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Amendment No. <u>3</u>

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<u>Senate</u>   <u>House</u>

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11   The Committee on Community Affairs recommended the following

12   amendment:

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14   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

15   On page 4, line 3, through

16   page 5, line 3, delete those lines

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18   and insert:

19   (14) The holder of a tax certificate may not directly,

20   through an agent, or otherwise initiate contact with the owner

21   of property upon which he or she holds a tax certificate to

22   encourage or demand payment.

23   (15) Any holder of a tax certificate who initiates, or

24   whose agent initiates, contact with the property owner upon

25   which he or she holds a certificate encouraging or demanding

26   payment may be barred by the tax collector from bidding at a

27   tax certificate sale. Unfair or deceptive contact by the

28   holder of a tax certificate to a property owner to obtain

29   payment is an unfair and deceptive trade practice, as

30   referenced in s. 501.204(1), regardless of whether the holder

31   of the tax certificate redeems the tax certificate. Such

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1   unfair or deceptive contact is actionable under ss.
2   501.2075-501.211. If the holder of the tax certificate later
3   redeems the certificate in reliance on the deceptive or unfair
4   practice, the unfair or deceptive contact is actionable under
5   applicable laws prohibiting fraud.
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7   (Redesignate subsequent sections.)
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10 =============== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T ===============
11 And the title is amended as follows:
12   On page 1, lines 20-27, delete those lines
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14 and insert:
15   certificates from initiating contact with
16   property owners and demanding payment;
17   providing for barring the holder of a tax
18   certificate from bidding at a certificate sale;
19   providing that any such contact is an unfair or
20   deceptive trade practice; creating s.
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