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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Rules (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 266 and 267

insert:

Section 4. Section 627.7016, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

627.7016 Insurer contracts with building contractors;
policies limiting contractor selection.-

(1) An insurer who offers residential coverage, as defined
in s. 627.4025, may contract with a building contractor skilled
in techniques that mitigate hurricane damage. Insurers may offer



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12 policyholders the option to select the services of such building
13 contractors to repair damage covered by the insurance policy.
14 The insurer must guarantee the building contractor's work and
15 may offer the policyholder any other terms, conditions, or
16 benefits. The insurance company is not liable for the actions of
17 the building contractor.

18 (2) An insurer offering residential coverage, as described
19 in s. 627.4025, which limits the policyholder's choice of
20 contractor necessary to repair property covered under the policy
21 must oversee and ensure:

22 (a) The use of general and subtrade contractors who have
23 current and active licensure under chapter 489;

24 (b) That any contractor is prohibited from placing a lien
25 on the covered property for work performed under the policy;

26 (c) That all necessary permits are obtained for work
27 performed under the policy; and

28 (d) The quality of work performed by a contractor under the
29 policy for 3 years after all work has been completed or after a
30 certificate of occupancy is issued, whichever is later.

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33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete line 25

35 and insert:

36 benefits who is a service provider; amending s.

37 627.7016, F.S.; specifying requirements for insurers

38 offering residential coverage that limits the

39 policyholder's choice of contractor necessary to

40 repair the covered property; providing