1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe 3 Fund; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; revising the 4 definitions of the terms "covered policy," 5 "retention," and "corporation"; providing for 6 calculation of an insurer's reimbursement premium and 7 retention under the reimbursement contract; revising 8 coverage levels available under the reimbursement 9 contract; revising aggregate coverage limits; providing for the phase-in of changes to coverage 10 11 levels and limits; changing the name of the Florida 12 Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation; amending s. 215.555, F.S.; deleting provisions 13 relating to temporary emergency options for additional 14 15 coverage; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; providing for recoupment of certain costs of reinsurance; amending 16 17 s. 627.0629, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; 18 providing effective dates. 19 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 21 22 Section 1. Effective June 1, 2013, paragraphs (c), (e), 23 and (n) of subsection (2), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection 24 (4), and paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 215.555, 25 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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"Covered policy" means any insurance policy covering

215.555 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.-

DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

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residential property in this state, including, but not limited to, any homeowner's, mobile home owner's, farm owner's, condominium association, condominium unit owner's, tenant's, or apartment building policy, or any other policy covering a residential structure or its contents issued by any authorized insurer, including a commercial self-insurance fund holding a certificate of authority issued by the Office of Insurance Regulation under s. 624.462, the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation and any joint underwriting association or similar entity created under law. The term "covered policy" includes any collateral protection insurance policy covering personal residences which protects both the borrower's and the lender's financial interests, in an amount at least equal to the coverage for the dwelling in place under the lapsed homeowner's policy, if such policy can be accurately reported as required in subsection (5). Additionally, covered policies include policies covering the peril of wind removed from the Florida Residential Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association or from the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, created under s. 627.351(6), or from the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association, created under s. 627.351(2), by an authorized insurer under the terms and conditions of an executed assumption agreement between the authorized insurer and such association or Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. Each assumption agreement between the association and such authorized insurer or Citizens Property Insurance Corporation must be approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation before the effective date of the assumption, and the Office of Insurance Regulation must provide

written notification to the board within 15 working days after such approval. "Covered policy" does not include any policy that excludes wind coverage or hurricane coverage or any reinsurance agreement and does not include any policy otherwise meeting this definition which is issued by a surplus lines insurer or a reinsurer. All commercial residential excess policies and all deductible buy-back policies that, based on sound actuarial principles, require individual ratemaking shall be excluded by rule if the actuarial soundness of the fund is not jeopardized. For this purpose, the term "excess policy" means a policy that provides insurance protection for large commercial property risks and that provides a layer of coverage above a primary layer insured by another insurer.

- (e) "Retention" means the amount of losses below which an insurer is not entitled to reimbursement from the fund. An insurer's retention shall be calculated as follows:
- 1.a. The board shall calculate and report to each insurer the retention multiples for that year. For the contract year beginning June 1, 2005, the retention multiple shall be equal to \$4.5 billion divided by the total estimated reimbursement premium for the contract year; for subsequent years, the retention multiple shall be equal to \$4.5 billion, adjusted based upon the reported exposure for the contract year occurring 2 years before the particular contract year to reflect the percentage growth in exposure to the fund for covered policies since 2004, divided by the total estimated reimbursement premium for the contract year. Total reimbursement premium for purposes of the calculation under this subparagraph shall be estimated

using the assumption that all insurers have selected the 90percent coverage level.

- b. In order to implement the phase-in of reduced coverage levels as provided in paragraph (4)(b), total reimbursement premium for purposes of the calculation under this subparagraph shall be estimated using the following assumptions:
- (I) For the 2013-2014 contract year, the assumption is that all insurers have selected the 90 percent coverage level.
- (II) For the 2014-2015 contract year, the assumption is that all insurers have selected the 85 percent coverage level.
- (III) For the 2015-2016 contract year, the assumption is that all insurers have selected the 80 percent coverage level.
- (IV) For the 2016-2017 contract year and subsequent contract years, the assumption is that all insurers have selected the 75 percent coverage level.
- The retention multiple as determined under subparagraph
 shall be adjusted to reflect the coverage level elected by
 the insurer.
- a. For an insurer electing the maximum coverage level available under paragraph (4)(b) for a particular contract year For insurers electing the 90-percent coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is 100 percent of the amount determined under subparagraph 1.
- b. In order to implement the phase-in of reduced coverage levels as provided in paragraph (4)(b), for an insurer electing a coverage level other than the maximum coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is as follows:
 - (I) With respect to the 2013-2014 contract year, for an

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<u>insurer</u> For insurers electing the 75-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 90/75ths 120 percent of the amount determined under subparagraph 1., and for an insurer For insurers electing the 45-percent coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is 90/45ths 200 percent of the amount determined under subparagraph 1.

