1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to mobile home park regulations; 3 amending s. 162.21, F.S.; authorizing counties and 4 municipalities to adopt and enforce local laws, codes, 5 or ordinances relating to mobile home park lot 6 tenancies; authorizing a code enforcement officer to 7 cite certain violations to a mobile home park owner or 8 mobile home owner; amending s. 723.022, F.S.; revising 9 the obligations and responsibilities of a mobile home 10 park owner; amending s. 723.023, F.S.; revising the 11 obligations and responsibilities of a mobile home 12 owner; removing a provision that a mobile home owner is responsible for certain fines; authorizing a unit 13 of local government to adopt and enforce local laws, 14 15 ordinances, or codes for a specified purpose; amending 16 s. 723.024, F.S.; authorizing a unit of local government to adopt and enforce local laws, 17 18 ordinances, or codes for a specified purpose; authorizing a unit of local government to bring a 19 20 civil proceeding against a mobile home park owner or 21 mobile home lot under certain circumstances; amending 22 s. 723.011, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; 23 providing an effective date. 24

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

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Section 1. Subsections (3) through (8) of section 162.21, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through (9), respectively, present subsection (8) is amended, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

- 162.21 Enforcement of county or municipal codes or ordinances; penalties.—
- (3) A county or municipality may adopt and enforce local laws, codes, or ordinances to ensure compliance with chapter 723. A code enforcement officer may cite violations of local laws, codes, or ordinances to a mobile home park owner or mobile home owner, as applicable under s. 723.022 or s. 723.023, for correction.
- (9) (8) The provisions of This section is an are additional and a supplemental means of enforcing county or municipal codes or ordinances and may be used for the enforcement of any code or ordinance, or for the enforcement of all codes and ordinances. Except as provided in paragraph (4) (b) (3) (b), nothing contained in this section does not shall prohibit a county or municipality from enforcing its codes or ordinances by any other means.
- Section 2. Section 723.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 723.022 Mobile home park owner's general obligations.-
 - (1) A mobile home park owner must shall at all times:
 - (a) $\frac{1}{1}$ Comply with the requirements of applicable

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building, housing, fire, and health codes.

- (b)(2) Maintain buildings and improvements in common areas in a good state of repair and maintenance and maintain the common areas in a good state of appearance, safety, and cleanliness.
- $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ Provide access to the common areas, including buildings and improvements thereto, at all reasonable times for the benefit of the park residents and their guests.
- $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ (4) Maintain utility connections and systems for which the park owner is responsible in proper operating condition.
- (e) (5) Comply with properly promulgated park rules and regulations and require other persons on the premises with his or her consent to comply therewith and conduct themselves in a manner that does not unreasonably disturb the park residents or constitute a breach of the peace.
- (f) Require a mobile home owner to maintain a current mobile home registration and have a validation sticker on the mobile home at all times pursuant to chapter 320.
- (g) Maintain up-to-date records regarding each mobile home owner in the mobile home park and provide such records to the unit of local government upon request for the purpose of enforcing s. 723.023.
- (h) Require the removal of any exterior modifications, additions, or construction of any structure on a mobile home lot which was built without the written approval of the mobile home

park owner or the requisite building permits.

- (i) Require a mobile home owner, or any person who has consent from the mobile home owner to be on the mobile home lot, to maintain his or her mobile home and mobile home lot in accordance with all applicable building, housing, fire, and health codes.
- (2) A mobile home park owner is responsible for correcting a violation of any local law, ordinance, or code cited by a unit of local government under s. 723.024.

Section 3. Section 723.023, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 723.023 Mobile home owner's general obligations.-
- (1) A mobile home owner must at all times shall:
- (a) (1) At all times Comply with all obligations imposed on mobile home owners by applicable provisions of building, housing, fire, and health codes, including compliance with all building permits and construction requirements for construction on the mobile home and lot. The home owner is responsible for all fines imposed by the local government for noncompliance with any local codes.
- (b)(2) At all times Keep the mobile home lot that he or she occupies clean, neat, and sanitary, and maintained in compliance with all local codes.
- $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ (3) At all times Comply with properly promulgated park rules and regulations and require other persons on the $\underline{\text{mobile}}$

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home lot premises with the mobile home owner's his or her consent to comply with such rules. The mobile home owner and to conduct themselves, and other persons on the mobile home lot premises with the mobile home owner's his or her consent must conduct themselves, in a manner that does not unreasonably disturb other residents of the park or constitute a breach of the peace.

- $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ Receive written approval from the mobile home park owner before making any exterior modification or addition to the home.
- $\underline{\text{(e)}}$ When vacating the premises, remove any debris and other property of any kind which is left on the mobile home lot.
- (2) A unit of local government may adopt and enforce local laws, ordinances, or codes to ensure compliance with this section and s. 723.022. A mobile home owner is responsible for correcting a violation of any local law, ordinance, or code cited by a unit of local government under s. 723.024.

Section 4. Section 723.024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 723.024 Compliance by mobile home park owners and mobile home owners.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or of any local law, ordinance, or code:
- (1) A unit of local government may adopt and enforce local laws, ordinances, or codes to ensure compliance with ss. 723.022 and 723.023. If a unit of local government finds that a

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violation of a local <u>law</u>, code, or ordinance has occurred, the unit of local government shall cite the responsible party for the violation and enforce the citation under its local code and ordinance enforcement authority.

- (2) A lien, penalty, fine, or other administrative or civil proceeding may not be brought against a mobile home owner or mobile home for any duty or responsibility of the mobile home park owner under s. 723.022 or against a mobile home park owner or mobile home lot park property for any duty or responsibility of the mobile home owner under s. 723.023.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a unit of local government may bring a lien, penalty, fine, or other administrative civil proceeding under chapter 162, or other applicable law, against a mobile home park owner or a mobile home lot when all of the following occur:
- (a) The unit of local government has provided written notice to a mobile home park owner of a code violation on a mobile home lot on which a mobile home is placed.
- (b) The time period in the written notice for correcting such violation has expired.
- (c) The mobile home park owner has failed to take reasonable steps to comply with local laws, codes, or ordinances.
- Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 723.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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723.011 Disclosure prior to rental of a mobile home lot; prospectus, filing, approval.—

(6)

(b) If a park owner violates this section and a lessee suffers a substantial loss or damage to the lessee's mobile home or personal property as a result of flooding, the lessee may terminate the rental agreement by giving a written notice of termination to the park owner no later than 30 days after the date of the damage or loss. Termination of a rental agreement under this section is effective when the requirements of \underline{s} . $\underline{723.023(1)(e)}$ s. $\underline{723.023(5)}$ are met. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "substantial loss or damage" means the total cost of repairs to or replacement of the mobile home and personal property is 50 percent or more of the mobile home and personal property's market value on the date the flooding occurred.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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