

By Senator Legg

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to property insurance coverage;  
3           amending s. 627.707, F.S.; providing that an insurer  
4           may not nonrenew a property insurance policy if it  
5           paid the limits for sinkhole damage and the  
6           policyholder made the repairs and paid for any  
7           additional costs; providing an effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 627.707, Florida  
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13           627.707 Investigation of sinkhole claims; insurer payment;  
14 nonrenewals.—Upon receipt of a claim for a sinkhole loss to a  
15 covered building, an insurer must meet the following standards  
16 in investigating a claim:

17           (7) An insurer, including Citizens Property Insurance  
18 Corporation, may not nonrenew any policy of property insurance  
19 on the basis of filing of claims for sinkhole loss if the total  
20 of ~~such~~ payments for such loss does not equal or exceed the  
21 policy limits of coverage for the policy in effect on the date  
22 of loss, for property damage to the covered building, as set  
23 forth on the declarations page, or if the policyholder repaired  
24 the structure in accordance with the engineering recommendations  
25 made pursuant to subsection (2) upon which any payment or policy  
26 proceeds were based, even if the costs of such repairs exceeded  
27 the limits of the policy and the policyholder was responsible  
28 for and paid the difference between the policy limits paid and  
29 the cost of repairs. If the insurer pays such limits, ~~and the~~

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30 policyholder fails to make the repairs, it may nonrenew the  
31 policy.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.