

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative Bucher offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 772 and 773, insert:

Section 21. Effective 2 years after the effective date of this act, each insurer issuing policies of medical malpractice insurance in this state shall reduce the rates for policies issued to hospitals by at least 25 percent of the rate in effect for hospitals on the effective date of this act and for policies issued to persons licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, by at least 30 percent of the rate in effect for such persons on the effective date of this act, unless such reduction would result in rates that are inadequate for the insurer to cover projected claims. Further, prior to the reduction required by this section, the rates of all such

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27 | policies may not be increased to any rate higher than the rate  
28 | in effect on March 17, 2003.

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32 |       Remove line(s) 48, and insert:  
33 | filings; requiring insurers to reduce medical malpractice  
34 | insurance rates for hospitals and licensed physicians and  
35 | osteopathic physicians by certain minimum percentages at a time  
36 | certain; prohibiting certain rate increases prior to such  
37 | reduction; amending s. 627.357, F.S.; deleting the