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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to home inspectors; requiring home inspectors and persons holding themselves out as such to maintain a surety bond; prescribing the minimum bond amount; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Home inspectors; bond required.--Each person who holds himself or herself out as a home inspector or who performs home inspection services must, in addition to complying with all other requirements of law or rule, maintain a surety bond in an amount at least equal to the value of any home he or she inspects, but in no event less than \$100,000. The bond shall be payable to any person for whom the inspector has performed inspection services and be conditioned upon the inspector's compliance with all laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to home inspection services.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2005.

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires a surety bond of persons acting as, or holding themselves out as, home inspectors.