House

Florida Senate - 2023 Bill No. CS for SB 418

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/07/2023

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Perry) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 161 - 188

and insert:

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Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 627.701, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (a) of that subsection is republished, to read:

627.701 Liability of insureds; coinsurance; deductibles.-(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,prior to issuing a personal lines residential property insurance

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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11 policy, the insurer must offer alternative deductible amounts 12 applicable to hurricane losses equal to \$500, 2 percent, 5 percent, and 10 percent of the policy dwelling limits, unless 13 14 the specific percentage deductible is less than \$500. The written notice of the offer shall specify the hurricane 15 deductible to be applied in the event that the applicant or 16 17 policyholder fails to affirmatively choose a hurricane 18 deductible. The insurer must provide such policyholder with 19 notice of the availability of the deductible amounts specified 20 in this subsection in a form approved by the office in 21 conjunction with each renewal of the policy. The failure to 22 provide such notice constitutes a violation of this code but 23 does not affect the coverage provided under the policy.

(d) For the following policies, the following alternative deductible amounts are authorized:

1. With respect to a policy covering a risk with dwelling limits of \$250,000 or more, but less than \$1 million, the insurer need not offer the \$500 hurricane deductible as required by paragraph (a), but must, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, offer the other hurricane deductibles as required by paragraph (a).

2. With respect to a policy covering a risk with dwelling limits of \$1 million or more, but less than \$3 million, the insurer may, in lieu of offering the 2 percent deductible as required by paragraph (a), offer a deductible amount applicable to hurricane losses equal to 3 percent of the policy dwelling 37 limits.

38 3. With respect to a policy covering a risk with dwelling 39 limits of \$3 million or more, the insurer need not offer the

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40	\$500 or 2 percent deductibles as required by paragraph (a), but
41	must, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, offer the
42	other hurricane deductibles as required by paragraph (a).
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45	And the title is amended as follows:
46	Delete lines 25 - 29
47	and insert:
48	revising and specifying alternative hurricane
49	deductible amounts for personal lines residential
50	property insurance policies covering risks with
51	specified dwelling limits; amending s. 627.712,

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