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2 An act relating to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe 3 Fund; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; revising the 4 definition of the term "corporation"; deleting an 5 outdated coverage level; revising coverage levels 6 available under the reimbursement contract; revising 7 aggregate coverage limits; providing for the phase-in 8 of changes to coverage levels and limits; requiring 9 the board to perform certain calculations under specified circumstances; revising the exemption of 10 medical malpractice insurance premiums from emergency 11 12 assessments if certain revenues are determined to be 13 insufficient to fund the obligations, costs, and 14 expenses of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and 15 the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance 16 Corporation; changing the name of the Florida 17 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; deleting provisions 18 19 relating to temporary emergency options for additional coverage; amending s. 627.0629, F.S.; conforming a 20 cross-reference; providing effective dates. 21 22 23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 24 25 Section 1. Effective June 1, 2013, paragraph (n) of 26 subsection (2), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4), and 27 paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (6) of section 215.555, 28 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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29 215.555 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.-

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(2) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section:

31 (n) "Corporation" means the <u>State Board of Administration</u> 32 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation created 33 in paragraph (6)(d).

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(4) REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS.-

35 (b)1. The contract shall contain a promise by the board to 36 reimburse the insurer for 45 percent, 75 percent, or 90 percent 37 of its losses from each covered event in excess of the insurer's 38 retention, plus 5 percent of the reimbursed losses to cover loss 39 adjustment expenses.

40 2. The insurer must elect one of the percentage coverage levels specified in this paragraph and may, upon renewal of a 41 42 reimbursement contract, elect a lower percentage coverage level 43 if no revenue bonds issued under subsection (6) after a covered 44 event are outstanding, or elect a higher percentage coverage level, regardless of whether or not revenue bonds are 45 outstanding. All members of an insurer group must elect the same 46 percentage coverage level. Any joint underwriting association, 47 48 risk apportionment plan, or other entity created under s. 49 627.351 must elect the 90-percent coverage level.

3. The contract shall provide that reimbursement amounts
shall not be reduced by reinsurance paid or payable to the
insurer from other sources.

53 4. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this
54 section, the board shall make available to insurers that
55 purchased coverage provided by this subparagraph in 2008,
56 insurers qualifying as limited apportionment companies under s.

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57 627.351(6)(c), and insurers that have been approved to 58 participate in the Insurance Capital Build-Up Incentive Program 59 pursuant to s. 215.5595 a contract or contract addendum that 60 provides an additional amount of reimbursement coverage of up to 61 \$10 million. The premium to be charged for this additional 62 reimbursement coverage shall be 50 percent of the additional 63 reimbursement coverage provided, which shall include one prepaid reinstatement. The minimum retention level that an eligible 64 participating insurer must retain associated with this 65 additional coverage layer is 30 percent of the insurer's surplus 66 as of December 31, 2008, for the 2009-2010 contract year; as of 67 December 31, 2009, for the 2010-2011 contract year; and as of 68 69 December 31, 2010, for the 2011-2012 contract year. This 70 coverage shall be in addition to all other coverage that may be provided under this section. The coverage provided by the fund 71 under this subparagraph shall be in addition to the claims-72 paying capacity as defined in subparagraph (c)1., but only with 73 respect to those insurers that select the additional coverage 74 75 option and meet the requirements of this subparagraph. The 76 claims-paying capacity with respect to all other participating 77 insurers and limited apportionment companies that do not select 78 the additional coverage option shall be limited to their 79 reimbursement premium's proportionate share of the actual 80 claims-paying capacity otherwise defined in subparagraph (c)1. 81 and as provided for under the terms of the reimbursement 82 contract. The optional coverage retention as specified shall be 83 accessed before the mandatory coverage under the reimbursement 84 contract, but once the limit of coverage selected under this

