

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Smith) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (155418) (with title amendment)

Between lines 244 and 245 insert:

Section 9. Paragraph (f) of subsection (7) of section 627.062, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (g), and paragraph (f) is added to that subsection, to read:

627.062 Rate standards.-

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(f) In reviewing any rate filing under this subsection, the office shall consider as part of the insurer's rate base the



insurer's loss adjustment expenses or defense and cost containment expenses only to the extent that the expenses are below or do not exceed the national average for such expenses, as determined by the office, for the prior calendar year. An insurer's loss adjustment expenses or defense and cost containment expenses in excess of the national average may not be used to justify a rate or rate change.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 700

and insert:

surgery risks if the patient form is executed; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to consider, as part of the insurer's rate base, the insurer's loss adjustment expenses or defense and cost containment expenses; providing that a rate or rate change may not be justified by an insurer's loss adjustment expenses or defense and cost containment expenses in excess of the national average;