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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means (Justice) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1692 and 1693
insert:

Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 627.711, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

627.711 Notice of premium discounts for hurricane loss mitigation; uniform mitigation verification inspection form.—

(2) (a) By July 1, 2007, the Financial Services Commission shall develop by rule a uniform mitigation verification inspection form that shall be used by all insurers when



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15 submitted by policyholders for the purpose of factoring
16 discounts for wind insurance. In developing the form, the
17 commission shall seek input from insurance, construction, and
18 building code representatives. Further, the commission shall
19 provide guidance as to the length of time the inspection results
20 are valid. ~~An insurer shall accept as valid a uniform mitigation
21 verification form certified by the Department of Financial
22 Services or signed by:~~

- 23 ~~(a) A hurricane mitigation inspector employed by an~~
- 24 ~~approved My Safe Florida Home wind certification entity;~~
- 25 ~~(b) A building code inspector certified under s. 468.607;~~
- 26 ~~(c) A general or residential contractor licensed under s.~~
- 27 ~~489.111;~~
- 28 ~~(d) A professional engineer licensed under s. 471.015 who~~
- 29 ~~has passed the appropriate equivalency test of the Building Code~~
- 30 ~~Training Program as required by s. 553.841; or~~
- 31 ~~(e) A professional architect licensed under s. 481.213.~~

32 (3) An individual or entity who knowingly provides or
33 utters a false or fraudulent mitigation verification form with
34 the intent to obtain or receive a discount on an insurance
35 premium to which the individual or entity is not entitled
36 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
37 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

40 And the title is amended as follows:

41 Delete line 69

42 and insert:

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44 amount in any subsequent rate filing; amending s. 627.711, F.S.;

45 deleting provisions requiring an insurer to accept certain

46 uniform mitigation verification forms; providing a criminal



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47 penalty for knowingly submitting a false or fraudulent
48 mitigation form with the intent to receive an undeserved
49 discount; amending s.