

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: OO 02/04/2020 House

The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Rouson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 260 - 281

and insert:

contract to adjust a claim without penalty or obligation within <u>5 calendar</u> <del>3 business</del> days after the date on which the contract is executed or within <u>5 calendar</u> <del>3 business</del> days after the date on which the insured or claimant has notified the insurer of the claim, whichever is later. <u>During a state of emergency declared</u> by the Governor or during the 1-year period after the date of

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11 loss, an insured or a claimant may cancel a public adjuster's 12 contract to adjust a claim without penalty or obligation within 13 14 calendar days after the date on which the contract is 14 executed or within 14 calendar days after the date on which the 15 insured or claimant has notified the insurer of the claim, whichever is later. The named insured is responsible for the 16 17 payment for tangible work products completed directly relating 18 to the adjustment of the loss and performed before the insured 19 rescinded the agreement. The public adjuster's contract must 20 disclose to the insured or claimant his or her right to cancel 21 the contract and advise the insured or claimant that notice of 22 cancellation must be submitted in writing and sent by certified 23 mail, return receipt requested, or other form of mailing that 24 provides proof thereof, to the public adjuster at the address 25 specified in the contract; provided, during any state of 26 emergency as declared by the Governor and for 1 year after the 27 date of loss, the insured or claimant has 5 business days after 28 the date on which the contract is executed to cancel a public 29 adjuster's contract. An insurer, insurance representative, or 30 insurance agent may not advise against the employment of a 31 public adjuster or encourage the insured to rescind an executed 32 public adjuster agreement. 33 34 35 And the title is amended as follows: Delete line 39 36 37 and insert: 38 without penalty; deleting a provision that insureds or 39 claimants may cancel a public adjuster's contract

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40 without obligation under certain circumstances; 41 providing that named insureds are responsible for 42 certain payments; prohibiting certain actions by an 43 insurer, insurance representative, or insurance agent; 44 amending s. 626.916,