

Senate Bill No. 2104

An act relating to hiring or leasing with intent to defraud; amending s. 812.155, F.S.; providing that the exclusion of property obtained under a rental-purchase agreement from criminal statutes relating to hiring or leasing with intent to defraud and similar offenses does not apply when the rental store retains title to the property through the period of the agreement; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 812.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

812.155 Hiring, leasing, or obtaining personal property or equipment with the intent to defraud; failing to return hired or leased personal property or equipment; rules of evidence.—

(7) EXCLUSION OF RENTAL-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.—This section does not apply to personal property or equipment that is the subject of a rental-purchase agreement that permits the lessee to acquire ownership of the personal property or equipment unless the rental store retains title to the personal property or equipment throughout the rental-purchase agreement period.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved by the Governor June 1, 2001.

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