

By Senator Hays

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to mediation of motor vehicle personal  
3 injury and property damage claims; repealing s.  
4 627.745, F.S., relating to the mediation of motor  
5 vehicle insurance claims for personal injury less than  
6 a specified amount or property damage of any amount;  
7 deleting requirements, procedures, and processes with  
8 respect to requests filed with the Department of  
9 Financial Services for mediation of such claims;  
10 amending s. 627.7015, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
11 reference; providing an effective date.  
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Section 627.745, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

16 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
17 627.7015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 627.7015 Alternative procedure for resolution of disputed  
19 property insurance claims.—

20 (4) The department shall adopt by rule a property insurance  
21 mediation program to be administered by the department or its  
22 designee. The department may also adopt special rules which are  
23 applicable in cases of an emergency within the state. The rules  
24 shall be modeled after practices and procedures set forth in  
25 mediation rules of procedure adopted by the Supreme Court. The  
26 rules shall provide for:

27 (b) Qualifications of mediators as provided ~~in s. 627.745~~  
28 ~~and~~ in the Florida Rules of Certified and Court Appointed  
29 Mediators, and for such other individuals as are qualified by

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30 education, training, or experience as the department determines  
31 to be appropriate.

32 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.