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	CHAMBER ACTION
	<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
1	Representative Berfield offered the following:
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3	Amendment (with title amendment)
4	On page 37, between lines 29 and 30, insert:
5	Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
6	626.2815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
7	626.2815 Continuing education required; application;
8	exceptions; requirements; penalties
9	(3)(a) Each person subject to the provisions of this
10	section must, except as set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c),
11	complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education courses
12	every 2 years in basic or higher-level courses prescribed by
13	this section or in other courses approved by the department.
14	Each person subject to the provisions of this section must
15	complete, as part of his or her required number of continuing
16	education hours, 3 hours of continuing education, approved by
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17	the department, every 2 years on the subject matter of ethics
18	and a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education, approved by
19	the department, every 2 years on the subject matter of
20	unauthorized entities engaging in the business of insurance. The
21	scope of the topic of unauthorized entities shall include the
22	Florida Nonprofit Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement Act and
23	the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. ss. 1001
24	et seq., as it relates to the provision of health insurance by
25	employers to their employees and the regulation thereof.
26	Section 21. Present subsections (15) through (17) of
27	section 626.015, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections
28	(16) through (18), respectively, and a new subsection (15) is
29	added to said section to read:
30	626.015 DefinitionsAs used in this part:
31	(15) "Personal lines agent" means a general lines agent
32	who is limited to transacting business related to property and
33	casualty insurance sold to individuals and families for
34	noncommercial purposes.
35	Section 22. Subsection (3) is added to section 626.022,
36	Florida Statutes, to read:
37	626.022 Scope of part
38	(3) Provisions of this part that apply to general lines
39	agents and applicants also apply to personal lines agents and
40	applicants, except where otherwise provided.
41	Section 23. Subsection (8) is added to section 626.241,
42	Florida Statutes, to read:
43	626.241 Scope of examination

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44 (8) An examination for licensure as a personal lines agent
45 shall consist of 100 questions and shall be limited in scope to
46 the kinds of business transacted under such license.

47 Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 626.311, Florida
48 Statutes, is amended to read:

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626.311 Scope of license.--

50 Except as to personal lines agents and limited (1)licenses, the applicant for license as a general lines agent or 51 52 customer representative shall qualify for all property, marine, 53 casualty, and surety lines except bail bonds which require a 54 separate license under chapter 648. The license of a general 55 lines agent may also cover health insurance if health insurance 56 is included in the agent's appointment by an insurer as to which 57 the licensee is also appointed as agent for property or casualty 58 or surety insurance. The license of a customer representative 59 shall provide, in substance, that it covers all of such classes 60 of insurance that his or her appointing general lines agent or 61 agency is currently so authorized to transact under the general 62 lines agent's license and appointments. No such license shall 63 be issued limited to particular classes of insurance except for 64 bail bonds which require a separate license under chapter 648 or 65 for personal lines agents. Personal lines agents are limited to 66 transacting business related to property and casualty insurance 67 sold to individuals and families for noncommercial purposes.

68 Section 25. Section 626.727, Florida Statutes, is amended 69 to read:

70 626.727 Scope of this part.--This part applies only to 71 general lines agents, customer representatives, service 637361

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72 representatives, and managing general agents, all as defined in 73 s. 626.015. <u>Provisions of this part which apply to general lines</u> 74 <u>agents and applicants also apply to personal lines agents and</u> 75 <u>applicants, except where otherwise provided.</u>

76 Section 26. Subsection (1) of section 626.732, Florida77 Statutes, is amended to read:

78 626.732 Requirement as to knowledge, experience, or
 79 instruction.--

80 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), no applicant for a license as a general lines agent or personal lines agent, 81 82 except for a chartered property and casualty underwriter (CPCU), 83 other than as to a limited license as to baggage and motor 84 vehicle excess liability insurance, credit property insurance, credit insurance, in-transit and storage personal property 85 insurance, or communications equipment property insurance or 86 87 communication equipment inland marine insurance, shall be qualified or licensed unless within the 4 years immediately 88 89 preceding the date the application for license is filed with the 90 department the applicant has:

91 (a) Taught or successfully completed classroom courses in 92 insurance, 3 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of 93 ethics, satisfactory to the department at a school, college, or 94 extension division thereof, approved by the department. To 95 <u>qualify for licensure as a personal lines agent, the applicant</u> 96 <u>must complete a total of 52 hours of classroom courses in</u> 97 insurance;

98 (b) Completed a correspondence course in insurance, 3 99 hours of which shall be on the subject matter of ethics, 637361

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100 satisfactory to the department and regularly offered by 101 accredited institutions of higher learning in this state and, except if he or she is applying for a limited license under s. 102 103 626.321, for licensure as a general lines agent, has had at 104 least 6 months of responsible insurance duties as a 105 substantially full-time bona fide employee in all lines of 106 property and casualty insurance set forth in the definition of 107 general lines agent under s. 626.015 or, for licensure as a 108 personal lines agent, has completed at least 3 months in 109 responsible insurance duties as a substantially full-time 110 employee in property and casualty insurance sold to individuals 111 and families for noncommercial purposes;

For licensure as a general lines agent, completed at 112 (C) least 1 year in responsible insurance duties as a substantially 113 114 full-time bona fide employee in all lines of property and 115 casualty insurance, exclusive of aviation and wet marine and transportation insurances but not exclusive of boats of less 116 117 than 36 feet in length or aircraft not held out for hire, as set forth in the definition of a general lines agent under s. 118 626.015, without the education requirement mentioned in 119 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) or, for licensure as a personal 120 121 lines agent, has completed at least 6 months in responsible 122 insurance duties as a substantially full-time employee in 123 property and casualty insurance sold to individuals and families 124 for noncommercial purposes without the education requirement in 125 paragraph (a) or paragraph(b); or

(d)1. For licensure as a general lines agent, completed at least 1 year of responsible insurance duties as a licensed and 637361

