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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Fasano) recommended  
the following **amendment to amendment** (095506):

**Senate Amendment**

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3,

insert: (14) If the neutral evaluator first verifies the  
existence of a sinkhole and then recommends the need for and  
estimates the costs of stabilizing the land and any covered  
structures or buildings and other appropriate remediation or  
structural repairs, which costs exceed the amount that the  
insurer has offered to pay the policyholder, the insurer is  
liable to the policyholder for up to \$2,500 in attorney's fees  
for the attorney's participation in the neutral evaluation  
process. For purposes of this subsection, the term "offer to  
pay" means a written offer signed by the insurer or its legal  
representative and delivered to the policyholder 10 days after  
the insurer receives notice that a request for neutral  
evaluation has been made under this section.

(Redesignate subsequent subsections.)