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85 option is exhausted, the insurer's retention under the mandatory 86 coverage will apply. This coverage will apply and be paid 87 concurrently with mandatory coverage. This subparagraph expires on May 31, 2012. 88 89 (c)1. The contract shall also provide that the obligation 90 of the board with respect to all contracts covering a particular 91 contract year shall not exceed the actual claims-paying capacity of the fund up to the limit specified in this subparagraph. 92 93 a. For the 2013-2014 contract year, the limit is \$17 94 billion. 95 b. For the 2014-2015 contract year, and subsequent 96 contract years, the limit is \$16.5 billion. 97 c. For contract years after the 2014-2015 contract year, if a limit of \$17 billion for that contract year, unless the 98 99 board determines that there is sufficient estimated claimspaying capacity to provide \$16.5 \$17 billion of capacity for the 100 current contract year and an additional \$16.5 \$17 billion of 101 capacity for subsequent contract years. If the board makes such 102 a determination, the estimated claims-paying capacity for the 103 104 particular contract year shall be determined by adding to the 105 \$16.5 \$17 billion limit one-half of the fund's estimated claims-106 paying capacity in excess of \$33 \$34 billion. However, the 107 dollar growth in the limit may not increase in any year by an amount greater than the dollar growth of the balance of the fund 108 109 as of December 31, less any premiums or interest attributable to 110 optional coverage, as defined by rule which occurred over the 111 prior calendar year. 112 2. In May and October of the contract year, the board

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113 shall publish in the Florida Administrative Weekly a statement 114 of the fund's estimated borrowing capacity, the fund's estimated 115 claims-paying capacity, and the projected balance of the fund as 116 of December 31. After the end of each calendar year, the board 117 shall notify insurers of the estimated borrowing capacity, 118 estimated claims-paying capacity, and the balance of the fund as of December 31 to provide insurers with data necessary to assist 119 120 them in determining their retention and projected payout from 121 the fund for loss reimbursement purposes. In conjunction with 122 the development of the premium formula, as provided for in 123 subsection (5), the board shall publish factors or multiples 124 that assist insurers in determining their retention and 125 projected payout for the next contract year. For all regulatory 126 and reinsurance purposes, an insurer may calculate its projected 127 payout from the fund as its share of the total fund premium for 128 the current contract year multiplied by the sum of the projected 129 balance of the fund as of December 31 and the estimated 130 borrowing capacity for that contract year as reported under this subparagraph. 131

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(6) REVENUE BONDS.-

(b) Emergency assessments-

134 1. If the board determines that the amount of revenue 135 produced under subsection (5) is insufficient to fund the 136 obligations, costs, and expenses of the fund and the 137 corporation, including repayment of revenue bonds and that 138 portion of the debt service coverage not met by reimbursement 139 premiums, the board shall direct the Office of Insurance 140 Regulation to levy, by order, an emergency assessment on direct

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141 premiums for all property and casualty lines of business in this 142 state, including property and casualty business of surplus lines 143 insurers regulated under part VIII of chapter 626, but not 144 including any workers' compensation premiums or medical 145 malpractice premiums. As used in this subsection, the term 146 "property and casualty business" includes all lines of business identified on Form 2, Exhibit of Premiums and Losses, in the 147 annual statement required of authorized insurers by s. 624.424 148 149 and any rule adopted under this section, except for those lines 150 identified as accident and health insurance and except for 151 policies written under the National Flood Insurance Program. The 152 assessment shall be specified as a percentage of direct written 153 premium and is subject to annual adjustments by the board in 154 order to meet debt obligations. The same percentage shall apply 155 to all policies in lines of business subject to the assessment 156 issued or renewed during the 12-month period beginning on the 157 effective date of the assessment.

2. A premium is not subject to an annual assessment under 158 159 this paragraph in excess of 6 percent of premium with respect to 160 obligations arising out of losses attributable to any one 161 contract year, and a premium is not subject to an aggregate 162 annual assessment under this paragraph in excess of 10 percent 163 of premium. An annual assessment under this paragraph shall 164 continue as long as the revenue bonds issued with respect to 165 which the assessment was imposed are outstanding, including any 166 bonds the proceeds of which were used to refund the revenue 167 bonds, unless adequate provision has been made for the payment 168 of the bonds under the documents authorizing issuance of the

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169 bonds.

170 Emergency assessments shall be collected from 3. 171 policyholders. Emergency assessments shall be remitted by 172 insurers as a percentage of direct written premium for the 173 preceding calendar quarter as specified in the order from the 174 Office of Insurance Regulation. The office shall verify the 175 accurate and timely collection and remittance of emergency 176 assessments and shall report the information to the board in a 177 form and at a time specified by the board. Each insurer 178 collecting assessments shall provide the information with 179 respect to premiums and collections as may be required by the 180 office to enable the office to monitor and verify compliance 181 with this paragraph.