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128 appointed customer representative or limited customer 129 representative in commercial or personal lines of property and 130 casualty insurance and 40 hours of classroom courses approved by 131 the department covering the areas of property, casualty, surety, 132 health, and marine insurance; or

133 2. For licensure as a personal lines agent, completed at 134 least 6 months of responsible duties as a licensed and appointed 135 customer representative or limited customer representative in 136 property and casualty insurance sold to individuals and families 137 for noncommercial purposes and 20 hours of classroom courses 138 approved by the department which are related to property and 139 casualty insurance sold to individuals and families for 140 noncommercial purposes;

141 <u>(e)1.2.</u> For licensure as a general lines agent, completed 142 at least 1 year of responsible insurance duties as a licensed 143 and appointed service representative in either commercial or 144 personal lines of property and casualty insurance and 80 hours 145 of classroom courses approved by the department covering the 146 areas of property, casualty, surety, health, and marine 147 insurance; or.

148 <u>2. For licensure as a personal lines agent, completed at</u>
 149 <u>least 6 months of responsible insurance duties as a licensed and</u>
 150 <u>appointed service representative in property and casualty</u>
 151 <u>insurance sold to individuals and families for noncommercial</u>
 152 <u>purposes and 40 hours of classroom courses approved by the</u>
 153 <u>department related to property and casualty insurance sold to</u>
 154 <u>individuals and families for noncommercial purposes; or</u>

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155 (f) For licensure as a personal lines agent, completed at 156 least 3 years of responsible duties as a licensed and appointed customer representative in property and casualty insurance sold 157 158 to individuals and families for noncommercial purposes. 159 Section 27. The Department of Financial Services does not have to begin issuing licenses to personal lines agents on the 160 161 effective date of this act if the department has not completed 162 the process of incorporating necessary procedures for issuing 163 personal lines licenses into its licensing systems. 164 Section 28. Subsection (1) of section 626.747, Florida 165 Statutes, is amended to read: 166 626.747 Branch agencies.--167 (1) Each branch place of business established by an agent or agency, firm, corporation, or association shall be in the 168 169 active full-time charge of a licensed general lines agent who is 170 appointed to represent one or more insurers. Any agent or agency, firm, corporation, or association which has established 171 172 one or more branch places of business shall be required to have at least one licensed general lines agent who is appointed to 173 represent one or more insurers at each location of the agency 174 175 including its headquarters location. Section 29. Paragraph (r) is added to subsection (6) of 176 177 section 627.351, Florida Statutes, to read: 178 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.--179 (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION. --(r) A salaried employee of the corporation who performs 180 policy administration services subsequent to the effectuation of 181

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182 a corporation policy is not required to be licensed as an agent 183 under the provisions of s. 626.112. Section 30. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of 184 185 section 626.321, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 626.321 Limited licenses.--186 187 The department shall issue to a qualified individual, (1)188 or a qualified individual or entity under paragraphs (c), (d), 189 (e), and (i), a license as agent authorized to transact a 190 limited class of business in any of the following categories: 191 Personal accident insurance. -- License covering only (C) 192 policies of personal accident insurance covering the risks of 193 travel, except as provided in subparagraph 2. The license may 194 be issued only: 195 To a full-time salaried employee of a common carrier or 1. 196 a full-time salaried employee or owner of a transportation 197 ticket agency and may authorize the sale of such ticket policies 198 only in connection with the sale of transportation tickets, or 199 to the full-time salaried employee of such an agent. No such policy shall be for a duration of more than 48 hours or for the 200 201 duration of a specified one-way trip or round trip. 202 2. To a full-time salaried employee of a business which 203 offers motor vehicles for rent or lease, or to a business entity 204 office of a business which offers motor vehicles for rent or lease if insurance sales activities authorized by the license 205 206 are limited to full-time salaried employees. A business office 207 licensed or a person licensed pursuant to this subparagraph may, 208 as an agent of an insurer, transact insurance that provides

209 coverage for accidental personal injury or death of the lessee

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and any passenger who is riding or driving with the covered lessee in the rental motor vehicle if the lease or rental agreement is for not more than 30 days, or if the lessee is not provided coverage for more than 30 consecutive days per lease period; however, if the lease is extended beyond 30 days, the coverage may be extended one time only for a period not to exceed an additional 30 days.

217 (d) Baggage and motor vehicle excess liability insurance.218 -

219 1. License covering only insurance of personal effects 220 except as provided in subparagraph 2. The license may be issued 221 only:

a. To a full-time salaried employee of a common carrier or a full-time salaried employee or owner of a transportation ticket agency, which person is engaged in the sale or handling of transportation of baggage and personal effects of travelers, and may authorize the sale of such insurance only in connection with such transportation; or

228 To the full-time salaried employee of a licensed b. 229 general lines agent, a full-time salaried employee of a business 230 which offers motor vehicles for rent or lease, or to a business 231 office of a business entity that which offers motor vehicles for 232 rent or lease if insurance sales activities authorized by the 233 license are in connection with and incidental to the rental of 234 a motor vehicle limited to full-time salaried employees. An 235 entity applying for a license under this sub-subparagraph: (I) Is required to submit only one application for a 236 237 license under s. 626.171. The requirements of s. 626.171(5)

