

By Senator Taddeo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the insurance consumer advocate;
3 amending s. 627.0613, F.S.; authorizing the insurance
4 consumer advocate to collect certain information from
5 entities issued a certificate of authority by the
6 Office of Insurance Regulation; providing an effective
7 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 (5) is added to section 627.0613,
12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 627.0613 Consumer advocate.—The Chief Financial Officer
14 must appoint a consumer advocate who must represent the general
15 public of the state before the department and the office. The
16 consumer advocate must report directly to the Chief Financial
17 Officer, but is not otherwise under the authority of the
18 department or of any employee of the department. The consumer
19 advocate has such powers as are necessary to carry out the
20 duties of the office of consumer advocate, including, but not
21 limited to, the powers to:

22 (5) Collect information from any entity issued a
23 certificate of authority by the Office of Insurance Regulation
24 relating to subject matter that is necessary to carry out the
25 duties of the office of consumer advocate. Aggregate information
26 may include information asserted as trade secret information
27 unless the trade secret information can be individually
28 extrapolated, in which case the trade secret information remains
29 protected as provided in s. 624.4213.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.