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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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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;