182 4. With respect to assessments of surplus lines premiums, 183 each surplus lines agent shall collect the assessment at the 184 same time as the agent collects the surplus lines tax required 185 by s. 626.932, and the surplus lines agent shall remit the assessment to the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office created 186 187 by s. 626.921 at the same time as the agent remits the surplus 188 lines tax to the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office. The 189 emergency assessment on each insured procuring coverage and 190 filing under s. 626.938 shall be remitted by the insured to the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office at the time the insured 191 192 pays the surplus lines tax to the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office. The Florida Surplus Lines Service Office shall remit the 193 194 collected assessments to the fund or corporation as provided in 195 the order levied by the Office of Insurance Regulation. The 196 Florida Surplus Lines Service Office shall verify the proper

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197 application of such emergency assessments and shall assist the 198 board in ensuring the accurate and timely collection and 199 remittance of assessments as required by the board. The Florida 200 Surplus Lines Service Office shall annually calculate the 201 aggregate written premium on property and casualty business, 202 other than workers' compensation and medical malpractice, 203 procured through surplus lines agents and insureds procuring 204 coverage and filing under s. 626.938 and shall report the 205 information to the board in a form and at a time specified by 206 the board.

207 Any assessment authority not used for a particular 5. 208 contract year may be used for a subsequent contract year. If, 209 for a subsequent contract year, the board determines that the 210 amount of revenue produced under subsection (5) is insufficient 211 to fund the obligations, costs, and expenses of the fund and the 212 corporation, including repayment of revenue bonds and that 213 portion of the debt service coverage not met by reimbursement premiums, the board shall direct the Office of Insurance 214 Regulation to levy an emergency assessment up to an amount not 215 216 exceeding the amount of unused assessment authority from a 217 previous contract year or years, plus an additional 4 percent 218 provided that the assessments in the aggregate do not exceed the 219 limits specified in subparagraph 2.

6. The assessments otherwise payable to the corporation under this paragraph shall be paid to the fund unless and until the Office of Insurance Regulation and the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office have received from the corporation and the fund a notice, which shall be conclusive and upon which they may rely

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without further inquiry, that the corporation has issued bonds and the fund has no agreements in effect with local governments under paragraph (c). On or after the date of the notice and until the date the corporation has no bonds outstanding, the fund shall have no right, title, or interest in or to the assessments, except as provided in the fund's agreement with the corporation.

7. Emergency assessments are not premium and are not subject to the premium tax, to the surplus lines tax, to any fees, or to any commissions. An insurer is liable for all assessments that it collects and must treat the failure of an insured to pay an assessment as a failure to pay the premium. An insurer is not liable for uncollectible assessments.

8. When an insurer is required to return an unearned premium, it shall also return any collected assessment attributable to the unearned premium. A credit adjustment to the collected assessment may be made by the insurer with regard to future remittances that are payable to the fund or corporation, but the insurer is not entitled to a refund.

9. When a surplus lines insured or an insured who has procured coverage and filed under s. 626.938 is entitled to the return of an unearned premium, the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office shall provide a credit or refund to the agent or such insured for the collected assessment attributable to the unearned premium prior to remitting the emergency assessment collected to the fund or corporation.

10. The exemption of medical malpractice insurancepremiums from emergency assessments under this paragraph is

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253 repealed May 31, 2016 2013, and medical malpractice insurance 254 premiums shall be subject to emergency assessments attributable 255 to loss events occurring in the contract years commencing on 256 June 1, 2016 2013.

257 (d) <u>State Board of Administration</u> Florida Hurricane
 258 Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.—

In addition to the findings and declarations in
 subsection (1), the Legislature also finds and declares that:

a. The public benefits corporation created under this
paragraph will provide a mechanism necessary for the costeffective and efficient issuance of bonds. This mechanism will
eliminate unnecessary costs in the bond issuance process,
thereby increasing the amounts available to pay reimbursement
for losses to property sustained as a result of hurricane
damage.

268 b. The purpose of such bonds is to fund reimbursements 269 through the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to pay for the 270 costs of construction, reconstruction, repair, restoration, and 271 other costs associated with damage to properties of 272 policyholders of covered policies due to the occurrence of a 273 hurricane.

