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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Richter) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (261452) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 829 - 840
5 and insert:

6 Section 6. Present subsections (6) through (8) of section
7 627.711, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)
8 through (9), respectively, a new subsection (6) is added to that
9 section, and present subsection (8) of that section is amended,
10 to read:



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11 627.711 Notice of premium discounts for hurricane loss
12 mitigation; uniform mitigation verification inspection form.—

13 (6) (a) An authorized mitigation inspector may not directly
14 or indirectly offer or deliver any compensation, inducement, or
15 reward to an insurance agency, insurance agent, customer
16 representative, or an employee of an insurance agency for the
17 referral of the owner of the inspected property to the inspector
18 or the inspection company. Section 455.227(1)(k) applies to
19 applicable licensees in violation of this paragraph.

20 (b) An insurance agency, insurance agent, customer
21 representative, or an employee of an insurance agency may not
22 directly or indirectly receive or accept any compensation,
23 inducement, or reward from an authorized mitigation inspector
24 for the referral of the owner of the inspected property to the
25 inspector or the inspection company. Sections 626.621(2) and
26 626.6215(5)(d) apply to a violation of this paragraph.

27 (9) ~~(8)~~ At its expense, the insurer may require that a
28 uniform mitigation verification form provided by a policyholder,
29 a policyholder's agent, or an authorized mitigation inspector or
30 inspection company be independently verified by an inspector, an
31 inspection company, or an independent third-party quality
32 assurance provider that ~~which~~ possesses a quality assurance
33 program before accepting the uniform mitigation verification
34 form as valid. At its option, the insurer may exempt from
35 independent verification a uniform mitigation verification form
36 completed by an authorized mitigation inspector or inspection
37 company that possesses a quality assurance program approved by
38 the insurer. A uniform mitigation verification form provided by
39 a policyholder, a policyholder's agent, or an authorized



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40 mitigation inspector or inspection company to Citizens Property
41 Insurance Corporation is not subject to independent verification
42 and the property is not subject to reinspection by the
43 corporation, absent material changes to the structure during the
44 term stated on the form, if the form was signed by an authorized
45 mitigation inspector and submitted to, reviewed by, and verified
46 by a quality assurance program approved by the corporation
47 before submission of the form to the corporation.

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

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete lines 48 - 50

52 and insert:

53 627.711, F.S.; prohibiting a mitigation inspector from
54 offering or delivering compensation, and an insurance
55 agency, agent, customer representative, or employee
56 from accepting compensation for referring an owner to
57 the inspector or inspection company; authorizing an
58 insurer to exempt a uniform mitigation verification
59 form from independent verification under certain
60 circumstances; providing that the form provided to the
61 corporation is not subject to verification and the
62 property is not subject to reinspection under certain
63 circumstances;