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Amendment No. (for drafter's use only) 238 shall apply only to the officers and directors of the entity 239 submitting the application. (II) Is required to obtain a license for each office, 240 241 branch office, or place of business making use of the entity's 242 business name by applying to the department for the license on a 243 simplified application form developed by rule of the department 244 for this purpose. 245 (III) Is required to pay the applicable fees for a license 246 as prescribed in s. 624.501, be appointed under s. 626.112, and 247 pay the prescribed appointment fee under s. 624.501. A licensed 248 and appointed entity shall be directly responsible and 249 accountable for all acts of the licensee's employees. 250 251 The purchaser of baggage insurance shall be provided written 252 information disclosing that the insured's homeowner's policy may 253 provide coverage for loss of personal effects and that the purchase of such insurance is not required in connection with 254 255 the purchase of tickets or in connection with the lease or rental of a motor vehicle. 256 257 2. A business entity that office licensed pursuant to subparagraph 1., or a person licensed pursuant to subparagraph 258 259 1. who is a full-time salaried employee of a business which 260 offers motor vehicles for rent or lease, may include lessees 261 under a master contract providing coverage to the lessor or may 262 transact excess motor vehicle liability insurance providing 263 coverage in excess of the standard liability limits provided by 264 the lessor in its lease to a person renting or leasing a motor 265 vehicle from the licensee's employer for liability arising in 637361

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3. A business <u>entity that</u> office licensed pursuant to subparagraph 1., or a person licensed pursuant to subparagraph 1. who is a full-time salaried employee of a business which offers motor vehicles for rent or lease, may, as an agent of an insurer, transact insurance that provides coverage for the liability of the lessee to the lessor for damage to the leased or rented motor vehicle if:

a. The lease or rental agreement is for not more than 30 days; or the lessee is not provided coverage for more than 30 consecutive days per lease period, but, if the lease is extended beyond 30 days, the coverage may be extended one time only for a period not to exceed an additional 30 days;

292 b. The lessee is given written notice that his or her 293 personal insurance policy that provides coverage on an owned 637361

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294 motor vehicle may provide such coverage with or without a 295 deductible; and

296 c. The purchase of the insurance is not required in297 connection with the lease or rental of a motor vehicle.

298 Section 31. Subsection (2) of section 628.709, Florida 299 Statutes, is amended to read:

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628.709 Formation of a mutual insurance holding company.--

301 (2) All of the initial shares of the capital stock of the 302 insurance company which reorganized as a subsidiary insurance 303 company shall be issued either to the mutual insurance holding 304 company, or to an intermediate holding company which is wholly 305 owned by the mutual insurance holding company. This restriction 306 does not preclude the subsequent issuance of additional shares 307 of stock by the subsidiary insurance company so long as the 308 mutual insurance holding company at all times owns directly or 309 through one or more intermediate holding companies, a majority 310 of the voting shares of the capital stock of the subsidiary 311 insurance company. The membership interests of the policyholders 312 of the subsidiary insurance company shall become membership 313 interests in the mutual insurance holding company. Policyholders 314 of the subsidiary insurance company which was formerly the 315 mutual insurer shall be members of the mutual insurance holding 316 company in accordance with the articles of incorporation and 317 bylaws of the mutual insurance holding company. At the time of 318 formation, policyholders of any other subsidiary insurance 319 company of the mutual insurance holding company shall not be 320 members of the mutual insurance holding company unless:

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321	(a) They are policyholders of a subsidiary which was a
322	mutual insurer which merged with the holding company pursuant to
323	s. 628.715 <u>; or</u>
324	(b) They are policyholders of an affiliated stock
325	insurance company, provided such policyholders were members of
326	the mutual insurance company at the time the mutual insurance
327	company policies were assumed by the affiliated stock insurance
328	company and the assumption occurred in connection with the
329	conversion.
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331	Subsequent to formation, membership shall be governed by s.
332	628.727.
333	Section 32. Subsection (6) is added to section 631.021,
334	Florida Statutes, to read:
335	631.021 Jurisdiction of delinquency proceeding; venue;
336	change of venue; exclusiveness of remedy; appeal
337	(6) The domiciliary court acquiring jurisdiction over
338	persons subject to this chapter may exercise exclusive
339	jurisdiction to the exclusion of all other courts, except as
340	limited by the provisions of this chapter. Upon the issuance of
341	an order of conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation, the
342	Circuit Court of Leon County shall have exclusive jurisdiction
343	with respect to assets or property of any insurer subject to
344	such proceedings and claims against said insurer's assets or
345	property.
346	Section 33. Subsection (6) is added to section 631.041,
347	Florida Statutes, to read:
348	631.041 Automatic stay; relief from stay; injunctions
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349 (6) The estate of an insurer in rehabilitation or 350 liquidation which is injured by any willful violation of an 351 applicable stay or injunction shall be entitled to actual 352 damages, including costs and attorney's fees, and, in 353 appropriate circumstances, the receivership court may impose 354 additional sanctions.

355 Section 34. Section 631.0515, Florida Statutes, is amended 356 to read:

357 631.0515 Appointment of receiver; insurance holding company .-- A delinquency proceeding pursuant to this chapter 358 359 constitutes the sole and exclusive method of dissolving, liquidating, rehabilitating, reorganizing, conserving, or 360 361 appointing a receiver of a Florida corporation which is not 362 insolvent as defined by s. 607.01401(16); which through its shareholders, board of directors, or governing body is 363 364 deadlocked in the management of its affairs; and which directly or indirectly owns all of the stock of a Florida domestic 365 366 insurer. The department may petition for an order directing it to rehabilitate such corporation if the interests of 367 policyholders or the public will be harmed as a result of the 368 369 deadlock. The department shall use due diligence to resolve the 370 deadlock. Whether or not the department petitions for an order, 371 the circuit court shall not have jurisdiction pursuant to s. 372 607.271, s. 607.274, or s. 607.277 to dissolve, liquidate, or 373 appoint receivers with respect to, a Florida corporation which 374 directly or indirectly owns all of the stock of a Florida 375 domestic insurer and which is not insolvent as defined by s. 376 607.01401(16). However, a managing general agent or holding

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377 <u>company with a controlling interest in a domestic insurer in</u> 378 <u>this state is subject to jurisdiction of the court under the</u> 379 provisions of s. 631.025.

