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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Taddeo moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 676 and 677

insert:

Section 12. Subsection (5) is added to section 627.0613,
Florida Statutes, to read:

627.0613 Consumer advocate.—The Chief Financial Officer
must appoint a consumer advocate who must represent the general
public of the state before the department and the office. The
consumer advocate must report directly to the Chief Financial
Officer, but is not otherwise under the authority of the



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12 department or of any employee of the department. The consumer
13 advocate has such powers as are necessary to carry out the
14 duties of the office of consumer advocate, including, but not
15 limited to, the powers to:

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

24 Section 13. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (2) of
25 section 627.062, Florida Statutes, to read:

26 627.062 Rate standards.—

27 (2) As to all such classes of insurance:

28 (1) If the office receives a filing proposing a rate
29 increase, the office must consult with the consumer advocate in
30 its review and in making its determination regarding approval of
31 the filing.

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33 The provisions of this subsection do not apply to workers'
34 compensation, employer's liability insurance, and motor vehicle
35 insurance.

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

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Between lines 82 and 83

40 insert:



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41 amending s. 627.0613, F.S.; authorizing the insurance
42 consumer advocate to collect certain information from
43 entities issued a certificate of authority by the
44 Office of Insurance Regulation; amending s. 627.062,
45 F.S.; requiring the office to consult with the
46 insurance consumer advocate in a specified
47 circumstance;