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1 2 An act relating to manufactured and mobile homes; 3 amending s. 627.351, F.S.; requiring the Citizens 4 Property Insurance Corporation to offer coverage for 5 mobile homes and manufactured homes for a specified 6 minimum insured value; amending s. 723.06115, F.S.; 7 specifying the procedure for requesting and obtaining 8 funds from the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust 9 Fund to pay for the operational costs of the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Corporation and the relocation 10 11 costs of mobile home owners; providing an effective 12 date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section Section 1. 17 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 18 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.-CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION.-19 (6) 20 The corporation's plan of operation: (C) Must provide for adoption of residential property and 21 1. 22 casualty insurance policy forms and commercial residential and 23 nonresidential property insurance forms, which must be approved 24 by the office before use. The corporation shall adopt the 25 following policy forms: 26 a. Standard personal lines policy forms that are 27 comprehensive multiperil policies providing full coverage of a 28 residential property equivalent to the coverage provided in the

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29 private insurance market under an HO-3, HO-4, or HO-6 policy.

30 b. Basic personal lines policy forms that are policies 31 similar to an HO-8 policy or a dwelling fire policy that provide 32 coverage meeting the requirements of the secondary mortgage 33 market, but which is more limited than the coverage under a 34 standard policy.

35 c. Commercial lines residential and nonresidential policy 36 forms that are generally similar to the basic perils of full 37 coverage obtainable for commercial residential structures and 38 commercial nonresidential structures in the admitted voluntary 39 market.

d. Personal lines and commercial lines residential
property insurance forms that cover the peril of wind only. The
forms are applicable only to residential properties located in
areas eligible for coverage under the coastal account referred
to in sub-subparagraph (b)2.a.

e. Commercial lines nonresidential property insurance
forms that cover the peril of wind only. The forms are
applicable only to nonresidential properties located in areas
eligible for coverage under the coastal account referred to in
sub-subparagraph (b)2.a.

50 f. The corporation may adopt variations of the policy 51 forms listed in sub-subparagraphs a.-e. which contain more 52 restrictive coverage.

53 g. Effective January 1, 2013, the corporation shall offer 54 a basic personal lines policy similar to an HO-8 policy with 55 dwelling repair based on common construction materials and 56 methods.

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2. Must provide that the corporation adopt a program in which the corporation and authorized insurers enter into quota share primary insurance agreements for hurricane coverage, as defined in s. 627.4025(2)(a), for eligible risks, and adopt property insurance forms for eligible risks which cover the peril of wind only.

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a. As used in this subsection, the term:

"Quota share primary insurance" means an arrangement 64 (I) 65 in which the primary hurricane coverage of an eligible risk is provided in specified percentages by the corporation and an 66 67 authorized insurer. The corporation and authorized insurer are 68 each solely responsible for a specified percentage of hurricane 69 coverage of an eligible risk as set forth in a quota share 70 primary insurance agreement between the corporation and an 71 authorized insurer and the insurance contract. The 72 responsibility of the corporation or authorized insurer to pay 73 its specified percentage of hurricane losses of an eligible risk, as set forth in the agreement, may not be altered by the 74 75 inability of the other party to pay its specified percentage of 76 losses. Eligible risks that are provided hurricane coverage 77 through a quota share primary insurance arrangement must be 78 provided policy forms that set forth the obligations of the 79 corporation and authorized insurer under the arrangement, clearly specify the percentages of quota share primary insurance 80 81 provided by the corporation and authorized insurer, and 82 conspicuously and clearly state that the authorized insurer and 83 the corporation may not be held responsible beyond their specified percentage of coverage of hurricane losses. 84

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(II) "Eligible risks" means personal lines residential and commercial lines residential risks that meet the underwriting criteria of the corporation and are located in areas that were eligible for coverage by the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association on January 1, 2002.

b. The corporation may enter into quota share primary
insurance agreements with authorized insurers at corporation
coverage levels of 90 percent and 50 percent.

