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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Fasano) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 691 and 692
insert:

Section 7. Subsection (9) of section 627.736, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.736 Required personal injury protection benefits; exclusions; priority; claims.—

(9) An insurer may negotiate and enter into contracts with licensed health care providers for the benefits described in this section, referred to in this section as "preferred providers," which shall include health care providers licensed



13 under chapters 458, 459, 460, 461, and 463. The insurer may
14 provide an option to an insured to use a preferred provider at
15 the time of purchase of the policy for personal injury
16 protection benefits, if the requirements of this subsection are
17 met. If the insured elects to use a provider who is not a
18 preferred provider, whether the insured purchased a preferred
19 provider policy or a nonpreferred provider policy, the medical
20 benefits provided by the insurer shall be as required by this
21 section. If the insured elects to use a provider who is a
22 preferred provider, the insurer may pay medical benefits in
23 excess of the benefits required by this section and may waive or
24 lower the amount of any deductible that applies to such medical
25 benefits. Alternatively, or in addition to such benefits or
26 waiver, the insurer may provide an actuarially appropriate
27 premium discount as specified in an approved rate filing to a
28 policyholder who selects the preferred provider option. If the
29 insurer offers a preferred provider policy to a policyholder or
30 applicant, it must also offer a nonpreferred provider policy.
31 The insurer shall provide each policyholder with a current
32 roster of preferred providers in the county in which the insured
33 resides at the time of purchase of such policy, and shall make
34 such list available for public inspection during regular
35 business hours at the principal office of the insurer within the
36 state.

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

39 And the title is amended as follows:

40 Delete line 74

41 and insert:



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42 found; amending s. 627.736, F.S.; authorizing an
43 insurer to provide a premium discount to a person who
44 chooses to use a preferred provider for personal
45 injury protection benefits when purchasing an
46 insurance policy; providing an effective date.