

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to insurance regulation; creating s.
 3 20.131, F.S.; recreating a Department of Insurance;
 4 providing for its head to be the Insurance Commissioner;
 5 providing for assistants and deputies; providing for
 6 internal organization; providing a contingent effective
 7 date.

8
 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

10
 11 Section 1. Section 20.131, Florida Statutes, is created to
 12 read:

13 20.131 Department of Insurance.--There is created a
 14 Department of Insurance.

15 (1) The head of the Department of Insurance is the
 16 Insurance Commissioner.

17 (2) The following divisions of the Department of Insurance
 18 are established:

19 (a) Division of Insurance Regulation.

20 (b) Division of Insurance Consumer Services.

21 (c) Division of Agents and Agencies Services.

22 (d) Division of Risk Management.

23 (e) Division of State Fire Marshal.

24 (f) Division of Insurance Fraud.

25 (g) Division of Funeral and Cemetery Services.

26 (h) Division of Workers' Compensation.

27 (3)(a) The department shall have an assistant insurance
 28 commissioner and shall have three deputy assistant

HB 35A

2007

29 commissioners, one of whom shall serve as general counsel.

30 (b) All divisions shall have a director. The department
31 may change the name of any division, by rule, if the name
32 reflects the respective subject area of the division.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 6, 2009,
34 except that it shall not take effect unless HJR 33A or similar
35 legislation creating the office of Insurance Commissioner is
36 adopted at the 2007 Regular Session of the Legislature or an
37 extension thereof and is approved by the electors.