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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Rules (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (338298) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 4 and 5

5 insert:

6 Section 1. Section 627.7016, Florida Statutes, is amended
7 to read:

8 627.7016 Insurer contracts with building contractors;
9 policies limiting contractor selection.—

10 (1) An insurer who offers residential coverage, as defined
11 in s. 627.4025, may contract with a building contractor skilled



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12 in techniques that mitigate hurricane damage. Insurers may offer
13 policyholders the option to select the services of such building
14 contractors to repair damage covered by the insurance policy.
15 The insurer must guarantee the building contractor's work and
16 may offer the policyholder any other terms, conditions, or
17 benefits. The insurance company is not liable for the actions of
18 the building contractor.

19 (2) An insurer offering residential coverage, as described
20 in s. 627.4025, which limits the policyholder's choice of
21 contractor necessary to repair property covered under the policy
22 must oversee and ensure:

23 (a) The use of general and subtrade contractors who have
24 current and active licensure under chapter 489;

25 (b) That any contractor is prohibited from placing a lien
26 on the covered property for work performed under the policy;

27 (c) That all necessary permits are obtained for work
28 performed under the policy; and

29 (d) The quality of work performed by a contractor under the
30 policy for 3 years after all work has been completed or after a
31 certificate of occupancy is issued, whichever is later.

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33 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete line 344

36 and insert:

37 An act relating to property insurance policies;
38 amending s. 627.7016, F.S.; specifying requirements
39 for insurers offering residential coverage that limits
40 the policyholder's choice of contractor necessary to



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repair the covered property;