380 Section 35. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section381 631.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

382 631.141 Conduct of delinquency proceeding; domestic and 383 alien insurers.--

384 (7)(a) In connection with a delinquency proceeding, the 385 department may appoint one or more special agents to act for it, and it may employ such counsel, clerks, and assistants as it 386 387 deems necessary. The compensation of the special agents, 388 counsel, clerks, or assistants and all expenses of taking 389 possession of the insurer and of conducting the proceeding shall be fixed by the receiver, subject to the approval of the court, 390 391 and shall be paid out of the funds or assets of the insurer. 392 Such expenses are administrative expenses and are recoverable by 393 the receiver in any actions in which the receiver is authorized 394 or entitled to recover its administrative expenses. Within the 395 limits of duties imposed upon them, special agents shall possess 396 all the powers given to and, in the exercise of those powers, 397 shall be subject to all duties imposed upon the receiver with 398 respect to such proceeding.

399 Section 36. Section 631.205, Florida Statutes, is amended 400 to read:

401 631.205 Reinsurance proceeds.--All reinsurance proceeds
402 payable under a contract of reinsurance to which the insolvent
403 insurer is a party are to be paid directly to the domiciliary
404 receiver as general assets of the receivership estate unless the

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405	reinsurance contract contains a clause which specifically names
406	the insolvent insurer's insured as a direct beneficiary of the
407	reinsurance contract. The entry of an order of conservation,
408	rehabilitation, or liquidation shall not be deemed an
409	anticipatory breach of any reinsurance contract, nor shall
410	insolvency or notice of insolvency be grounds for retroactive
411	revocation or retroactive cancellation of any reinsurance
412	contracts by the reinsurer.
413	Section 37. Section 631.206, Florida Statutes, is created
414	to read:
415	631.206 ArbitrationIf an insurer in receivership has
416	entered into an agreement containing an arbitration provision
417	for resolution of disputes, that provision is void and shall be
418	replaced by operation of law with the following provision:
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420	Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this
421	contract, or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration
422	pursuant to the American Arbitration Association Commercial
423	Arbitration Rules and chapter 682, Florida Statutes, and
424	judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrators shall be
425	entered by the receivership court. Venue shall be in Leon
426	County, Florida. Disputes shall be submitted to a panel of three
427	arbitrators, one to be chosen by each party and the third by the
428	two so chosen. Arbitrators shall be selected from a list of
429	potential qualified arbitrators with 10 years' experience
430	involving the insurance industry. If the parties do not agree
431	upon the qualifications of a mediator, each party shall select
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432 <u>its mediator from a list of potential mediators approved by the</u> 433 receivership court.

434 Section 38. Subsection (1) of section 631.261, Florida
435 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to said
436 section, to read:

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631.261 Voidable transfers.--

438 (1)(a) Any transfer of, or lien upon, the property of an 439 insurer or affiliate which is made or created within 4 months 440 prior to the commencement of any delinquency proceeding under this chapter which gives with the intent of giving to any 441 442 creditor of the insurer a preference or enables of enabling the 443 creditor to obtain a greater percentage of her or his debt than any other creditor of the same class, and which is accepted by 444 such creditor having reasonable cause to believe that such 445 preference will occur, shall be voidable. 446

(b) Any transfer of, or lien upon, the property of an 447 insurer or affiliate which is made or created between 4 months 448 449 and 1 year prior to the commencement of any delinquency 450 proceeding under this chapter is void if such transfer or lien 451 inured to the benefit of a director, officer, employee, 452 stockholder, member, subscriber, affiliate, managing general 453 agent, or insider or any relative of any director, officer, employee, stockholder, member, subscriber, affiliate, managing 454 455 general agent, or insider.

456 (4) For purposes of this section, a transfer is not made
457 or created until the insurer or affiliate has acquired rights in
458 the property transferred.

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459 Section 39. Subsection (2) of section 631.262, Florida460 Statutes, is amended to read:

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631.262 Transfers prior to petition.--

462 (2) Transfers shall be deemed to have been made or
463 suffered, or obligations incurred, when perfected according to
464 the following criteria:

465 (a) A transfer of property other than real property shall 466 be deemed to be made or suffered when it becomes so far 467 perfected that no subsequent lien obtainable by legal or 468 equitable proceedings on a simple contract could become superior 469 to the rights of the transferee. \div

(b) A transfer of real property shall be deemed to be made or suffered when it becomes so far perfected that no subsequent bona fide purchaser from the insurer could obtain rights superior to the rights of the transferee. \div

474 (c) A transfer which creates an equitable lien shall not 475 be deemed to be perfected if there are available means by which 476 a legal lien could be created. \div

477 (d) Any transfer not perfected prior to the filing of a 478 petition in a delinquency proceeding shall be deemed to be made 479 immediately before the filing of a successful petition. \div

480 (e) For the purposes of this section, a transfer is not
 481 made until the insurer or affiliate has acquired rights in the
 482 property transferred.

483 (f)(e) Paragraphs (a)-(e) (a)-(d) apply whether or not 484 there are or were creditors who might have obtained any liens or 485 persons who might have become bona fide purchasers.

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486 Section 40. Subsection (6) is added to section 631.263, 487 Florida Statutes, to read:

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631.263 Transfers after petition.--

489 (6) For the purposes of this section, a transfer is not 490 made until the insurer or affiliate has acquired rights in the 491 property transferred.

