LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: TP 02/02/2016

The Committee on Regulated Industries (Stargel) recommended the following:

Senate Substitute for Amendment (947448) (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 83.806, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (9) and (10) are added to that section, to read:

83.806 Enforcement of lien.—An owner's lien as provided in s. 83.805 may be satisfied as follows:

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- (4) After the expiration of the time given in the notice, an advertisement of the sale or other disposition shall be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the self-service storage facility or self-contained storage unit is located or advertised for 14 calendar days on an Internet website to be developed and maintained by the Chief Financial Officer. The obligation to provide notice rests solely with the self-storage unit owner, and the Chief Financial Officer is not liable for technical failures or any other cause that may interfere with or interrupt the 14 day notice period, or for the contents of, or any defects in, the notice. The Chief Financial Officer shall charge the owner a fee to cover the costs associated with building, maintaining, and operating the website, which shall be deposited into the Administrative Trust Fund. The Department of Financial Services may adopt rules to provide for procedures for the maintenance and operation of the site and the calculation and remittance of the fee.
- (a) A lien sale may be conducted on a public website that customarily conducts personal property auctions. The facility or unit owner is not required to be licensed to post property online for sale pursuant to this subsection. Inasmuch as any sale may involve property of more than one tenant, a single advertisement may be used to dispose of property at any one sale.
 - (b) (a) The advertisement shall include:
- 1. A brief and general description of what is believed to constitute the personal property contained in the storage unit, as provided in paragraph (2)(b).

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- 2. The address of the self-service storage facility or the address where the self-contained storage unit is located and the name of the tenant.
- 3. The time, place, and manner of the sale or other disposition. The sale or other disposition shall take place not sooner than 15 days after the first publication or advertisement.
- (b) If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the area where the self-service storage facility or self-contained storage unit is located, the advertisement shall be posted at least 10 days before the date of the sale or other disposition in not fewer than three conspicuous places in the neighborhood where the self-service storage facility or self-contained storage unit is located.
- (9) If the rental agreement contains a limit on the value of property stored in the tenant's storage space, the limit is deemed to be the maximum value of the property stored in that space.
- (10) If a lien is claimed on property that is a motor vehicle or a watercraft and rent and other charges related to the property remain unpaid or unsatisfied for 60 days after the maturity of the obligation to pay the rent and other charges, the facility or unit owner may do one of the following:
- (a) The facility or unit owner may have the property towed. If a motor vehicle or watercraft is towed, the facility or unit owner is not liable for the motor vehicle or watercraft or any damages to the motor vehicle or watercraft once a tower takes possession of the property.
 - (b) The facility or unit owner may sell the motor vehicle

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or watercraft by public auction if an owner or lienholder who receives notice pursuant to this paragraph does not satisfy the lien. Before such a sale, the facility or unit owner must contact the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to determine the existence and identity of any lienholder and the name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle or watercraft. Within 10 days after receipt of such information concerning a lienholder and the owner of such motor vehicle or watercraft, the facility or unit owner must send written notice to the lienholder and to the owner by first-class mail stating that:

- 1. Such motor vehicle or watercraft is being held by the facility or unit owner;
 - 2. A lien has attached;
- 3. Payment must be made within 30 days after notification to satisfy the lien and take possession of the motor vehicle or watercraft; and
- 4. The facility or unit owner may sell the motor vehicle or watercraft by public auction, if the lien is not satisfied. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

> A bill to be entitled An act relating to self-storage facilities; amending s. 83.806, F.S.; providing that advertisement of a sale or disposition of property may be conducted on a

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certain website; providing that the obligation to provide notice rests on the self-storage unit owner; providing that the Chief Financial Officer is not liable for certain issues relating to notices or the website; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to charge certain fees; authorizing the Department of Financial Services to adopt rules; providing that a lien sale may be conducted on certain websites; providing that a self-storage facility owner is not required to have a license to post property for online sale; deleting a required alternative form of advertisement; providing limits for the maximum valuation of property under certain circumstances; providing options for the disposition of motor vehicles or watercraft claimed to be subject to a lien; requiring specified notice to lienholders and owners of motor vehicles or watercraft subject to a lien; providing an effective date.