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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to sinkhole investigation reports; requiring any licensed professional engineer contracted to conduct a sinkhole investigation to file a report with the clerk of court if a sinkhole is present; requiring the clerk to record the report with the certificate of title for the property; providing for the payment of recording costs; requiring notification of the recording requirement to the property owner; limiting the cost of filing and recording the report; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. A professional engineer, licensed under chapter 471, Florida Statutes, who is hired by a property owner to inspect the owner's property and investigate for the presence of a sinkhole and finds evidence of a sinkhole on the property shall file an investigation report stating the results of the inspection with the clerk of the court in the county where the property is located. The clerk shall record the report with the certificate of title or deed for that property and shall charge the engineer a fee not to exceed \$10. The engineer must disclose to the property owner the reporting requirement.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires an engineer who is hired by a property owner to inspect property for sinkholes and finds evidence of a sinkhole to file a report with the clerk of the court, who shall record the report with the certificate of title or deed for the property. Requires notification of the filing requirement to the property owner. Sets a fee for recording the report.