93 c. If the corporation determines that additional coverage 94 levels are necessary to maximize participation in quota share 95 primary insurance agreements by authorized insurers, the 96 corporation may establish additional coverage levels. However, 97 the corporation's quota share primary insurance coverage level 98 may not exceed 90 percent.

99 d. Any quota share primary insurance agreement entered 100 into between an authorized insurer and the corporation must 101 provide for a uniform specified percentage of coverage of 102 hurricane losses, by county or territory as set forth by the 103 corporation board, for all eligible risks of the authorized 104 insurer covered under the agreement.

e. Any quota share primary insurance agreement entered into between an authorized insurer and the corporation is subject to review and approval by the office. However, such agreement shall be authorized only as to insurance contracts entered into between an authorized insurer and an insured who is already insured by the corporation for wind coverage.

111 f. For all eligible risks covered under quota share 112 primary insurance agreements, the exposure and coverage levels

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113 for both the corporation and authorized insurers shall be 114 reported by the corporation to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe 115 Fund. For all policies of eligible risks covered under such 116 agreements, the corporation and the authorized insurer must 117 maintain complete and accurate records for the purpose of 118 exposure and loss reimbursement audits as required by fund rules. The corporation and the authorized insurer shall each 119 maintain duplicate copies of policy declaration pages and 120 121 supporting claims documents.

g. The corporation board shall establish in its plan of operation standards for quota share agreements which ensure that there is no discriminatory application among insurers as to the terms of the agreements, pricing of the agreements, incentive provisions if any, and consideration paid for servicing policies or adjusting claims.

128 The quota share primary insurance agreement between the h. 129 corporation and an authorized insurer must set forth the specific terms under which coverage is provided, including, but 130 not limited to, the sale and servicing of policies issued under 131 132 the agreement by the insurance agent of the authorized insurer 133 producing the business, the reporting of information concerning 134 eligible risks, the payment of premium to the corporation, and 135 arrangements for the adjustment and payment of hurricane claims 136 incurred on eligible risks by the claims adjuster and personnel 137 of the authorized insurer. Entering into a quota sharing 138 insurance agreement between the corporation and an authorized 139 insurer is voluntary and at the discretion of the authorized 140 insurer.

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141 3.a. May provide that the corporation may employ or 142 otherwise contract with individuals or other entities to provide 143 administrative or professional services that may be appropriate 144 to effectuate the plan. The corporation may borrow funds by 145 issuing bonds or by incurring other indebtedness, and shall have 146 other powers reasonably necessary to effectuate the requirements of this subsection, including, without limitation, the power to 147 issue bonds and incur other indebtedness in order to refinance 148 149 outstanding bonds or other indebtedness. The corporation may 150 seek judicial validation of its bonds or other indebtedness 151 under chapter 75. The corporation may issue bonds or incur other 152 indebtedness, or have bonds issued on its behalf by a unit of 153 local government pursuant to subparagraph (q)2. in the absence 154 of a hurricane or other weather-related event, upon a 155 determination by the corporation, subject to approval by the 156 office, that such action would enable it to efficiently meet the 157 financial obligations of the corporation and that such financings are reasonably necessary to effectuate the 158 159 requirements of this subsection. The corporation may take all 160 actions needed to facilitate tax-free status for such bonds or 161 indebtedness, including formation of trusts or other affiliated 162 entities. The corporation may pledge assessments, projected 163 recoveries from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, other reinsurance recoverables, policyholder surcharges and other 164 165 surcharges, and other funds available to the corporation as 166 security for bonds or other indebtedness. In recognition of s. 167 10, Art. I of the State Constitution, prohibiting the impairment of obligations of contracts, it is the intent of the Legislature 168

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169 that no action be taken whose purpose is to impair any bond 170 indenture or financing agreement or any revenue source committed 171 by contract to such bond or other indebtedness.

