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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

14                   Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) and subsection  
15 (3) of section 215.5586, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
16                   215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is established  
17 within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida  
18 Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal  
19 accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership  
20 for the program, consistent with this section. This section does  
21 not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the  
22 state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of  
23 residential property in this state. Implementation of this  
24 program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is  
25 the intent of the Legislature that, subject to the availability  
26 of funds, the My Safe Florida Home Program provide licensed  
27 inspectors to perform hurricane mitigation inspections of  
28 eligible homes and grants to fund hurricane mitigation projects  
29 on those homes. The department shall implement the program in

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30 such a manner that the total amount of funding requested by  
31 accepted applications, whether for inspections, grants, or other  
32 services or assistance, does not exceed the total amount of  
33 available funds. If, after applications are processed and  
34 approved, funds remain available, the department may accept  
35 applications up to the available amount. The program shall  
36 develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach  
37 for hurricane damage mitigation pursuant to the requirements  
38 provided in this section.

39 (2) HURRICANE MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants shall be  
40 used by homeowners to make improvements recommended by an  
41 inspection which increase resistance to hurricane damage.

42 (j) A homeowner who receives a grant shall finalize  
43 construction and request a final inspection, or request an  
44 extension for an additional 6 months, within 1 year after grant  
45 approval. If a homeowner fails to comply with this paragraph,  
46 his or her application is deemed abandoned and the grant money  
47 reverts to the department. The department must notify the  
48 applicant if an application is deemed abandoned. If the  
49 applicant responds to such notification within 5 business days  
50 and demonstrates good cause for the failure to comply with this  
51 paragraph, the applicant may submit a subsequent grant  
52 application.

53 (3) REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.—The department may request  
54 that an applicant provide additional information. An application  
55 is deemed withdrawn by the applicant if the department does not  
56 receive a response to its request for additional information  
57 within 60 days after the notification of any apparent error or  
58 omission. The department must notify the applicant if an

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59 application has been deemed withdrawn. If the applicant responds  
60 to such notification within 5 business days, demonstrates good  
61 cause for any error or omission, and corrects the error or  
62 omission in that time period, the application may not be deemed  
63 withdrawn.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.