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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Judiciary (Ring) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (142260) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 35 and 36
5 insert:

6 Section 2. Subsection (16) of section 626.854, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 626.854 "Public adjuster" defined; prohibitions.—The
9 Legislature finds that it is necessary for the protection of the
10 public to regulate public insurance adjusters and to prevent the
11 unauthorized practice of law.



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12 (16) (a) A licensed contractor under part I of chapter 489,
13 or a subcontractor, may not adjust a claim on behalf of an
14 insured unless licensed and compliant as a public adjuster under
15 this chapter. However, the contractor may discuss or explain a
16 bid for construction or repair of covered property with the
17 residential property owner who has suffered loss or damage
18 covered by a property insurance policy, or the insurer of such
19 property, if the contractor is doing so for the usual and
20 customary fees applicable to the work to be performed as stated
21 in the contract between the contractor and the insured.

22 (b) Submission of an invoice to an insurer by a licensed
23 contractor under part I of chapter 489 or a subcontractor which
24 is accompanied by an agreement to a discount in order to
25 expedite payment of the invoice does not constitute the
26 adjustment of a claim.

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28 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 Delete line 79

31 and insert:

32 the referral of business; amending s. 626.854, F.S.;

33 providing that submission of an invoice by certain

34 contractors and subcontractors to an insurer under

35 specified circumstances does not constitute the

36 adjustment of a claim; amending s. 627.422, F.S.;