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## A bill to be entitled

An act relating to property insurance; authorizing the State Board of Administration to sell reinsurance to private insurance companies taking insurance policies from Citizens Property Insurance Corporation under certain circumstances; providing for a discount to policyholders of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; authorizing the State Board of Administration to offer discounted reinsurance rates to private insurance companies under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Administration to determine the number of policies taken from Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to get discounted reinsurance; providing requirements for private insurance companies to get a discounted reinsurance rate; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, in the 2007A Special Session, the Legislature enacted HB 1A, which will result in only modest rate reductions for Citizens Property Insurance Corporation's customers on a short-term, nonpermanent basis, and the corporation was not relieved of its overly large population, and

WHEREAS, more reforms must be enacted using market forces by providing incentives to private carriers to offer affordable insurance to the corporation's customers in return for inexpensive reinsurance from the state, so that the corporation would return to being an insurance company of last resort, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

- Section 1. (1) The State Board of Administration may sell reinsurance below the \$6 billion retention level in the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund within the range of 30 to 60 percent online to private insurance companies that agree to take out of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation a specified number of individual policies held by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation on a geographically diverse basis.
- (2) Policyholders of Citizens Property Insurance
  Corporation must receive a discount no less than a rate
  specified by the State Board of Administration, which must be no less than 10 percent.
- (3) The State Board of Administration may offer discounted reinsurance rates to private insurance companies through offers to negotiate via auction, individual negotiation, or any method designed to achieve the best discounted rate for policyholders of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.
- (4) The State Board of Administration may determine how many policies a private company must assume from Citizens

  Property Insurance Corporation in order to purchase reinsurance from the state at the discounted rate.
- (5) Private insurance companies must assume 100 percent of each policy taken from Citizens Property Insurance Corporation in exchange for the discounted reinsurance rate.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.