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SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES

House Bill 5077
Sponsor: Rep. Bill Martin
Committee: State Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5077 AS INTRODUCED 8-1-91

Currently the Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Public Act 148 of 1985) requires that owners of self-service storage facilities give to the potential renter of storage space (the "occupant") a written notice that specifies what will happen if the occupant fails to make the required payments and explains the required notification procedures if stored property is to be put up for public sale. The notice also includes a suggestion (but not a requirement) that the prospective occupant provide the facility owner with the name and address of another person who could contact the occupant if he or she was not at his or her mailing address in the event he or she needed to be notified of a proposed public sale of his or her property.

The bill would amend the act to:

- * Require that self-service storage facilities be open at least one evening a week until eight p.m. and at least six hours on both Saturdays and Sundays between nine a.m. and five p.m. Self-service storage facilities would not have to be open on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day. Facilities would be required to post their hours of operation at their entrance.
- * Require the owner of the self-service storage facility to "obtain verification" of the prospective occupant's name, date of birth, and current address, and to keep a copy of that information on site. The bill also would allow a facility owner to request the name of another person who might know where the occupant is if the occupant changed his or her address without notifying the facility owner.

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