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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Brummer offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 83-94, and insert:

5 requested exceeds the amount available for that purpose, the
6 department shall reduce all reimbursement checks by a percentage
7 sufficient to reduce total reimbursement payments to an amount
8 equal to the appropriation less any amount retained pursuant to
9 paragraph (2)(c).

10 (f) As used in this section, the term "uninhabitable"
11 means that a building or structure cannot be used during a
12 period of 60 days or more for the purpose for which it was
13 constructed. However, if a property owner is living in an
14 uninhabitable structure because alternative living quarters are

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15 unavailable, the owner is eligible for reimbursement as provided
16 in this section.

17 (2)(a) The property appraiser shall notify the applicant
18 by mail if the property appraiser determines the applicant is
19 not entitled to receive the reimbursement the applicant applied
20 for under this section. Such notification shall be made on or
21 before April 1, 2005. The applicant whose application for
22 reimbursement was not fully granted may file a petition with the
23 value adjustment board for review of that decision. The petition
24 must be filed with the value adjustment board on or before the
25 30th day following the mailing of the notice by the property
26 appraiser.

27 (b) The value adjustment board shall consider these
28 petitions as expeditiously as possible at the same time the
29 board is considering denials of homestead exemptions pursuant to
30 s. 194.032, Florida Statutes, or s. 196.151, Florida Statutes.

31 (c) By May 10, 2005, the property appraiser shall notify
32 the Department of Revenue of the total amount of reimbursements
33 denied for which a petition with the value adjustment board has
34 been filed. The Department of Revenue shall retain an amount
35 equal to the total amount of claims which had petitions filed
36 with the value adjustment board, or \$1 million, whichever is
37 less. This retained amount shall be used for purposes of paying
38 those claims which were denied by the property appraiser but
39 granted by a value adjustment board. The Department of Revenue
40 shall distribute the remaining funds in accordance with the
41 provisions of paragraph (1)(e) to those property owners whose

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42 applications for reimbursement were granted by the property
43 appraiser.

44 (d) The Department of Revenue shall not pay claims for
45 reimbursement from the retained funds until all appeals to the
46 value adjustment board have become final. If reimbursements made
47 under paragraph (1)(e) were reduced by the Department of
48 Revenue, reimbursements granted by the value adjustment boards
49 shall be reduced by the same percentage. If the total adjusted
50 reimbursements approved by the value adjustment boards exceeds
51 the amount retained by the department for paying these
52 reimbursements, the department shall further reduce all
53 reimbursement checks by a percentage sufficient to reduce total
54 reimbursement payments to an amount equal to the amount
55 retained.

56 (3) Any person who knowingly and willfully gives false

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58 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

59 Remove line(s) 24, and insert:
60 definition; requiring property appraisers to notify certain
61 applicants for reimbursement of ineligibility for entitlement;
62 authorizing ineligible applicants to petition value adjustment
63 boards for review; requiring value adjustment boards to consider
64 petitions expeditiously; requiring property appraisers to notify
65 the Department of Revenue of the reimbursement denial amounts
66 subject to petition; requiring the department to retain certain
67 reimbursement amounts for certain purposes; prohibiting the
68 department from paying reimbursement claims from retained funds

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69 | until final value adjustment board appeals; providing for
70 | reducing reimbursement amounts under certain circumstances;
71 | providing a penalty for giving false

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