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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to sinkhole investigation reports;
 requiring licensed professional engineers contracted to
 conduct a sinkhole investigation of property to file an
 investigation 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
 payment of recording costs; requiring notification of the
 property owner of the recording requirement; 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. Whenever the owner of property contracts with a professional engineer, licensed under chapter 471, Florida Statutes, to inspect the property and investigate for the presence or absence of a sinkhole, after completing the investigation, if the engineer finds evidence of the presence of a sinkhole on the property, the engineer shall file a report of the investigation with the clerk of the court for that property and the clerk shall record such investigation report with the certificate of title or deed for that property. The engineer shall pay for the costs of filing and recording such report and shall disclose to the property owner the requirement to file and record such investigation report with the certificate of title or deed for such property. The cost of filing and recording the report shall not exceed \$10.

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