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The Committee on Government Efficiency Appropriations  
(Atwater) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 3, line 21, through  
page 4, line 3, delete those lines

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

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

(2)(a) The property appraiser shall notify the applicant by mail if the property appraiser determines that

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1 the applicant is not entitled to receive the reimbursement  
2 that he or she applied for under this section. Such  
3 notification must be made on or before April 1, 2005. If an  
4 applicant's application for reimbursement is not fully  
5 granted, the applicant may file a petition with the value  
6 adjustment board for review of that decision. The petition  
7 must be filed with the value adjustment board on or before the  
8 30th day following the mailing of the notice by the property  
9 appraiser.

10 (b) The value adjustment board shall consider these  
11 petitions as expeditiously as possible at the same time it is  
12 considering denials of homestead exemptions pursuant to ss.  
13 194.032 and 196.151.

14 (c) By May 10, 2005, the property appraiser shall  
15 notify the Department of Revenue of the total amount of  
16 reimbursements denied for which a petition with the value  
17 adjustment board has been filed. The Department of Revenue  
18 shall retain an amount equal to the total amount of claims  
19 which had petitions filed with the value adjustment board, or  
20 \$1 million, whichever is less. This retained amount shall be  
21 used for the purpose of paying those claims that were denied  
22 by the property appraiser but granted by a value adjustment  
23 board. The Department of Revenue shall distribute the  
24 remaining funds in accordance with the provisions of paragraph  
25 (1)(e) to those property owners whose applications for  
26 reimbursement were granted by the property appraiser.

27 (d) The Department of Revenue may not pay claims for  
28 reimbursement from the retained funds until all appeals to the  
29 value adjustment board have become final. If reimbursements  
30 made under paragraph (1)(e) were reduced by the Department of  
31 Revenue, reimbursements granted by the value adjustment boards

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1 shall be reduced by the same percentage. If the total adjusted  
 2 reimbursements approved by the value adjustment boards exceeds  
 3 the amount retained by the department for paying these  
 4 reimbursements, the department shall further reduce all  
 5 reimbursement checks by a percentage sufficient to reduce  
 6 total reimbursement payments to an amount equal to the amount  
 7 retained.

8 (3) Any person who knowingly and willfully gives false  
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12 And the title is amended as follows:

13 On page 1, lines 21-25, delete those lines  
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15 and insert:

16 requiring the Department of Revenue to  
 17 determine the total reimbursement payments;  
 18 providing a definition; authorizing an  
 19 applicant to file a petition with the value  
 20 adjustment board if the application for  
 21 reimbursement is not fully granted; requiring  
 22 that the department retain funds for the  
 23 purpose of paying claims that are subsequently  
 24 granted by a value adjustment board; providing  
 25 a penalty for giving

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