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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/17/2015

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 69 - 92

and insert:

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5 assessments have been recovered by the title insurers that wrote 6 policies in the state during the previous calendar year. Any 7 surcharges collected by a title insurer in excess of the total 8 amount it was assessed for aggregate assessments shall be paid

9 quarterly to the receiver to be maintained in the excess

10 surcharge account by the receiver. Excess surcharges may be used

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11	by the receiver for the following purposes only:
12	(a) To reduce or eliminate the amount of a future
13	assessment for a title insurer that is in receivership at the
14	time of the assessment or that later enters receivership; or
15	(b) To reduce the amount of time that consumers in the
16	state are subject to surcharges by transferring excess
17	surcharges to title insurers that have not fully collected
18	surcharges equal to the amount of the aggregate assessments paid
19	by title insurers pursuant to s. 631.400.
20	(7) In conjunction with the filing of each quarterly
21	financial statement, each title insurer shall provide the office
22	with an accounting of assessments paid and surcharges collected
23	during the period.
24	(8) If the receiver has no active title insurer
25	receiverships for 12 consecutive months or if there have been no
26	payable claims against any title insurer receivership for 60
27	consecutive months, all excess surcharges held by the receiver
28	under this section Any surcharges collected in excess of the
29	amount assessed shall be paid <u>into</u> to the Insurance Regulatory
30	Trust Fund.
31	(9) The Financial Services Commission may adopt rules
32	specifying procedures for the collection, use, and transfer of
33	surcharges, including excess surcharges.
34	(10) The department may adopt rules specifying procedures
35	for claiming, distributing, and using excess surcharge account
36	funds held by the receiver under this section and for the
37	purposes specified in subsection (6).
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40	And the title is amended as follows:
41	Delete lines 10 - 11
42	and insert:
43	authorizing the Financial Services Commission and the
44	Department of Financial Services to adopt rules for
45	certain purposes; providing an