- (II) With respect to the 2014-2015 contract year, for an insurer electing the 75-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 85/75ths of the amount determined under subparagraph 1., and for an insurer electing the 45-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 85/45ths of the amount determined under subparagraph 1.
- (III) With respect to the 2015-2016 contract year, for an insurer electing the 75-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 80/75ths of the amount determined under subparagraph 1., and for an insurer electing the 45-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 80/45ths of the amount determined under subparagraph 1.
- (IV) With respect to the 2016-2017 contract year and subsequent contract years, for an insurer electing the 45-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 75/45ths of the amount determined under subparagraph 1.
- 3. An insurer shall determine its provisional retention by multiplying its provisional reimbursement premium by the applicable adjusted retention multiple and shall determine its actual retention by multiplying its actual reimbursement premium by the applicable adjusted retention multiple.
 - 4. For insurers who experience multiple covered events

causing loss during the contract year, beginning June 1, 2005, each insurer's full retention shall be applied to each of the covered events causing the two largest losses for that insurer. For each other covered event resulting in losses, the insurer's retention shall be reduced to one-third of the full retention. The reimbursement contract shall provide for the reimbursement of losses for each covered event based on the full retention with adjustments made to reflect the reduced retentions on or after January 1 of the contract year provided the insurer reports its losses as specified in the reimbursement contract.

- (n) "Corporation" means the <u>State Board of Administration</u> Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation created in paragraph (6)(d).
 - (4) REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS.-

- (b)1.a. The contract shall contain a promise by the board to reimburse the insurer for a specified percentage 45 percent, $\frac{75 \text{ percent}}{75 \text{ percent}}$ of its losses from each covered event in excess of the insurer's retention, plus $\frac{10}{5}$ percent of the reimbursed losses to cover loss adjustment expenses.
 - b. The available coverage levels are as follows:
- (I) For the 2013-2014 contract year, 90 percent, 75 percent, and 45 percent.
- (II) For the 2014-2015 contract year, 85 percent, 75 percent, and 45 percent.
 - (III) For the 2015-2016 contract year, 80 percent, 75 percent, and 45 percent.
 - (IV) For the 2016-2017 contract year and subsequent contract years, 75 percent and 45 percent.

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2.a. The insurer must elect one of the percentage coverage levels specified in this paragraph and may, upon renewal of a reimbursement contract, elect a lower percentage coverage level if no revenue bonds issued under subsection (6) after a covered event are outstanding, or elect a higher percentage coverage level, regardless of whether or not revenue bonds are outstanding. All members of an insurer group must elect the same percentage coverage level. Any joint underwriting association, risk apportionment plan, or other entity created under s. 627.351 must elect the maximum 90-percent coverage level available under subparagraph 1.

- b. In order to implement the phase-in of reduced coverage levels as provided in subparagraph 1., and notwithstanding any provisions of sub-subparagraph a. to the contrary, if revenue bonds issued under subsection (6) after a covered event are outstanding and the insurer has elected the maximum coverage level available under subparagraph 1., the insurer must, upon renewal of the reimbursement contract, elect the maximum coverage level available under subparagraph 1. for the renewal contract year.
- 3. The contract shall provide that reimbursement amounts shall not be reduced by reinsurance paid or payable to the insurer from other sources.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this section, the board shall make available to insurers that purchased coverage provided by this subparagraph in 2008, insurers qualifying as limited apportionment companies under s. 627.351(6)(c), and insurers that have been approved to

