

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to insurance policy transfers;
3 amending s. 627.4133, F.S.; authorizing an insurer to
4 transfer a residential property insurance policy to
5 another authorized insurer upon expiration of the
6 policy term if specified conditions are met; providing
7 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 (8) of section 627.4133, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 627.4133 Notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, or renewal
14 premium.—

15 (8) Upon expiration of the policy term, an insurer may
16 transfer a personal lines residential, commercial residential,
17 or commercial lines policy to another authorized insurer that is
18 a member of the same group or owned by the same holding company
19 as the transferring insurer. The transfer constitutes a renewal
20 of the policy and may not be treated as a cancellation or a
21 nonrenewal of the policy. The insurer must provide notice of its
22 intent to transfer the policy at least 45 days before the
23 effective date of the transfer along with the financial rating
24 of the authorized insurer to which the policy is being
25 transferred. Such notice may be provided in the notice of

26 | renewal premium. This subsection does not apply to a policy
 27 | providing personal lines residential or commercial residential
 28 | property insurance coverage, except for farmowners insurance,
 29 | unless:

30 | (a) The authorized insurer to which the policy is being
 31 | transferred is admitted and writing residential property
 32 | insurance in other states and has been determined by the office
 33 | to have the same or better financial strength than the
 34 | transferring insurer;

35 | (b) The transfer results in substantially similar
 36 | coverage;

37 | (c) The authorized insurer to which the policy is being
 38 | transferred provides a notice of change in policy terms to the
 39 | policyholder in compliance with s. 627.43141, which must also
 40 | include notice of the policy transfer and the authorized
 41 | insurer's financial rating. Such notice must be provided with
 42 | the notice of renewal premium. The notice and information
 43 | provided under this paragraph must be provided to the insured at
 44 | least 45 days before the effective date of the transfer, and may
 45 | replace any other notice required by this subsection;

46 | (d) The policyholder being transferred has been selected
 47 | on a nondiscriminatory basis; and

48 | (e) The office has approved the transfer ~~and commercial~~
 49 | ~~general liability policies providing farm coverage or commercial~~
 50 | ~~property policies providing farm coverage.~~

51 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017. |