

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 Section 627.745, Florida Statutes, is repealed.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
 21 insurance mediation program to be administered by the department
 22 or its designee. The department may also adopt special rules
 23 which are applicable in cases of an emergency within the state.
 24 The rules shall be modeled after practices and procedures set
 25 forth in mediation rules of procedure adopted by the Supreme
 26 Court. The 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

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29 | Mediators, and for such other individuals as are qualified by
30 | education, training, or experience as the department determines
31 | to be appropriate.

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