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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

22 Section 1. Section 626.0656, Florida Statutes, is created
23 to read:

24 626.0656 Homeowners' insurance premium discounts and rating
25 protections.—

26 (1) As used in this section, the term:

27 (a) “Claim-free period” means a continuous period during
28 which a residential property insurance policy remains in force
29 and the policyholder submits no claim other than a storm-relat

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30 claim.31 (b) "Mitigation improvement" means any structural or
32 nonstructural feature, installation, or upgrade made to a
33 residential structure for the purpose of reducing windstorm or
34 hurricane damage risk, including, but not limited to, roof
35 reinforcement, opening protection, flood barriers, and tie-
36 downs.37 (c) "Residential property insurer" means an insurer
38 authorized to issue homeowners policies, dwelling fire policies,
39 or condominium unit owners policies in this state.40 (d) "Storm-related claim" means a claim arising directly
41 from a hurricane, tropical storm, tornado, or other weather
42 event declared by the National Weather Service.43 (2) (a) A residential property insurer shall provide a
44 premium reduction to a policyholder who completes a claim-free
45 period of 3 years. The premium reduction may not be less than 5
46 percent of the annual premium and must increase by an additional
47 5 percent for each consecutive claim-free year thereafter.48 (b) The premium reduction required under this subsection
49 must be applied at the next renewal following completion of the
50 claim-free period.51 (c) A storm-related claim may not be used to deny, reduce,
52 or disqualify a premium reduction provided under this
53 subsection.54 (3) (a) A residential property insurer shall provide a
55 premium reduction to a policyholder who completes a mitigation
56 improvement.57 (b) The premium reduction required under this subsection
58 must be applied at the next renewal following the completion of

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59 the mitigation improvement and must be in addition to any claim-
60 free premium reduction.

61 (c) The office shall adopt rules to implement this
62 subsection, including rules that:

63 1. Establish a list of eligible mitigation upgrades; and
64 2. Maintain a publicly accessible database of approved
65 contractors and products related to mitigation improvements.

66 (4) (a) By March 1 of each year, each residential property
67 insurer shall submit to the office a report detailing:

68 1. The number of policies receiving claim-free premium
69 reductions under subsection (2);
70 2. The number of policies receiving mitigation improvement
71 premium reductions under subsection (3);
72 3. The total amount of premium savings provided to
73 policyholders under subsections (2) and (3); and
74 4. The geographic distribution of premium reductions, by
75 county.

76 (b) The office shall compile the reports received under
77 paragraph (a) and publish an annual report on its website.

78 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 627.4133, Florida
79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 627.4133 Notice of cancellation, nonrenewal, or renewal
81 premium.—

82 (3) Claims on property insurance policies that are the
83 result of an act of God may not be used as a cause for
84 cancellation, ~~or~~ nonrenewal, or premium discount ineligibility,
85 unless the insurer can demonstrate, by claims frequency or
86 otherwise, that the insured has failed to take action reasonably
87 necessary as requested by the insurer to prevent recurrence of

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88 damage to the insured property. This subsection does not preempt
89 or prohibit a reduction in the amount of a premium discount, as
90 approved by the office, for a claim that is the result of an act
91 of God and that occurred within 24 months before the discount is
92 applied.

93 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.