274 c. The efficacy of the financing mechanism will be 275 enhanced by the corporation's ownership of the assessments, by 276 the insulation of the assessments from possible bankruptcy 277 proceedings, and by covenants of the state with the 278 corporation's bondholders.

279 2.a. There is created a public benefits corporation, which280 is an instrumentality of the state, to be known as the State

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281 <u>Board of Administration</u> Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund
 282 Finance Corporation.

b. The corporation shall operate under a five-member board of directors consisting of the Governor or a designee, the Chief Financial Officer or a designee, the Attorney General or a designee, the director of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration, and the <u>Chief Operating Officer</u> senior employee of the State Board of Administration responsible for operations of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

c. The corporation has all of the powers of corporations
under chapter 607 and under chapter 617, subject only to the
provisions of this subsection.

293 d. The corporation may issue bonds and engage in such 294 other financial transactions as are necessary to provide 295 sufficient funds to achieve the purposes of this section.

e. The corporation may invest in any of the investmentsauthorized under s. 215.47.

f. There shall be no liability on the part of, and no cause of action shall arise against, any board members or employees of the corporation for any actions taken by them in the performance of their duties under this paragraph.

302 3.a. In actions under chapter 75 to validate any bonds 303 issued by the corporation, the notice required by s. 75.06 shall 304 be published in two newspapers of general circulation in the 305 state, and the complaint and order of the court shall be served 306 only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit.

307 b. The state hereby covenants with holders of bonds of the308 corporation that the state will not repeal or abrogate the power

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309 of the board to direct the Office of Insurance Regulation to 310 levy the assessments and to collect the proceeds of the revenues 311 pledged to the payment of such bonds as long as any such bonds 312 remain outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for 313 the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing 314 the issuance of such bonds.

315 The bonds of the corporation are not a debt of the 4. state or of any political subdivision, and neither the state nor 316 317 any political subdivision is liable on such bonds. The 318 corporation does not have the power to pledge the credit, the 319 revenues, or the taxing power of the state or of any political 320 subdivision. The credit, revenues, or taxing power of the state 321 or of any political subdivision shall not be deemed to be 322 pledged to the payment of any bonds of the corporation.

323 5.a. The property, revenues, and other assets of the 324 corporation; the transactions and operations of the corporation 325 and the income from such transactions and operations; and all 326 bonds issued under this paragraph and interest on such bonds are 327 exempt from taxation by the state and any political subdivision, 328 including the intangibles tax under chapter 199 and the income 329 tax under chapter 220. This exemption does not apply to any tax 330 imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on debt 331 obligations owned by corporations other than the State Board of 332 Administration Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance 333 Corporation.

b. All bonds of the corporation shall be and constitute
legal investments without limitation for all public bodies of
this state; for all banks, trust companies, savings banks,

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337 savings associations, savings and loan associations, and 338 investment companies; for all administrators, executors, 339 trustees, and other fiduciaries; for all insurance companies and 340 associations and other persons carrying on an insurance 341 business; and for all other persons who are now or may hereafter 342 be authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of the state and shall be and constitute eligible securities to be 343 344 deposited as collateral for the security of any state, county, 345 municipal, or other public funds. This sub-subparagraph shall be 346 considered as additional and supplemental authority and shall 347 not be limited without specific reference to this sub-348 subparagraph.

349 The corporation and its corporate existence shall 6. 350 continue until terminated by law; however, no such law shall 351 take effect as long as the corporation has bonds outstanding 352 unless adequate provision has been made for the payment of such 353 bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing the issuance of such 354 bonds. Upon termination of the existence of the corporation, all 355 of its rights and properties in excess of its obligations shall 356 pass to and be vested in the state.