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participate in the Insurance Capital Build-Up Incentive Program pursuant to s. 215.5595 a contract or contract addendum that provides an additional amount of reimbursement coverage of up to \$10 million. The premium to be charged for this additional reimbursement coverage shall be 50 percent of the additional reimbursement coverage provided, which shall include one prepaid reinstatement. The minimum retention level that an eligible participating insurer must retain associated with this additional coverage layer is 30 percent of the insurer's surplus as of December 31, 2008, for the 2009-2010 contract year; as of December 31, 2009, for the 2010-2011 contract year; and as of December 31, 2010, for the 2011-2012 contract year. This coverage shall be in addition to all other coverage that may be provided under this section. The coverage provided by the fund under this subparagraph shall be in addition to the claimspaying capacity as defined in subparagraph (c)1., but only with respect to those insurers that select the additional coverage option and meet the requirements of this subparagraph. The claims-paying capacity with respect to all other participating insurers and limited apportionment companies that do not select the additional coverage option shall be limited to their reimbursement premium's proportionate share of the actual claims-paying capacity otherwise defined in subparagraph (c) 1. and as provided for under the terms of the reimbursement contract. The optional coverage retention as specified shall be accessed before the mandatory coverage under the reimbursement contract, but once the limit of coverage selected under this option is exhausted, the insurer's retention under the mandatory

coverage will apply. This coverage will apply and be paid concurrently with mandatory coverage. This subparagraph expires on May 31, 2012.

- (c)1. The contract shall also provide that the obligation of the board with respect to all contracts covering a particular contract year shall not exceed the actual claims-paying capacity of the fund up to the limit specified in this subparagraph.
- 232 <u>a. For the 2013-2014 contract year, the limit is \$17</u> 233 billion.

- b. For the 2014-2015 contract year, the limit is \$16 billion.
 - $\underline{\text{c.}}$ For the 2015-2016 contract year, the limit is \$15 billion.
 - d. For the 2016-2017 contract year and subsequent contract years, the limit is \$14 billion.
 - e. For contract years after the 2016-2017 contract year, if a limit of \$17 billion for that contract year, unless the board determines that there is sufficient estimated claims-paying capacity to provide $\frac{$14}{$17}$ billion of capacity for the current contract year and an additional $\frac{$14}{$17}$ billion of capacity for subsequent contract years. If the board makes such a determination, the estimated claims-paying capacity for the particular contract year shall be determined by adding to the $\frac{$14}{$17}$ billion limit one-half of the fund's estimated claims-paying capacity in excess of $\frac{$28}{$34}$ billion. However, the dollar growth in the limit may not increase in any year by an amount greater than the dollar growth of the balance of the fund as of December 31, less any premiums or interest attributable to

optional coverage, as defined by rule which occurred over the prior calendar year.

- In May and October of the contract year, the board shall publish in the Florida Administrative Weekly a statement of the fund's estimated borrowing capacity, the fund's estimated claims-paying capacity, and the projected balance of the fund as of December 31. After the end of each calendar year, the board shall notify insurers of the estimated borrowing capacity, estimated claims-paying capacity, and the balance of the fund as of December 31 to provide insurers with data necessary to assist them in determining their retention and projected payout from the fund for loss reimbursement purposes. In conjunction with the development of the premium formula, as provided for in subsection (5), the board shall publish factors or multiples that assist insurers in determining their retention and projected payout for the next contract year. For all regulatory and reinsurance purposes, an insurer may calculate its projected payout from the fund as its share of the total fund premium for the current contract year multiplied by the sum of the projected balance of the fund as of December 31 and the estimated borrowing capacity for that contract year as reported under this subparagraph.
 - (6) REVENUE BONDS.—

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- (d) <u>State Board of Administration</u> Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.—
- 1. In addition to the findings and declarations in subsection (1), the Legislature also finds and declares that:
 - a. The public benefits corporation created under this

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paragraph will provide a mechanism necessary for the costeffective and efficient issuance of bonds. This mechanism will
eliminate unnecessary costs in the bond issuance process,
thereby increasing the amounts available to pay reimbursement
for losses to property sustained as a result of hurricane
damage.

- b. The purpose of such bonds is to fund reimbursements through the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to pay for the costs of construction, reconstruction, repair, restoration, and other costs associated with damage to properties of policyholders of covered policies due to the occurrence of a hurricane.
- c. The efficacy of the financing mechanism will be enhanced by the corporation's ownership of the assessments, by the insulation of the assessments from possible bankruptcy proceedings, and by covenants of the state with the corporation's bondholders.
- 2.a. There is created a public benefits corporation, which is an instrumentality of the state, to be known as the State
 Board of Administration
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 Finance Corporation.
- b. The corporation shall operate under a five-member board of directors consisting of the Governor or a designee, the Chief Financial Officer or a designee, the Attorney General or a designee, the director of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration, and the Chief Operating Officer senior employee of the State Board of Administration responsible for operations of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

c. The corporation has all of the powers of corporations under chapter 607 and under chapter 617, subject only to the provisions of this subsection.

