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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Budget (Fasano) recommended the following:

1   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3   Between lines 656 and 657

4   insert:

5   Section 10. Section 626.8652, Florida Statutes, is created

6   to read:

7   626.8652 Public adjuster for sinkhole insurance.—Effective

8   July 1, 2012, a licensed public adjuster may not adjust a

9   catastrophic ground cover collapse or sinkhole claim as provided

10   under ss. 627.706-627.7074 unless the adjuster is certified by

11   the department as having completed a sinkhole education program

12   established by the department by rule and worked for at least 1

13   year under the direct supervision of a public adjuster certified

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14 under this section.

15   (1) The department may waive this requirement and certify

16 an adjuster who demonstrates to the department that he or she

17 has adjusted at least 500 sinkhole claims, without having been

18 subject to any disciplinary actions by the department, before

19 July 1, 2012.

20   (2) A certified public adjuster must submit to the

21 department for review a copy of any proposed advertisement to

22 the public in order to ensure that such advertisement does not

23 contain any false, misleading, or deceptive information about

24 the services to be provided by the adjuster. The department

25 shall adopt advertising standards by rule. The department may

26 charge a fee to cover the cost of reviewing such advertisements.

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29 And the title is amended as follows:

30   After line 59

31 insert:

32   creating s. 626.8652, F.S.; requiring public adjusters

33   adjusting claims for sinkhole damage to be certified;

34   providing certification requirements; providing an

35   exemption for certain adjusters; requiring the

36   Department of Financial Services to adopt advertising

37   standards by rule and review proposed advertisements

38   by certified adjusters; authorizing the department to

39   charge a fee for such review;