357 <u>7. The State Board of Administration Finance Corporation</u>
 358 is for all purposes the successor to the Florida Hurricane
 359 <u>Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.</u>

360 Section 2. Effective June 1, 2013, subsections (17) and 361 (18) of section 215.555, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as 362 subsections (16) and (17), respectively, and present subsection 363 (16) of that section is amended to read: 364 215.555 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.-

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365	(16) TEMPORARY EMERGENCY OPTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL COVERAGE.
366	(a) Findings and intent
367	1. The Legislature finds that:
368	a. Because of temporary disruptions in the market for
369	catastrophic reinsurance, many property insurers were unable to
370	procure reinsurance for the 2006 hurricane season with an
371	attachment point below the insurers' respective Florida
372	Hurricane Catastrophe Fund attachment points, were unable to
373	procure sufficient amounts of such reinsurance, or were able to
374	procure such reinsurance only by incurring substantially higher
375	costs than in prior years.
376	b. The reinsurance market problems were responsible, at
377	least in part, for substantial premium increases to many
378	consumers and increases in the number of policies issued by the
379	Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.
380	c. It is likely that the reinsurance market disruptions
381	will not significantly abate prior to the 2007 hurricane season.
382	2. It is the intent of the Legislature to create a
383	temporary emergency program, applicable to the 2007, 2008, and
384	2009 hurricane seasons, to address these market disruptions and
385	enable insurers, at their option, to procure additional coverage
386	from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.
387	(b) Applicability of other provisions of this section.—All
388	provisions of this section and the rules adopted under this
389	section apply to the program created by this subsection unless
390	specifically superseded by this subsection.
391	(c) Optional coverage.—For the contract year commencing
392	June 1, 2007, and ending May 31, 2008, the contract year
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393 commencing June 1, 2008, and ending May 31, 2009, and the 394 contract year commencing June 1, 2009, and ending May 31, 2010, 395 the board shall offer for each of such years the optional 396 coverage as provided in this subsection. 397 (d) Additional definitions.-As used in this subsection, 398 the term: 399 1. "TEACO options" means the temporary emergency 400 additional coverage options created under this subsection. 2. "TEACO insurer" means an insurer that has opted to 401 402 obtain coverage under the TEACO options in addition to the 403 coverage provided to the insurer under its reimbursement 404 contract. 405 3. "TEACO reimbursement premium" means the premium charged by the fund for coverage provided under the TEACO options. 406 407 "TEACO retention" means the amount of losses below 408 which a TEACO insurer is not entitled to reimbursement from the 409 fund under the TEACO option selected. A TEACO insurer's 410 retention options shall be calculated as follows: 411 a. The board shall calculate and report to each TEACO insurer the TEACO retention multiples. There shall be three 412 413 TEACO retention multiples for defining coverage. Each multiple 414 shall be calculated by dividing \$3 billion, \$4 billion, or \$5 415 billion by the total estimated mandatory FHCF reimbursement 416 premium assuming all insurers selected the 90-percent coverage 417 level. The TEACO retention multiples as determined under sub-418 b. 419 subparagraph a. shall be adjusted to reflect the coverage level 420 elected by the insurer. For insurers electing the 90-percent Page 15 of 20

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421 coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is 100 percent 422 of the amount determined under sub-subparagraph a. For insurers 423 electing the 75-percent coverage level, the retention multiple 424 is 120 percent of the amount determined under sub-subparagraph 425 a. For insurers electing the 45-percent coverage level, the 426 adjusted retention multiple is 200 percent of the amount 427 determined under sub-subparagraph a. 428 c. An insurer shall determine its provisional TEACO 429 retention by multiplying its estimated mandatory FHCF 430 reimbursement premium by the applicable adjusted TEACO retention 431 multiple and shall determine its actual TEACO retention by 432 multiplying its actual mandatory FHCF reimbursement premium by

434 d. For TEACO insurers who experience multiple covered
435 events causing loss during the contract year, the insurer's full
436 TEACO retention shall be applied to each of the covered events
437 causing the two largest losses for that insurer. For other
438 covered events resulting in losses, the TEACO option does not
439 apply and the insurer's retention shall be one-third of the full
440 retention as calculated under paragraph (2) (e).

the applicable adjusted TEACO retention multiple.

441 5. "TEACO addendum" means an addendum to the reimbursement
442 contract reflecting the obligations of the fund and TEACO
443 insurers under the program created by this subsection.

