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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to renters' insurance; requiring a residential rental agreement to specify whether renters' insurance is required; requiring an agreement that requires renters' insurance to specify the coverage required and to provide a signature line; requiring the tenant to sign the signature line for the provision to be enforceable; requiring that an agreement that does not require renters' insurance include a statement advising the tenant to obtain renters' insurance; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. Renters' insurance for residential tenancies.—A rental agreement must specify whether a tenant is required to obtain renters' insurance.
- (1) If renters' insurance is required, the rental agreement must specify the coverage required and provide a signature line for the tenant's personal signature immediately following that provision. The requirement that a tenant carry renters' insurance is not enforceable unless the required signature line is signed by the tenant.
- (2) If renters' insurance is not required, the rental agreement must provide in substantially the following form: "The tenant is not required to obtain renters' insurance; however, the tenant is strongly advised to obtain renters' insurance to cover damage to or loss of personal property."

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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