492 Section 41. Subsection (3) of section 631.54, Florida493 Statutes, is amended to read:

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631.54 Definitions.--As used in this part:

495 (3) "Covered claim" means an unpaid claim, including one 496 of unearned premiums, which arises out of, and is within the 497 coverage, and not in excess of, the applicable limits of an 498 insurance policy to which this part applies, issued by an 499 insurer, if such insurer becomes an insolvent insurer after October 1, 1970, and the claimant or insured is a resident of 500 501 this state at the time of the insured event or the property from 502 which the claim arises is permanently located in this state. 503 "Covered claim" shall not include:

504 (a) Any amount due any reinsurer, insurer, insurance pool,
505 or underwriting association, sought directly or indirectly
506 through a third party, as subrogation, contribution,
507 indemnification, or otherwise; or

508 (b) Any claim that would otherwise be a covered claim 509 under this part that has been rejected by any other state 510 guaranty fund on the grounds that an insured's net worth is 511 greater than that allowed under that state's guaranty law . 512 Member insurers shall have no right of subrogation, 513 contribution, indemnification, or otherwise, sought directly of

3 <u>contribution, indemnification, or otherwise, sought directly or</u> 637361

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514 <u>indirectly through a third party</u>, against the insured of any 515 insolvent member.

516 Section 42. Subsection (2) of section 631.904, Florida 517 Statutes, is amended to read:

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631.904 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:

519 "Covered claim" means an unpaid claim, including a (2) 520 claim for return of unearned premiums, which arises out of, is 521 within the coverage of, and is not in excess of the applicable 522 limits of, an insurance policy to which this part applies, which policy was issued by an insurer and which claim is made on 523 524 behalf of a claimant or insured who was a resident of this state 525 at the time of the injury. The term "covered claim" does not 526 include any amount sought as a return of premium under any 527 retrospective rating plan; any amount due any reinsurer, 528 insurer, insurance pool, or underwriting association, as 529 subrogation recoveries or otherwise; any claim that would 530 otherwise be a covered claim that has been rejected by any other 531 state guaranty fund on the grounds that the insured's net worth is greater than that allowed under that state's guaranty fund or 532 liquidation law, except this exclusion from the definition of 533 534 covered claim shall not apply to claims of employers who, prior 535 to April 30, 2004, entered into an agreement with the 536 corporation preserving the employer's right to seek coverage of 537 claims rejected by another state's guaranty fund; or any return 538 of premium resulting from a policy that was not in force on the 539 date of the final order of liquidation. Member insurers have no 540 right of subrogation against the insured of any insolvent 541 insurer. This provision shall be applied retroactively to cover

