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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  
 15 repealed.

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

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

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

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29 | electronically or by United States mail.

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