444 6. "FHCF" means the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.
445 (e) TEACO addendum.-

446 1. The TEACO addendum shall provide for reimbursement of 447 TEACO insurers for covered events occurring during the contract 448 year, in exchange for the TEACO reimbursement premium paid into

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449 the fund under paragraph (f). Any insurer writing covered 450 policies has the option of choosing to accept the TEACO addendum 451 for any of the 3 contract years that the coverage is offered. 452 2. The TEACO addendum shall contain a promise by the board 453 to reimburse the TEACO insurer for 45 percent, 75 percent, or 90 454 percent of its losses from each covered event in excess of the 455 insurer's TEACO retention, plus 5 percent of the reimbursed 456 losses to cover loss adjustment expenses. The percentage shall 457 be the same as the coverage level selected by the insurer under 458 paragraph (4) (b). 459 3. The TEACO addendum shall provide that reimbursement 460 amounts shall not be reduced by reinsurance paid or payable to 461 the insurer from other sources. 462 4. The TEACO addendum shall also provide that the 463 obligation of the board with respect to all TEACO addenda shall 464 not exceed an amount equal to two times the difference between 465 the industry retention level calculated under paragraph (2) (e) 466 and the \$3 billion, \$4 billion, or \$5 billion industry TEACO 467 retention level options actually selected, but in no event may 468 the board's obligation exceed the actual claims-paying capacity of the fund plus the additional capacity created in paragraph 469 470 (g). If the actual claims-paying capacity and the additional 471 capacity created under paragraph (g) fall short of the board's 472 obligations under the reimbursement contract, each insurer's 473 share of the fund's capacity shall be prorated based on the 474 premium an insurer pays for its mandatory reimbursement coverage 475 and the premium paid for its optional TEACO coverage as each 476 such premium bears to the total premiums paid to the fund times

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477 the available capacity.

478 5. The priorities, schedule, and method of reimbursements
479 under the TEACO addendum shall be the same as provided under
480 subsection (4).

481 6. A TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single 482 event shall be equal to the product of multiplying its mandatory 483 FHCF premium by the difference between its FHCF retention 484 multiple and its TEACO retention multiple under the TEACO option 485 selected and by the coverage selected under paragraph (4) (b), 486 plus an additional 5 percent for loss adjustment expenses. A 487 TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement under the TEACO option 488 selected for a TEACO insurer's two largest events shall be twice 489 its maximum reimbursement for a single event.

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(f) TEACO reimbursement premiums.-

491 1. Each TEACO insurer shall pay to the fund, in the manner 492 and at the time provided in the reimbursement contract for 493 payment of reimbursement premiums, a TEACO reimbursement premium 494 calculated as specified in this paragraph.

495 2. The insurer's TEACO reimbursement premium associated 496 with the \$3 billion retention option shall be equal to 85 497 percent of a TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single 498 event as calculated under subparagraph (e)6. The TEACO 499 reimbursement premium associated with the \$4 billion retention 500 option shall be equal to 80 percent of a TEACO insurer's maximum 501 reimbursement for a single event as calculated under subparagraph (e)6. The TEACO premium associated with the \$5 502 503 billion retention option shall be equal to 75 percent of a TEACO 504 insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single event as calculated

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505 under subparagraph (e) 6.

506 (g) Effect on claims paying capacity of the fund. - For the 507 contract term commencing June 1, 2007, the contract year 508 commencing June 1, 2008, and the contract term beginning June 1, 509 2009, the program created by this subsection shall increase the 510 claims-paying capacity of the fund as provided in subparagraph 511 (4) (c)1. by an amount equal to two times the difference between 512 the industry retention level calculated under paragraph (2) (e) 513 and the \$3 billion industry TEACO retention level specified in 514 sub-subparagraph (d)4.a. The additional capacity shall apply 515 only to the additional coverage provided by the TEACO option and 516 shall not otherwise affect any insurer's reimbursement from the 517 fund.

518 Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 627.0629, Florida 519 Statutes, is amended to read:

627.0629 Residential property insurance; rate filings.-

521 In order to provide an appropriate transition period, (5) an insurer may implement an approved rate filing for residential 522 523 property insurance over a period of years. Such insurer must 524 provide an informational notice to the office setting out its 525 schedule for implementation of the phased-in rate filing. The 526 insurer may include in its rate the actual cost of private 527 market reinsurance that corresponds to available coverage of the Temporary Increase in Coverage Limits, TICL, from the Florida 528 529 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund. The insurer may also include the 530 cost of reinsurance to replace the TICL reduction implemented 531 pursuant to s. 215.555(16)(d)9. 215.555(17)(d)9. However, this 532 cost for reinsurance may not include any expense or profit load

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533 or result in a total annual base rate increase in excess of 10 534 percent.

535 Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 536 act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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