within the association's control to complete a rental application before residing in a rental unit or parcel, the association must complete processing of a rental application submitted by a prospective tenant who is a servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, within 7 days after submission and must, within that 7-day period, notify the servicemember in writing of an application approval or denial and, if denied, the reason for denial. Absent a timely denial of the rental application, the association must allow the unit or parcel owner to lease the rental unit or parcel to the servicemember and the landlord must lease the rental unit or parcel to the servicemember if all other terms of the application and lease are complied with.

(3) The provisions of this section may not be waived or modified by the agreement of the parties under any circumstances.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.