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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Haridopolos) recommended  
the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 10, between lines 20 and 21,

insert:

Section 11. Section 627.06501, Florida Statutes, is  
amended to read:

627.06501 Insurance discounts for certain persons  
completing driver improvement course.--

(1) Any rate, rating schedule, or rating manual for  
the liability, personal injury protection, and collision  
coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the  
office may provide for a minimum 10-percent ~~an appropriate~~  
reduction in premium charges as to such coverages when the  
principal operator on the covered vehicle has successfully  
completed a driver improvement course approved and certified  
by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which  
is effective in reducing crash or violation rates, or both, as  
determined pursuant to s. 318.1451(5). ~~Any discount, not to~~

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1 ~~exceed 10 percent, used by an insurer is presumed to be~~  
2 ~~appropriate unless credible data demonstrates otherwise.~~

3 (2) The premium reduction authorized by this section  
4 shall be effective for an insured for a 3-year period after  
5 successful completion of the approved course, except that the  
6 insurer may require, as a condition of maintaining the  
7 reduction, that the insured:

8 (a) Not be involved in an accident for which the  
9 insured is at fault; and

10 (b) Not be convicted of or plead guilty or nolo  
11 contendere to a moving traffic violation.

12 (3) The organization offering the course shall, upon a  
13 person's successful completion of the course, issue the person  
14 a certificate that the person may use to qualify for the  
15 premium discount authorized by this section. The Department of  
16 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall require each person  
17 completing the course for purposes of this section to pass a  
18 written test given as part of the course which evaluates the  
19 person's knowledge of the content of the course.

20 (4) This section does not apply if the driver  
21 improvement course is taken in lieu of a court appearance for  
22 a traffic infraction as provided for in s. 318.14(9). However,  
23 the five-election restriction enumerated in that section is  
24 not applicable to taking the course for the purposes of  
25 receiving insurance premium reductions.

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27 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

31 And the title is amended as follows:

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1           On page 2, line 15, after the first semicolon,  
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3 insert:  
4           amending s. 627.06501, F.S., relating to  
5           insurance discounts for certain persons  
6           completing a driver improvement course;  
7           prescribing a minimum for a reduction in  
8           premium charges; providing that the Department  
9           of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall  
10          require persons who complete the course to pass  
11          a written test;

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