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11	The Committee on Judiciary (Baker) recommended the following
12	amendment:
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
15	On page 5, line 13, through
16	page 6, line 24, delete those lines
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18	and insert:
19	(1) The <u>professional</u> engineer <u>or</u> and professional
20	geologist shall perform such tests as sufficient, in their
21	professional opinion, to determine the presence or absence of
22	sinkhole loss or other cause of damage within reasonable
23	professional probability and for the <u>professional</u> engineer to
24	make recommendations regarding necessary building
25	stabilization and foundation repair.
26	Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2) of section
27	627.7073, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
28	627.7073 Sinkhole reports
29	(1) Upon completion of testing as provided in s.
30	627.7072, the <u>professional</u> engineer <u>or</u> and professional
31	geologist shall issue a report and certification to the
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insurer and the policyholder as provided in this section.

- (a) Sinkhole loss is verified if, based upon tests performed in accordance with s. 627.7072, a professional an engineer or and a professional geologist issues issue a written report and certification stating:
- 1. That the cause of the actual physical and structural damage is sinkhole activity within a reasonable professional probability.
- 2. That the analyses conducted were of sufficient scope to identify sinkhole activity as the cause of damage within a reasonable professional probability.
 - 3. A description of the tests performed.
- 4. A recommendation by the <u>professional</u> engineer of methods for stabilizing the land and building and for making repairs to the foundation.
- (b) If sinkhole activity is eliminated as the cause of damage to the structure, the <u>professional</u> engineer <u>or</u> and professional geologist shall issue a written report and certification to the policyholder and the insurer stating:
- 1. That the cause of the damage is not sinkhole activity within a reasonable professional probability.
- 2. That the analyses and tests conducted were of sufficient scope to eliminate sinkhole activity as the cause of damage within a reasonable professional probability.
- 3. A statement of the cause of the damage within a reasonable professional probability.
 - 4. A description of the tests performed.
- (c) The respective findings, opinions, and recommendations of the <u>professional</u> engineer <u>or</u> and professional

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2	And the title is amended as follows:
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5	and insert:
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