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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Fasano moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 2990 - 3025
and insert:

(h)~~(e)~~ "Sinkhole loss" means structural damage to the covered building, including the foundation, caused by sinkhole activity. Contents coverage and additional living expenses ~~shall~~ apply only if there is structural damage to the covered building caused by sinkhole activity. Cosmetic damage consisting of hairline to one-sixteenth-inch cracks to nonstructural building components is not covered unless accompanied by structural damage.

(g)~~(d)~~ "Sinkhole activity" means settlement or systematic



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14 weakening of the earth supporting ~~such~~ property only if the ~~when~~
15 ~~such~~ settlement or systematic weakening results from
16 contemporary movement or raveling of soils, sediments, or rock
17 materials into subterranean voids created by the effect of water
18 on a limestone or similar rock formation.

19 (d) ~~(e)~~ "Professional engineer" means a person, as defined
20 in s. 471.005, who has a bachelor's degree or higher in
21 engineering and has successfully completed at least five courses
22 in any combination of the following: geotechnical engineering,
23 structural engineering, soil mechanics, foundations, or geology
24 ~~with a specialty in the geotechnical engineering field.~~ A
25 professional engineer must also have ~~geotechnical~~ experience and
26 expertise in the identification of sinkhole activity as well as
27 other potential causes of structural damage ~~to the structure.~~

28 (e) ~~(f)~~ "Professional geologist" means a person, as defined
29 in ~~by~~ s. 492.102, who has a bachelor's degree or higher in
30 geology or related earth science and ~~with expertise in the~~
31 ~~geology of Florida. A professional geologist must have~~
32 ~~geological~~ experience and expertise in the identification of
33 sinkhole activity as well as other potential geologic causes of
34 structural damage ~~to the structure.~~

35 (i) "Structural damage" means settlement damage to one or
36 more primary structural components or structural systems of a
37 covered structure.