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Senator Farmer moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 1488 and 1489

insert:

Section 22. (1) The Department of Revenue shall use the revenue from the premium tax collected under s. 624.509, Florida Statutes, to issue rebates to homeowners who have experienced residential property insurance premium increases of 15 percent or more. A homeowner is eligible if the premium for the policy year has increased by 15 percent or more over the premium for the previous policy year. By August 31, 2022, and annually



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12 thereafter, a homeowner may apply to the department for a  
13 rebate. The department may request information from the  
14 homeowner which is necessary to determine the homeowner's  
15 eligibility. If the department determines that the homeowner is  
16 eligible, the department must issue a rebate in the amount of  
17 the premium increase. If the total revenue from the premium tax  
18 is insufficient to issue rebates to all homeowners determined  
19 eligible by the department, the department shall distribute  
20 rebates proportionately based on the amounts for which each  
21 homeowner is eligible.

22 (2) The department is authorized, and all conditions are  
23 deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4),  
24 Florida Statutes, for the purpose of administering this section.

25 (3) Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted  
26 pursuant to subsection (2) are effective for 6 months after  
27 adoption and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to  
28 adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency  
29 rules.

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

32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Delete line 156

34 and insert:

35 proceedings; requiring the Department of Revenue to  
36 use the revenue from the insurance premium tax to  
37 issue rebates to certain homeowners; providing for  
38 eligibility; authorizing homeowners to apply for  
39 rebates; authorizing the department to request  
40 necessary information; requiring the department to



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41 issue rebates to eligible homeowners; providing for  
42 distribution of rebates; authorizing the department to  
43 adopt emergency rules; providing for expiration of  
44 that authority; providing for construction of the act  
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