

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2            An act relating to registrations and transfers of  
3            heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system  
4            manufacturer warranties; creating s. 559.956, F.S.;  
5            requiring a manufacturer's warranty for a heating,  
6            ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system to run  
7            with the property; providing that a warrantor  
8            continues to be obligated under the terms of a  
9            manufacturer's warranty agreement regardless of the  
10           property owner and may not charge a transfer fee;  
11           providing that the transfer of a warranty does not  
12           extend the warranty; providing that a warranty is  
13           deemed registered if a contractor licensed under part  
14           I of chapter 489, F.S., meets certain requirements;  
15           requiring certain documentation; providing an  
16           effective date.

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

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20           Section 1.   Section 559.956, Florida Statutes, is created  
21   to read:

22               559.956 Registrations and transfers of heating,  
23               ventilation, and air-conditioning system manufacturer  
24               warranties; required contractor documentation.-

25               (1) If a residential real property that includes a

26 heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system as a  
27 fixture to the property is conveyed to a new owner, a  
28 manufacturer's warranty in effect on that system or a component  
29 of that system:

30 (a) Is automatically transferred to the new owner; and

31 (b) Continues in effect as if the new owner was the  
32 original purchaser of such system or component, as applicable.

33 (2) A warrantor continues to be obligated under the terms  
34 of a manufacturer's warranty agreement for a warranty  
35 transferred under this section and may not charge a fee for the  
36 transfer of the warranty.

37 (3) The transfer of a manufacturer's warranty under this  
38 section does not extend the remaining term of the warranty.

39 (4) A manufacturer's warranty for an HVAC system is deemed  
40 registered with the manufacturer if a contractor licensed under  
41 part I of chapter 489:

42 (a) Installs the new HVAC system; and

43 (b) Provides the manufacturer of the HVAC system with the  
44 date of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy for  
45 installations relating to new construction, or the serial number  
46 of the HVAC system for installations relating to existing  
47 construction, as applicable.

48 (5) A contractor licensed under part I of chapter 489 who  
49 installs a new HVAC system must document the installation  
50 through an invoice or a receipt and provide the invoice or

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51 | receipt to the customer.

52 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.