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542	claims of an insolvent self-insurance fund resulting from
543	accidents or losses incurred prior to January 1, 1994,
544	regardless of the date the petition in circuit court was filed
545	alleging insolvency and the date the court entered an order
546	appointing a receiver.
547	Section 43. Section 634.1815, Florida Statutes, is created
548	to read:
549	634.1815 Rebating; when allowed
550	(1) No salesperson shall rebate any portion of his or her
551	commission except as follows:
552	(a) The rebate shall be available to all consumers in the
553	same actuarial class.
554	(b) The rebate shall be in accordance with a rebating
555	schedule filed by the salesperson with the service agreement
556	company issuing the service agreement to which the rebate
557	applies. The service agreement company shall maintain a copy of
558	all rebating schedules for a period of 3 years.
559	(c) The rebating schedule shall be uniformly applied so
560	all consumers who purchase the same service agreement through
561	the salesperson for the same coverage shall receive the same
562	percentage rebate.
563	(d) The rebate schedule shall be prominently displayed in
564	public view in the salesperson's place of business, and a copy
565	shall be made available to consumers on request at no charge.
566	(e) The age, sex, place of residence, race, nationality,
567	ethnic origin, marital status, or occupation of the consumer
568	shall not be used in determining the percentage of the rebate or
569	whether a rebate is available.
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570	(2) No rebate shall be withheld or limited in amount based
571	on factors which are unfairly discriminatory.
572	(3) No rebate shall be given which is not reflected on the
573	rebate schedule.
574	(4) No rebate shall be refused or granted based upon the
575	purchase of or failure to purchase collateral business.
576	Section 44. Section 634.3205, Florida Statutes, is created
577	to read:
578	634.3205 Rebating; when allowed
579	(1) No sales representative shall rebate any portion of
580	his or her commission except as follows:
581	(a) The rebate shall be available to all consumers in the
582	same actuarial class.
583	(b) The rebate shall be in accordance with a rebating
584	schedule filed by the sales representative with the home
585	warranty association issuing the home warranty to which the
586	rebate applies. The home warranty association shall maintain a
587	copy of all rebating schedules for a period of 3 years.
588	(c) The rebating schedule shall be uniformly applied so
589	all consumers who purchase the same home warranty through the
590	sales representative for the same coverage shall receive the
591	same percentage rebate.
592	(d) The rebate schedule shall be prominently displayed in
593	public view in the sales representative's place of business, and
594	a copy shall be made available to consumers on request at no
595	charge.
596	(e) The age, sex, place of residence, race, nationality,
597	ethnic origin, marital status, or occupation of the consumer
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598	shall not be used in determining the percentage of the rebate or
599	whether a rebate is available.
600	(2) No rebate shall be withheld or limited in amount based
601	on factors which are unfairly discriminatory.
602	(3) No rebate shall be given which is not reflected on the
603	rebate schedule.
604	(4) No rebate shall be refused or granted based upon the
605	purchase of or failure to purchase collateral business.
606	Section 45. Subsection (8) is added to section 634.406,
607	Florida Statutes, to read:
608	634.406 Financial requirements
609	(8) An association licensed under this part and holding no
610	other license under part I or part II of this chapter is not
611	required to establish an unearned premium reserve or maintain
612	contractual liability insurance and may allow its premiums to
613	exceed the ratio to net assets limitation of this section if the
614	association complies with the following:
615	(a) The association or, if the association is a direct or
616	indirect wholly owned subsidiary of a parent corporation, its
617	parent corporation has, and maintains at all times, a minimum
618	net worth of at least \$100 million and provides the office with
619	the following:
620	1. A copy of the association's annual audited financial
621	statements or the audited consolidated financial statements of
622	the association's parent corporation, prepared by an independent
623	certified public accountant in accordance with generally
624	accepted accounting principles, which clearly demonstrate the
625	net worth of the association or its parent corporation to be
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626	\$100 million and a quarterly written certification to the office
627	that such entity continues to maintain the net worth required
628	under this paragraph.
629	2. The association's, or its parent corporation's, Form
630	10K, Form 10Q, or Form 20F as filed with the United States
631	Securities and Exchange Commission or such other documents
632	required to be filed with a recognized stock exchange, which
633	shall be provided on a quarterly and annual basis within 10 days
634	after the last date each such report must be filed with the
635	Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of
636	Security Dealers Automated Quotation system, or other recognized
637	stock exchange.
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639	Failure to timely file the documents required under this
640	paragraph may, at the discretion of the office, subject the
641	association to suspension or revocation of its license under
642	this part. An association or parent corporation demonstrating
643	compliance with subparagraph 1. and subparagraph 2. must
644	maintain outstanding debt obligations, if any, rated in the top
645	four rating categories by a recognized rating service.
646	(b) If the net worth of a parent corporation is used to
647	satisfy the net worth provisions of paragraph (a), the following
648	provisions must be met:
649	1. The parent corporation must guarantee all service
650	warranty obligations of the association, wherever written, on a
651	form approved in advance by the office. No cancellation,
652	termination, or modification of the guarantee shall become
653	effective unless the parent corporation provides the office
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654	written notice at least 90 days before the effective date of the
655	cancellation, termination, or modification and the office
656	approves the request in writing. Prior to the effective date of
657	cancellation, termination, or modification of the guarantee, the
658	association must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the office
659	compliance with all applicable provisions of this part,
660	including whether the association will meet the requirements of
661	this section by the purchase of contractual liability insurance,
662	establishing required reserves, or other method allowed under
663	this section. If the association or parent corporation does not
664	demonstrate to the satisfaction of the office compliance with
665	all applicable provisions of this part, it shall immediately
666	cease writing new and renewal business upon the effective date
667	of the cancellation, termination, or modification.
668	2. The association must maintain at all times net assets
669	<u>of at least \$750,000.</u>
670	Section 46. Section 634.4225, Florida Statutes, is created
671	to read:
672	634.4225 Rebating; when allowed
673	(1) No sales representative shall rebate any portion of
674	his or her commission except as follows:
675	(a) The rebate shall be available to all consumers in the
676	same actuarial class.
677	(b) The rebate shall be in accordance with a rebating
678	schedule filed by the sales representative with the association
679	issuing the service warranty to which the rebate applies. The
680	association shall maintain a copy of all rebating schedules for
681	a period of 3 years.
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682	(c) The rebating schedule shall be uniformly applied so
683	all consumers who purchase the same service warranty through the
684	sales representative for the same coverage shall receive the
685	same percentage rebate.
686	(d) The rebate schedule shall be prominently displayed in
687	public view in the sales representative's place of business, and
688	a copy shall be made available to consumers on request at no
689	charge.
690	(e) The age, sex, place of residence, race, nationality,
691	ethnic origin, marital status, or occupation of the consumer
692	shall not be used in determining the percentage of the rebate or
693	whether a rebate is available.
694	(2) No rebate shall be withheld or limited in amount based
695	on factors which are unfairly discriminatory.
696	(3) No rebate shall be given which is not reflected on the
697	rebate schedule.
698	(4) No rebate shall be refused or granted based upon the
699	purchase of or failure to purchase collateral business.
700	Section 47. Subsection (2) of section 624.4072, Florida
701	Statutes, is amended to read:
702	624.4072 Minority-owned property and casualty insurers;
703	limited exemption for taxation and assessments
704	(2) Subsection (1) applies only to personal lines and
705	commercial lines residential property insurance policies as
706	defined in s. 627.4025, and applies only to an insurer that has
707	employees in this state and has a home office or a regional
708	office in this state. With respect to any tax year or
709	assessment year, <u>beginning with the original enactment of this</u>
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710 <u>section</u>, the exemptions provided by subsection (1) apply only if 711 during the year an average of at least 10 percent of the 712 insurer's Florida residential property policies in force 713 <u>included coverage of</u> covered properties located in enterprise 714 zones designated pursuant to s. 290.0065.

715 Section 48. Subsection (1) of section 627.0629, Florida716 Statutes, is amended to read:

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627.0629 Residential property insurance; rate filings.--

718 (1)(a) Effective June 1, 2002, a rate filing for residential property insurance must include actuarially 719 720 reasonable discounts, credits, or other rate differentials, or 721 appropriate reductions in deductibles, for properties on which 722 fixtures or construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the 723 amount of loss in a windstorm have been installed or 724 implemented. The fixtures or construction techniques shall 725 include, but not be limited to, fixtures or construction 726 techniques which enhance roof strength, roof covering 727 performance, roof-to-wall strength, wall-to-floor-to-foundation strength, opening protection, and window, door, and skylight 728 strength. Credits, discounts, or other rate differentials for 729 730 fixtures and construction techniques which meet the minimum 731 requirements of the Florida Building Code must be included in 732 the rate filing. All insurance companies must make a rate filing 733 which includes the credits, discounts, or other rate 734 differentials by February 28, 2003.

(b) An insurer may petition the office for a hardship
exemption from the requirements of this section. In applying for
such an exemption, the insurer must demonstrate:

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738	1.a. That the number of policies written is insufficient
739	or of insufficient size to determine the appropriate credit,
740	discount, or other rate differential or reduction in
741	deductibles; or
742	b. That the premium derived from the number of policies
743	written is so low as to render any credit, discount, or other
744	rate differential or appropriate reduction in deductibles not
745	<u>cost-effective;</u>
746	3. That the cost of complying is greater to the insurer
747	than the resultant likely savings by virtue of any such credit,
748	discount, or other rate differential or appropriate reduction in
749	deductibles due to the actuarially demonstrated or actual small
750	number of policyholders likely to qualify for or qualifying for
751	the discount, credit, or other rate differential or appropriate
752	reduction in deductibles;
753	4. That the type and condition of the market generally and
754	specifically to the insurer is such that the discount, credit,
755	or other rate differential or appropriate reduction in
756	deductibles is not actuarially justified;
757	5. That granting the exemption is in the best interest of
758	the insurer; and
759	6. That granting the exemption will not place the insurer
760	in an unfair competitive position with respect to other insurers
761	in the marketplace.
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763	The office may grant the exemption upon its determination that
764	the conditions and standards set forth in this paragraph have
765	been met. The exemption is valid for 3 years after the date
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766 granted. With respect to any petition for renewal of the

767 exemption, the chief executive officer of the insurer must

768 certify that there has been no material change in the conditions

769 under which the exemption was granted.