172 To ensure that the corporation is operating in an b. 173 efficient and economic manner while providing quality service to 174 policyholders, applicants, and agents, the board shall 175 commission an independent third-party consultant having 176 expertise in insurance company management or insurance company 177 management consulting to prepare a report and make 178 recommendations on the relative costs and benefits of 179 outsourcing various policy issuance and service functions to 180 private servicing carriers or entities performing similar 181 functions in the private market for a fee, rather than 182 performing such functions in-house. In making such 183 recommendations, the consultant shall consider how other residual markets, both in this state and around the country, 184 outsource appropriate functions or use servicing carriers to 185 better match expenses with revenues that fluctuate based on a 186 187 widely varying policy count. The report must be completed by 188 July 1, 2012. Upon receiving the report, the board shall develop 189 a plan to implement the report and submit the plan for review, 190 modification, and approval to the Financial Services Commission. 191 Upon the commission's approval of the plan, the board shall 192 begin implementing the plan by January 1, 2013.

4. Must require that the corporation operate subject to
the supervision and approval of a board of governors consisting
of eight individuals who are residents of this state, from
different geographical areas of this state.

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197 The Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the a. 198 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of 199 Representatives shall each appoint two members of the board. At 200 least one of the two members appointed by each appointing 201 officer must have demonstrated expertise in insurance and is 202 deemed to be within the scope of the exemption provided in s. 203 112.313(7)(b). The Chief Financial Officer shall designate one 204 of the appointees as chair. All board members serve at the 205 pleasure of the appointing officer. All members of the board are 206 subject to removal at will by the officers who appointed them. 207 All board members, including the chair, must be appointed to 208 serve for 3-year terms beginning annually on a date designated 209 by the plan. However, for the first term beginning on or after 210 July 1, 2009, each appointing officer shall appoint one member 211 of the board for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term. 212 A board vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the 213 appointing officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall appoint a technical advisory group to provide information and advice to 214 215 the board in connection with the board's duties under this 216 subsection. The executive director and senior managers of the 217 corporation shall be engaged by the board and serve at the 218 pleasure of the board. Any executive director appointed on or 219 after July 1, 2006, is subject to confirmation by the Senate. 220 The executive director is responsible for employing other staff 221 as the corporation may require, subject to review and 222 concurrence by the board.

b. The board shall create a Market Accountability AdvisoryCommittee to assist the corporation in developing awareness of

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its rates and its customer and agent service levels in relationship to the voluntary market insurers writing similar coverage.

228 The members of the advisory committee consist of the (I) 229 following 11 persons, one of whom must be elected chair by the 230 members of the committee: four representatives, one appointed by 231 the Florida Association of Insurance Agents, one by the Florida 232 Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, one by the 233 Professional Insurance Agents of Florida, and one by the Latin 234 American Association of Insurance Agencies; three 235 representatives appointed by the insurers with the three highest 236 voluntary market share of residential property insurance 237 business in the state; one representative from the Office of 238 Insurance Regulation; one consumer appointed by the board who is 239 insured by the corporation at the time of appointment to the 240 committee; one representative appointed by the Florida 241 Association of Realtors; and one representative appointed by the 242 Florida Bankers Association. All members shall be appointed to 243 3-year terms and may serve for consecutive terms.

(II) The committee shall report to the corporation at each board meeting on insurance market issues which may include rates and rate competition with the voluntary market; service, including policy issuance, claims processing, and general responsiveness to policyholders, applicants, and agents; and matters relating to depopulation.

