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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to mediation of property insurance
3 claims; repealing s. 627.7015, F.S., to delete
4 provisions requiring the Department of Financial
5 Services to create and administer a nonadversarial
6 property insurance mediation program for resolving
7 disputed property insurance claims and delete
8 requirements, procedures, and processes relating to
9 the program; amending s. 627.7074, F.S.; conforming a
10 cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 627.7015, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

15 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 627.7074, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 627.7074 Alternative procedure for resolution of disputed
18 sinkhole insurance claims.—

19 (3) Following the receipt of the report provided under s.
20 627.7073 or the denial of a claim for a sinkhole loss, the
21 insurer shall notify the policyholder of his or her right to
22 participate in the neutral evaluation program under this
23 section. Neutral evaluation ~~supersedes the alternative dispute~~
24 ~~resolution process under s. 627.7015 but~~ does not invalidate the
25 appraisal clause of the insurance policy. The insurer shall
26 provide to the policyholder the consumer information pamphlet
27 prepared by the department pursuant to subsection (1)
28 electronically or by United States mail.

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