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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 609 and 610
insert:

Section 8. Section 626.8652, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

626.8652 Public adjuster for sinkhole insurance.—Effective
July 1, 2012, a licensed public adjuster may not adjust claims
under an insurance policy covering catastrophic ground cover
collapse as provided under ss. 627.706-627.7074 unless the
adjuster is certified by the department as having completed a
sinkhole education program established by the department by rule



13 and worked for at least 1 year under the direct supervision of a
14 public adjuster certified under this section.

15 (1) The department may waive this requirement and certify
16 an adjuster who demonstrates to the department that he or she
17 has adjusted at least 500 sinkhole claims, without having been
18 subject to any disciplinary actions by the department, before
19 July 1, 2012.

20 (2) A certified public adjuster must submit to the
21 department for review a copy of any proposed advertisement to
22 the public in order to ensure that such advertisement does not
23 contain any false, misleading, or deceptive information about
24 the services to be provided by the adjuster. The department
25 shall adopt advertising standards by rule. The department may
26 charge a fee to cover the cost of reviewing such advertisements.

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

29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 After line 56

31 insert:

32 creating s. 626.8652, F.S.; requiring public adjusters
33 adjusting claims for sinkhole damage to be certified;
34 providing certification requirements; providing an
35 exemption for certain adjusters; requiring the
36 Department of Financial Services to adopt advertising
37 standards by rule and review proposed advertisements
38 by certified adjusters; authorizing the department to
39 charge a fee for such review;