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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Ways & Means Committee
 2 Representative Eskamani offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 572 and 573, insert:

Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 215.5586, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is established within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership for the program, consistent with this section. This section does not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential property in this state. Implementation of this program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is

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17 the intent of the Legislature that the My Safe Florida Home
18 Program provide trained and certified inspectors to perform
19 inspections for owners of site-built, single-family, residential
20 properties and grants to eligible applicants as funding allows.
21 The program shall develop and implement a comprehensive and
22 coordinated approach for hurricane damage mitigation that may
23 include the following:

24 (2) MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be used to
25 encourage single-family, site-built, owner-occupied, residential
26 property owners to retrofit their properties to make them less
27 vulnerable to hurricane damage.

28 (a) For a homeowner to be eligible for a grant, the
29 following criteria must be met:

30 1. The homeowner must have been granted a homestead
31 exemption on the home under chapter 196.

32 2. The home must be a dwelling with an insured value of
33 \$500,000 or less. Homeowners who are low-income persons, as
34 defined in s. 420.0004(11), are exempt from this requirement.

35 3. The home must have undergone an acceptable hurricane
36 mitigation inspection after July 1, 2008.

37 ~~4. The home must be located in the "wind-borne debris~~
38 ~~region" as that term is defined in the Florida Building Code.~~

39 ~~4.5.~~ The building permit application for initial
40 construction of the home must have been made before January 1,
41 2008.

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42 ~~5.6.~~ The homeowner must agree to make his or her home
43 available for inspection once a mitigation project is completed.
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45 An application for a grant must contain a signed or
46 electronically verified statement made under penalty of perjury
47 that the applicant has submitted only a single application and
48 must have attached documents demonstrating the applicant meets
49 the requirements of this paragraph.

50 Section 14. Section 4. of chapter 2022-268, Laws of
51 Florida, is amended to read:

52 Section 4. (1) For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the sum of
53 \$300 ~~\$150~~ million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the
54 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Financial Services for
55 the My Safe Florida Home Program. The funds shall be placed in
56 reserve. The department shall submit budget amendments
57 requesting release of the funds held in reserve pursuant to
58 chapter 216, Florida Statutes. The budget amendments shall
59 include a detailed spending plan.

60 (2) The funds shall be allocated as follows:

61 (a) Fifty ~~Twenty-five~~ million dollars for hurricane
62 mitigation inspections.

63 (b) Two hundred thirty ~~One hundred fifteen~~ million dollars
64 for mitigation grants.

65 (c) Eight ~~Four~~ million dollars for education and consumer
66 awareness.

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67 (d) ~~Two~~ One million dollars for public outreach for
68 contractors and real estate brokers and sales associates.

69 (e) ~~Ten~~ Five million dollars for administrative costs.

70 (3) Any unexpended balance of funds from this
71 appropriation remaining on June 30, 2023, shall revert and is
72 appropriated to the Department of Financial Services for the
73 2023-2024 fiscal year for the same purpose.

74 (4) The department may adopt emergency rules pursuant to
75 s. 120.54, Florida Statutes, at any time, as are necessary to
76 implement this section and s. 215.5586, Florida Statutes, as
77 amended by this act. The Legislature finds that such emergency
78 rulemaking authority is necessary to address a critical need in
79 the state's problematic property insurance market. The
80 Legislature further finds that the uniquely short timeframe
81 needed to effectively implement this section for the 2022-2023
82 fiscal year requires that the department adopt rules as quickly
83 as practicable. Therefore, in adopting such emergency rules, the
84 department need not make the findings required by s.

85 120.54(4)(a), Florida Statutes. Emergency rules adopted under
86 this section are exempt from s. 120.54(4)(c), Florida Statutes,
87 and shall remain in effect until replaced by rules adopted under
88 the nonemergency rulemaking procedures of chapter 120, Florida
89 Statutes, which must occur no later than July 1, 2023.

90 (5) This section shall expire on October 1, 2024.
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Remove line 65 and insert:
in a specified way; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.;
revising homeowner eligibility criteria for mitigation
grants; amending ch. 2022-268, Laws of Florida;
increasing an appropriation; providing an effective
date.