



## Intrastate Moves

The State of Florida has recently enacted, Florida Statute 507, governing moving companies operating in Florida. This law provides that all intrastate moving companies be registered with the State of Florida; maintain cargo legal liability valuation coverage for loss or damaged household goods, motor vehicle insurance for bodily injury and property damage liability. Also, the law now requires that movers must provide a contract and estimate, requires that the mover accept at least two forms of payment, and places limitation on movers for refusing to deliver household goods. There are civil and criminal penalties for violations of the statute.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regulates intrastate movers of household goods within the State of Florida. The primary purpose of the Moving Services Act is to protect Florida residents from deceptive business practices common to some moving companies. This act is also designed to protect the moving companies who have a history of providing quality services to the residents of Florida.

When you are planning a move within the State of Florida make sure the company you choose to do business with is in compliance with the law. The company you choose should inform you:

- They have obtained certain legal liability insurance coverage.
- All moves require an estimate and contract.

At least two of the following forms of payment are accepted:

- Cash, Cashier's Check, Money Order, or Traveler's Check; or
- Valid Personal Check; or
- Valid Credit Card, which shall include, but not be limited to, Visa or MasterCard.

For additional information on the Florida Moving Services Act (Chapter 507 F.S.) visit the following website:

[http://www.800helpfla.com/moving\\_text.html](http://www.800helpfla.com/moving_text.html)