250 5. Must provide a procedure for determining the
251 eligibility of a risk for coverage, as follows:
252 a. Subject to s. 627.3517, with respect to personal lines

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253 residential risks, if the risk is offered coverage from an 254 authorized insurer at the insurer's approved rate under a 255 standard policy including wind coverage or, if consistent with 256 the insurer's underwriting rules as filed with the office, a 257 basic policy including wind coverage, for a new application to 258 the corporation for coverage, the risk is not eligible for any 259 policy issued by the corporation unless the premium for coverage from the authorized insurer is more than 15 percent greater than 260 261 the premium for comparable coverage from the corporation. If the 262 risk is not able to obtain such offer, the risk is eligible for 263 a standard policy including wind coverage or a basic policy 264 including wind coverage issued by the corporation; however, if 265 the risk could not be insured under a standard policy including 266 wind coverage regardless of market conditions, the risk is 267 eligible for a basic policy including wind coverage unless 268 rejected under subparagraph 8. However, a policyholder of the 269 corporation or a policyholder removed from the corporation 270 through an assumption agreement until the end of the assumption period remains eligible for coverage from the corporation 271 272 regardless of any offer of coverage from an authorized insurer 273 or surplus lines insurer. The corporation shall determine the 274 type of policy to be provided on the basis of objective 275 standards specified in the underwriting manual and based on 276 generally accepted underwriting practices.

(I) If the risk accepts an offer of coverage through the market assistance plan or through a mechanism established by the corporation before a policy is issued to the risk by the corporation or during the first 30 days of coverage by the

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281 corporation, and the producing agent who submitted the 282 application to the plan or to the corporation is not currently 283 appointed by the insurer, the insurer shall:

(A) Pay to the producing agent of record of the policy for
the first year, an amount that is the greater of the insurer's
usual and customary commission for the type of policy written or
a fee equal to the usual and customary commission of the
corporation; or

(B) Offer to allow the producing agent of record of the policy to continue servicing the policy for at least 1 year and offer to pay the agent the greater of the insurer's or the corporation's usual and customary commission for the type of policy written.

If the producing agent is unwilling or unable to accept appointment, the new insurer shall pay the agent in accordance with sub-sub-subparagraph (A).

(II) If the corporation enters into a contractual agreement for a take-out plan, the producing agent of record of the corporation policy is entitled to retain any unearned commission on the policy, and the insurer shall:

(A) Pay to the producing agent of record, for the first year, an amount that is the greater of the insurer's usual and customary commission for the type of policy written or a fee equal to the usual and customary commission of the corporation; or

307 (B) Offer to allow the producing agent of record to308 continue servicing the policy for at least 1 year and offer to

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309 pay the agent the greater of the insurer's or the corporation's 310 usual and customary commission for the type of policy written. 311

312 If the producing agent is unwilling or unable to accept 313 appointment, the new insurer shall pay the agent in accordance 314 with sub-sub-subparagraph (A).

315 With respect to commercial lines residential risks, for b. 316 a new application to the corporation for coverage, if the risk 317 is offered coverage under a policy including wind coverage from 318 an authorized insurer at its approved rate, the risk is not eligible for a policy issued by the corporation unless the 319 320 premium for coverage from the authorized insurer is more than 15 321 percent greater than the premium for comparable coverage from 322 the corporation. If the risk is not able to obtain any such 323 offer, the risk is eligible for a policy including wind coverage issued by the corporation. However, a policyholder of the 324 325 corporation or a policyholder removed from the corporation 326 through an assumption agreement until the end of the assumption period remains eligible for coverage from the corporation 327 328 regardless of an offer of coverage from an authorized insurer or 329 surplus lines insurer.

(I) If the risk accepts an offer of coverage through the market assistance plan or through a mechanism established by the corporation before a policy is issued to the risk by the corporation or during the first 30 days of coverage by the corporation, and the producing agent who submitted the application to the plan or the corporation is not currently appointed by the insurer, the insurer shall:

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(A) Pay to the producing agent of record of the policy, for the first year, an amount that is the greater of the insurer's usual and customary commission for the type of policy written or a fee equal to the usual and customary commission of the corporation; or

(B) Offer to allow the producing agent of record of the policy to continue servicing the policy for at least 1 year and offer to pay the agent the greater of the insurer's or the corporation's usual and customary commission for the type of policy written.