770 Section 49. <u>Section 627.066</u>, Florida Statutes, is
771 repealed.

Section 50. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section627.0651, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.0651 Making and use of rates for motor vehicleinsurance.--

(2) Upon receiving notice of a rate filing or rate change, the office shall review the rate or rate change to determine if the rate is excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. In making that determination, the office shall in accordance with generally accepted and reasonable actuarial techniques consider the following factors:

782 Investment income reasonably expected by the insurer, (d) 783 consistent with the insurer's investment practices, from 784 investable premiums anticipated in the filing, plus any other 785 expected income from currently invested assets representing the 786 amount expected on unearned premium reserves and loss reserves. 787 Such investment income shall not include income from invested 788 The commission may adopt rules utilizing reasonable surplus. 789 techniques of actuarial science and economics to specify the manner in which insurers shall calculate investment income 790 attributable to motor vehicle insurance policies written in this 791 792 state and the manner in which such investment income is used in the calculation of insurance rates. Such manner shall 793

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794 contemplate the use of a positive underwriting profit allowance 795 in the rates that will be compatible with a reasonable rate of 796 return plus provisions for contingencies. The total of the 797 profit and contingency factor as specified in the filing shall 798 be utilized in computing excess profits in conjunction with s. 799 627.066. In adopting such rules, the commission shall in all 800 instances adhere to and implement the provisions of this 801 paragraph.

802 Section 51. Subsection (4) of section 628.6017, Florida803 Statutes, is amended to read:

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628.6017 Converting assessable mutual insurer. --

805 (4) An assessable mutual insurer becoming a stock insurer 806 or a nonassessable mutual insurer shall not be subject to s. 627.215 or s. 627.351(5) for 5 years following authorization of 807 808 the conversion by the office. However, the converted stock 809 insurer or nonassessable mutual insurer shall file all necessary data required by s. 627.215. Such amounts otherwise subject to 810 811 s. 627.215(10) shall be maintained as surplus as to 812 policyholders and not be available for dividends for a period of 813 5 years.

814 Section 52. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and 815 contingent upon the enactment of SB 2910, HB 1629, or similar 816 legislation, subsection (20) of section 627.64872, Florida 817 Statutes, is created to read:

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627.64872 Florida Health Insurance Plan.--

819 (20) COMBINING MEMBERSHIP OF THE FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE
820 HEALTH ASSOCIATION.--

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821	(a)1. Upon implementation of the Florida Health Insurance
822	Plan, the Florida Comprehensive Health Association, as specified
823	in s. 627.6488, is abolished as a separate nonprofit entity and
824	shall be subsumed under the Board of Directors of the Florida
825	Health Insurance Plan. All individuals actively enrolled in the
826	Florida Comprehensive Health Association shall be enrolled in
827	the plan subject to its rules and requirements, except as
828	otherwise specified in this section. Maximum lifetime benefits
829	paid to an individual in the plan may not exceed the amount
830	established under subsection (16), and benefits previously paid
831	for any individual by the Florida Comprehensive Health
832	Association shall be used in the determination of the total
833	lifetime benefits paid under the plan.
834	2. All persons enrolled in the Florida Comprehensive
835	Health Association upon implementation of the Florida Health
836	Insurance Plan are eligible only for the benefits authorized
837	under subsection (16). Persons identified by this section shall
838	convert to the benefits authorized under subsection (16) no
839	later than January 1, 2005.
840	3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
841	Florida Comprehensive Health Association shall operate under the
842	existing plan of operation without modification until the
843	adoption of the new plan of operation for the Florida Health
844	Insurance Plan.
845	(b) As a condition of doing business in this state, an
846	insurer shall pay an assessment to the board in the amount
847	prescribed by this paragraph. For operating losses incurred on
848	or after July 1, 2004, by persons previously enrolled in the
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849 Florida Comprehensive Health Association, each insurer shall 850 annually be assessed by the board in the following calendar year a portion of such incurred operating losses of the plan. Such 851 852 portion shall be determined by multiplying such operating losses 853 by a fraction, the numerator of which equals the insurer's 854 earned premium pertaining to direct writings of health insurance 855 in the state during the calendar year proceeding that for which 856 the assessment is levied, and the denominator of which equals 857 the total of all such premiums earned by participating insurers 858 in the state during such calendar year. For the purposes of this 859 section only, the term "health insurance" means any hospital and medical expense incurred policy, minimum premium plan, stop-loss 860 861 coverage, health maintenance organization contract, prepaid health clinic contract, multiple-employer welfare arrangement 862 863 contract, or fraternal benefit society health benefits contract, 864 whether sold as an individual or group policy or contract. The 865 term does not include any policy covering medical payment 866 coverage or personal injury protection coverage in a motor vehicle policy, coverage issued as a supplement to liability 867 868 insurance, or workers' compensation.

869 Section 53. Section 624.428, Florida Statutes, is amended 870 to read:

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624.428 Licensed agent law, life and health insurances.--

872 (1) No life insurer shall deliver or issue for delivery in
873 this state any policy of life insurance, master group life
874 insurance contract, master credit life policy or agreement,
875 annuity contract, or contract or policy of health insurance,
876 unless the application for such policy or contract is taken by,

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and the delivery of such policy or contract is made through, <u>a</u>
resident or nonresident an insurance agent of the insurer duly
licensed and appointed under the law of this state, who shall
receive the usual commission due to an agent from such insurer.

