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LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 01/26/2016

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

- Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and subsection (3) of section 626.785, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 626.785 Qualifications for license.-
- (1) The department shall not grant or issue a license as life agent to any individual found by it to be untrustworthy or incompetent, or who does not meet the following qualifications:

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- (d) Must not be a funeral director or direct disposer, or an employee or representative thereof, or have an office in, or in connection with, a funeral establishment, except that a funeral establishment may contract with a life insurance agent to sell a preneed contract as defined in s. 497.005. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, such insurance agent may sell limited policies of insurance covering the expense of final disposition or burial of an insured in the amount of \$21,000 $\frac{$12,500}{}$, plus an annual percentage increase based on the Annual Consumer Price Index compiled by the United States Department of Labor, beginning with the Annual Consumer Price Index announced by the United States Department of Labor for the year 2016 $\frac{2003}{1}$.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, a funeral director, a direct disposer, or an employee of a funeral establishment that holds a certificate of authority pursuant to s. 497.452 may obtain an agent's license to sell only policies of life insurance covering the expense of a prearrangement for funeral services or merchandise so as to provide funds at the time the services and merchandise are needed. The face amount of insurance covered by any such policy shall not exceed \$21,000 \$12,500, plus an annual percentage increase based on the Annual Consumer Price Index compiled by the United States Department of Labor, beginning with the Annual Consumer Price Index announced by the United States Department of Labor for 2016 2003.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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========= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ====== And the title is amended as follows:

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Delete everything before the enacting clause 41 and insert: A bill to be entitled 42 An act relating to life insurers; amending s. 626.785, 43 44 F.S.; revising amounts of coverage of certain life 45 insurance policies that may be sold by specified 46 persons; revising the version of the Annual Consumer Price Index used as a basis for calculating certain 47 annual percentage increases in specified policies; 48

providing an effective date.