348 If the producing agent is unwilling or unable to accept 349 appointment, the new insurer shall pay the agent in accordance 350 with sub-sub-subparagraph (A).

(II) If the corporation enters into a contractual agreement for a take-out plan, the producing agent of record of the corporation policy is entitled to retain any unearned commission on the policy, and the insurer shall:

(A) Pay to the producing agent of record, for the first year, an amount that is the greater of the insurer's usual and customary commission for the type of policy written or a fee equal to the usual and customary commission of the corporation; or

(B) Offer to allow the producing agent of record to
continue servicing the policy for at least 1 year and offer to
pay the agent the greater of the insurer's or the corporation's
usual and customary commission for the type of policy written.

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365 If the producing agent is unwilling or unable to accept 366 appointment, the new insurer shall pay the agent in accordance 367 with sub-sub-subparagraph (A).

368 For purposes of determining comparable coverage under с. 369 sub-subparagraphs a. and b., the comparison must be based on 370 those forms and coverages that are reasonably comparable. The 371 corporation may rely on a determination of comparable coverage 372 and premium made by the producing agent who submits the 373 application to the corporation, made in the agent's capacity as 374 the corporation's agent. A comparison may be made solely of the 375 premium with respect to the main building or structure only on 376 the following basis: the same coverage A or other building 377 limits; the same percentage hurricane deductible that applies on 378 an annual basis or that applies to each hurricane for commercial 379 residential property; the same percentage of ordinance and law 380 coverage, if the same limit is offered by both the corporation and the authorized insurer; the same mitigation credits, to the 381 382 extent the same types of credits are offered both by the corporation and the authorized insurer; the same method for loss 383 384 payment, such as replacement cost or actual cash value, if the 385 same method is offered both by the corporation and the 386 authorized insurer in accordance with underwriting rules; and 387 any other form or coverage that is reasonably comparable as 388 determined by the board. If an application is submitted to the 389 corporation for wind-only coverage in the coastal account, the 390 premium for the corporation's wind-only policy plus the premium 391 for the ex-wind policy that is offered by an authorized insurer 392 to the applicant must be compared to the premium for multiperil

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393 coverage offered by an authorized insurer, subject to the 394 standards for comparison specified in this subparagraph. If the 395 corporation or the applicant requests from the authorized 396 insurer a breakdown of the premium of the offer by types of 397 coverage so that a comparison may be made by the corporation or 398 its agent and the authorized insurer refuses or is unable to 399 provide such information, the corporation may treat the offer as 400 not being an offer of coverage from an authorized insurer at the 401 insurer's approved rate.

402 6. Must include rules for classifications of risks and403 rates.

404 7. Must provide that if premium and investment income for 405 an account attributable to a particular calendar year are in 406 excess of projected losses and expenses for the account 407 attributable to that year, such excess shall be held in surplus 408 in the account. Such surplus must be available to defray 409 deficits in that account as to future years and used for that 410 purpose before assessing assessable insurers and assessable 411 insureds as to any calendar year.

8. Must provide objective criteria and procedures to be uniformly applied to all applicants in determining whether an individual risk is so hazardous as to be uninsurable. In making this determination and in establishing the criteria and procedures, the following must be considered:

417 a. Whether the likelihood of a loss for the individual
418 risk is substantially higher than for other risks of the same
419 class; and

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b. Whether the uncertainty associated with the individual

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421 risk is such that an appropriate premium cannot be determined.
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423 The acceptance or rejection of a risk by the corporation shall

424 be construed as the private placement of insurance, and the 425 provisions of chapter 120 do not apply.

9. Must provide that the corporation make its best efforts
to procure catastrophe reinsurance at reasonable rates, to cover
its projected 100-year probable maximum loss as determined by
the board of governors.