881 (2) Each such insurer shall maintain a licensed and
882 appointed resident or nonresident agent at all times for the
883 purpose of and through whom policies or contracts issued or
884 delivered in this state shall be serviced.

(3) This section does not apply to policies of insurance
or annuity contracts on nonresidents which are applied for
outside, and delivered in, the state or to reissuance of
insurance policies or endorsements thereto which are part of a
mass reissuance of such policies or endorsements and do not
involve a change of premium or payment of agent's commissions.

891 Section 54. Section 627.0915, Florida Statutes, is amended 892 to read:

893 627.0915 Rate filings; workers' compensation, drug-free
894 workplace, and safe employers.-

(1) The office shall approve rating plans for workers' 895 896 compensation and employer's liability insurance that give 897 specific identifiable consideration in the setting of rates to 898 employers that either implement a drug-free workplace program 899 pursuant to s. 440.102 and rules adopted under such section by 900 the commission or implement a safety program pursuant to 901 provisions of the rating plan or implement both a drug-free 902 workplace program and a safety program. The plans must be 903 actuarially sound and must state the savings anticipated to 904 result from such drug-testing and safety programs.

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905 (2) An insurer offering a rate plan approved under this 906 section shall notify the employer at the time of a written offer of insurance and at the time of each renewal of the policy of 907 908 the availability of the premium discount where a drug fee 909 workplace plan is used by the employer pursuant to s. 440.102 and related rules. The Financial Services Commission may adopt 910 911 rules to implement the provisions of this subsection. 912 913 914 On page 3, between lines 10 and 11, insert: 915 amending s. 626.2815, F.S.; deleting certain minimum continuing 916 education requirements; amending s. 626.015, F.S.; defining the 917 term "personal lines agent"; amending s. 626.022, F.S.; providing for application; amending s. 626.241, F.S.; limiting 918 919 the scope of personal lines agent examinations; amending s. 920 626.311, F.S.; limiting the types of business that may be 921 transacted by personal lines agents; amending s. 626.727, F.S.; 922 providing that certain provisions apply to personal lines agents; amending s. 626.732, F.S.; revising certain education 923 924 and experience requirements for personal lines agents; amending 925 s. 626.747, F.S.; requiring branch agencies to have certain 926 licensed agents at each location; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; 927 providing that certain employees of the Citizens' Property 928 Insurance Corporation need not be licensed as agents; providing 929 that the act does not require the Department of Financial Services to begin issuing certain licenses by the effective date 930 931 of the act, under specified conditions; amending s. 626.321, 932 F.S.; limiting the types of business that may be transacted by 637361

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936 amending s. 631.021, F.S.; authorizing certain domiciliary 937 courts to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over certain persons 938 under certain circumstances; specifying the Circuit Court of 939 Leon County as having exclusive jurisdiction over certain 940 proceedings and claims; amending s. 631.041, F.S.; entitling the 941 estates of certain injured insurers to actual damages; 942 authorizing a receivership court to impose additional sanctions; 943 amending s. 631.0515, F.S.; subjecting certain managing general 944 agents or holding companies to court jurisdiction under certain circumstances; amending s. 631.141, F.S.; specifying certain 945 expenses as administrative and recoverable by a receiver in 946 947 certain proceedings; amending s. 631.205, F.S.; specifying that 948 entry of certain orders does not constitute anticipatory breach 949 of certain contracts or serve as grounds for certain adverse 950 contract actions by a reinsurer; creating s. 631.206, F.S.; 951 voiding certain contractual arbitration provisions by insurers 952 in receivership; specifying a replacement arbitration provision; amending s. 631.261, F.S.; voiding certain transfers or liens 953 954 made by certain persons prior to certain delinquency 955 proceedings; specifying a criterion for making certain 956 transfers; amending ss. 631.262 and 631.263, F.S.; specifying a 957 criterion for making certain transfers; amending ss. 631.54 and 958 631.904, F.S.; revising the definition of covered claim; 959 excluding certain claims rejected by another state's guaranty 960 fund under certain circumstances; providing an exception;

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Amendment No. (for drafter's use only) 961 denying member insurers any right to indemnification or 962 contribution sought through third parties; creating s. 634.1815, F.S.; providing conditions under which a salesperson of a motor 963 964 vehicle service agreement company may rebate his or her 965 commission; creating s. 634.3205, F.S.; providing conditions 966 under which a sales representative of a home warranty 967 association may rebate his or her commission; amending s. 968 634.406, F.S.; providing conditions under which a service 969 warranty association is exempt from certain premium reserve and 970 liability insurance requirements and may allow premiums to 971 exceed certain limits; creating s. 634.4225, F.S.; providing 972 conditions under which a sales representative of a service 973 warranty association may rebate his or her commission; amending s. 624.4072, F.S.; specifying applicability of certain 974 975 exemptions for minority-owned property and casualty insurers; 976 amending s. 627.0629, F.S.; authorizing an exemption for certain 977 insurers under certain circumstances; repealing s. 627.066, 978 F.S., relating to insurance profits; amending ss. 627.0651 and 979 628.6017, F.S., to conform; creating s. 627.64872(20), F.S.; 980 defining the term "health insurance" for purposes of this section; creating s. 17.0416, F.S.; amending s. 624.428, F.S.; 981 982 clarifying provisions relating to resident agent requirements 983 for insurers issuing specified types of life insurance policies; 984 amending s. 627.0915, F.S.; providing for notice by insurers to 985 employers of the availability of premium discounts where drug 986 free workplace programs are used; authorizing the Financial 987 Services Commission to adopt rules;