

CHAPTER 2023-159

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 574

An act relating to the termination of agreements by a servicemember; amending s. 83.682, F.S.; defining the term “government quarters” for purposes of the termination of a servicemember’s rental agreement; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 83.682, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

83.682 Termination of rental agreement by a servicemember.—

(1) Any servicemember may terminate his or her rental agreement by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on the date stated in the notice ~~which that~~ is at least 30 days after the landlord’s receipt of the notice if any of the following criteria are met:

(a) The servicemember is required, pursuant to a permanent change of station orders, to move 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises;

(b) The servicemember is prematurely or involuntarily discharged or released from active duty or state active duty;

(c) The servicemember is released from active duty or state active duty after having leased the rental premises while on active duty or state active duty status and the rental premises is 35 miles or more from the servicemember’s home of record ~~before prior to~~ entering active duty or state active duty;

(d) After entering into a rental agreement, the servicemember receives military orders requiring him or her to move into government quarters or the servicemember becomes eligible to live in and opts to move into government quarters. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “government quarters” means any military housing option that is available to a servicemember, including privatized military housing that is owned, operated, or managed by a private sector company;

(e) The servicemember receives temporary duty orders, temporary change of station orders, or state active duty orders to an area 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises, provided such orders are for a period exceeding 60 days; or

(f) The servicemember has leased the property, but ~~before prior to~~ taking possession of the rental premises, receives a change of orders to an area that is 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises.

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

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