10. The policies issued by the corporation must provide that if the corporation or the market assistance plan obtains an offer from an authorized insurer to cover the risk at its approved rates, the risk is no longer eligible for renewal through the corporation, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.

11. Corporation policies and applications must include a notice that the corporation policy could, under this section, be replaced with a policy issued by an authorized insurer which does not provide coverage identical to the coverage provided by the corporation. The notice must also specify that acceptance of corporation coverage creates a conclusive presumption that the applicant or policyholder is aware of this potential.

443 12. May establish, subject to approval by the office, 444 different eligibility requirements and operational procedures 445 for any line or type of coverage for any specified county or 446 area if the board determines that such changes are justified due 447 to the voluntary market being sufficiently stable and 448 competitive in such area or for such line or type of coverage

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449 and that consumers who, in good faith, are unable to obtain 450 insurance through the voluntary market through ordinary methods 451 continue to have access to coverage from the corporation. If 452 coverage is sought in connection with a real property transfer, 453 the requirements and procedures may not provide an effective 454 date of coverage later than the date of the closing of the 455 transfer as established by the transferor, the transferee, and, 456 if applicable, the lender.

457 Must provide that, with respect to the coastal 13. 458 account, any assessable insurer with a surplus as to 459 policyholders of \$25 million or less writing 25 percent or more 460 of its total countrywide property insurance premiums in this 461 state may petition the office, within the first 90 days of each 462 calendar year, to qualify as a limited apportionment company. A 463 regular assessment levied by the corporation on a limited 464 apportionment company for a deficit incurred by the corporation 465 for the coastal account may be paid to the corporation on a 466 monthly basis as the assessments are collected by the limited 467 apportionment company from its insureds, but a limited 468 apportionment company must begin collecting the regular 469 assessments not later than 90 days after the regular assessments 470 are levied by the corporation, and the regular assessments must 471 be paid in full within 15 months after being levied by the 472 corporation. A limited apportionment company shall collect from 473 its policyholders any emergency assessment imposed under sub-474 subparagraph (b)3.d. The plan must provide that, if the office 475 determines that any regular assessment will result in an 476 impairment of the surplus of a limited apportionment company,

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477 the office may direct that all or part of such assessment be 478 deferred as provided in subparagraph (q)4. However, an emergency 479 assessment to be collected from policyholders under sub-480 subparagraph (b)3.d. may not be limited or deferred.

481 14. Must provide that the corporation appoint as its 482 licensed agents only those agents who also hold an appointment 483 as defined in s. 626.015(3) with an insurer who at the time of 484 the agent's initial appointment by the corporation is authorized 485 to write and is actually writing personal lines residential 486 property coverage, commercial residential property coverage, or 487 commercial nonresidential property coverage within the state.

488 15. Must provide a premium payment plan option to its 489 policyholders which, at a minimum, allows for quarterly and 490 semiannual payment of premiums. A monthly payment plan may, but 491 is not required to, be offered.

492 16. Must limit coverage on mobile homes or manufactured 493 homes built before 1994 to actual cash value of the dwelling 494 rather than replacement costs of the dwelling. <u>The corporation</u> 495 <u>must offer coverage on mobile homes or manufactured homes for a</u> 496 <u>minimum insured value of at least \$3,000.</u>

497 17. May provide such limits of coverage as the board498 determines, consistent with the requirements of this subsection.

499 18. May require commercial property to meet specified 500 hurricane mitigation construction features as a condition of 501 eligibility for coverage.

502 19. Must provide that new or renewal policies issued by 503 the corporation on or after January 1, 2012, which cover 504 sinkhole loss do not include coverage for any loss to

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appurtenant structures, driveways, sidewalks, decks, or patios that are directly or indirectly caused by sinkhole activity. The corporation shall exclude such coverage using a notice of coverage change, which may be included with the policy renewal, and not by issuance of a notice of nonrenewal of the excluded coverage upon renewal of the current policy.

