

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5367

LCO No. **1951**

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: (INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE POLICIES AND COVERAGE FOR THE PERIL OF COLLAPSE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) Each insurance company 2 that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or endorses a 3 homeowners insurance policy in this state on or after October 1, 2020, 4 shall provide coverage for:

5 (1) The peril of collapse, which shall include, but need not be limited 6 to, impairment of the structural integrity of all or part of the covered 7 dwelling, where such impairment arises from factors including, but not 8 limited to, (A) decay of a building, or any part of a building that is 9 hidden from view, or (B) defective materials or construction methods 10 used in the construction or renovation of a building or any part of a 11 building; and

(2) Mitigation that is undertaken to prevent all or part of the covereddwelling from falling down or caving in.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2020	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require homeowners insurance policies to provide coverage for the peril of collapse and mitigation undertaken to prevent all or part of the covered dwelling from falling down or caving in.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]