511 20. As of January 1, 2012, must require that the agent 512 obtain from an applicant for coverage from the corporation an 513 acknowledgment signed by the applicant, which includes, at a 514 minimum, the following statement:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF POTENTIAL SURCHARGE AND ASSESSMENT LIABILITY:

519 1. AS A POLICYHOLDER OF CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE 520 CORPORATION, I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE CORPORATION SUSTAINS A 521 DEFICIT AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE LOSSES OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON, 522 MY POLICY COULD BE SUBJECT TO SURCHARGES, WHICH WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE UPON RENEWAL, CANCELLATION, OR TERMINATION OF THE 523 524 POLICY, AND THAT THE SURCHARGES COULD BE AS HIGH AS 45 PERCENT 525 OF MY PREMIUM, OR A DIFFERENT AMOUNT AS IMPOSED BY THE FLORIDA 526 LEGISLATURE.

527 2. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY BE SUBJECT TO EMERGENCY
528 ASSESSMENTS TO THE SAME EXTENT AS POLICYHOLDERS OF OTHER
529 INSURANCE COMPANIES, OR A DIFFERENT AMOUNT AS IMPOSED BY THE
530 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.

3. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCECORPORATION IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE

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a. The corporation shall maintain, in electronic format or otherwise, a copy of the applicant's signed acknowledgment and provide a copy of the statement to the policyholder as part of the first renewal after the effective date of this subparagraph.

538 b. The signed acknowledgment form creates a conclusive 539 presumption that the policyholder understood and accepted his or 540 her potential surcharge and assessment liability as a 541 policyholder of the corporation.

542 Section 2. Section 723.06115, Florida Statutes, is amended 543 to read:

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723.06115 Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund.-

545 The Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund There is (1)546 established within the Department of Business and Professional 547 Regulation. The Florida Mobile Home Relocation trust fund is, to 548 be used to fund by the department for the purpose of funding the 549 administration and operations of the Florida Mobile Home 550 Relocation Corporation. All interest earned from the investment or deposit of moneys in the trust fund shall be deposited in the 551 trust fund. The trust fund shall be funded from the moneys 552 553 collected by the corporation department under s. 723.06116 from 554 mobile home park owners under s. 723.06116, who change the use 555 of their mobile home parks; the surcharge collected by the 556 department under s. 723.007(2), \div the surcharge collected by the 557 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, + and from by 558 other appropriated funds.

559 (2) Moneys in the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust 560 Fund may be expended only:

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561 To pay the administration costs of the Florida Mobile (a) 562 Home Relocation Corporation; and 563 To carry out the purposes and objectives of the (b) 564 Florida Mobile Home Relocation corporation by making payments to 565 mobile home owners under the relocation program. 566 The department shall distribute moneys in the Florida (3) 567 Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund to the Florida Mobile Home 568 Relocation Corporation in accordance with the following: 569 At the beginning of each fiscal year, the corporation (a) 570 shall determine its operational costs for the fiscal year and 571 set forth that amount to the department in writing. The 572 department shall distribute that amount to the corporation 573 within 2 business days after receipt of the written statement. 574 Throughout the fiscal year, the corporation may seek additional 575 funds in writing for administration and operational costs based 576 on need as determined by the corporation and the department 577 shall distribute these funds within 2 business days after 578 receipt of the written statement. The corporation may place 579 these funds in a noninterest bearing checking account; and 580 As it deems necessary, the corporation shall set forth (b) 581 to the department in writing the amount needed to make payments 582 to mobile home owners under the relocation program. The 583 department shall distribute that amount to the corporation 584 within 2 business days after receipt of the written statement. 585 The corporation may place these funds in a non-interest-bearing 586 checking account. 587 (4) Other than the requirements specified by this section, 588 neither the corporation nor the department are required to take

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589	any other action as a prerequisite to the distribution of trus	t
590	funds to the corporation.	
591	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a la	w.