- d. The corporation may issue bonds and engage in such other financial transactions as are necessary to provide sufficient funds to achieve the purposes of this section.
- e. The corporation may invest in any of the investments authorized under s. 215.47.
- f. There shall be no liability on the part of, and no cause of action shall arise against, any board members or employees of the corporation for any actions taken by them in the performance of their duties under this paragraph.
- 3.a. In actions under chapter 75 to validate any bonds issued by the corporation, the notice required by s. 75.06 shall be published in two newspapers of general circulation in the state, and the complaint and order of the court shall be served only on the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit.
- b. The state hereby covenants with holders of bonds of the corporation that the state will not repeal or abrogate the power of the board to direct the Office of Insurance Regulation to levy the assessments and to collect the proceeds of the revenues pledged to the payment of such bonds as long as any such bonds remain outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing the issuance of such bonds.
- 4. The bonds of the corporation are not a debt of the state or of any political subdivision, and neither the state nor any political subdivision is liable on such bonds. The

corporation does not have the power to pledge the credit, the revenues, or the taxing power of the state or of any political subdivision. The credit, revenues, or taxing power of the state or of any political subdivision shall not be deemed to be pledged to the payment of any bonds of the corporation.

- 5.a. The property, revenues, and other assets of the corporation; the transactions and operations of the corporation and the income from such transactions and operations; and all bonds issued under this paragraph and interest on such bonds are exempt from taxation by the state and any political subdivision, including the intangibles tax under chapter 199 and the income tax under chapter 220. This exemption does not apply to any tax imposed by chapter 220 on interest, income, or profits on debt obligations owned by corporations other than the State Board of Administration Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.
- b. All bonds of the corporation shall be and constitute legal investments without limitation for all public bodies of this state; for all banks, trust companies, savings banks, savings associations, savings and loan associations, and investment companies; for all administrators, executors, trustees, and other fiduciaries; for all insurance companies and associations and other persons carrying on an insurance business; and for all other persons who are now or may hereafter be authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of the state and shall be and constitute eligible securities to be deposited as collateral for the security of any state, county, municipal, or other public funds. This sub-subparagraph shall be

considered as additional and supplemental authority and shall not be limited without specific reference to this subsubparagraph.

- 6. The corporation and its corporate existence shall continue until terminated by law; however, no such law shall take effect as long as the corporation has bonds outstanding unless adequate provision has been made for the payment of such bonds pursuant to the documents authorizing the issuance of such bonds. Upon termination of the existence of the corporation, all of its rights and properties in excess of its obligations shall pass to and be vested in the state.
- 7. The State Board of Administration Finance Corporation is for all purposes the successor to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Finance Corporation.
- Section 2. Effective June 1, 2013, subsections (17) and (18) of section 215.555, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (16) and (17), respectively, and present subsection (16) of that section is amended to read:
 - 215.555 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.-
 - (16) TEMPORARY EMERGENCY OPTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL COVERAGE.
- 385 (a) Findings and intent.

- 386 1. The Legislature finds that:
 - a. Because of temporary disruptions in the market for catastrophic reinsurance, many property insurers were unable to procure reinsurance for the 2006 hurricane season with an attachment point below the insurers' respective Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund attachment points, were unable to procure sufficient amounts of such reinsurance, or were able to

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procure such reinsurance only by incurring substantially higher costs than in prior years.

b. The reinsurance market problems were responsible, at least in part, for substantial premium increases to many consumers and increases in the number of policies issued by the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation.

c. It is likely that the reinsurance market disruptions will not significantly abate prior to the 2007 hurricane season.

2. It is the intent of the Legislature to create a temporary emergency program, applicable to the 2007, 2008, and 2009 hurricane seasons, to address these market disruptions and enable insurers, at their option, to procure additional coverage from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

(b) Applicability of other provisions of this section.—All provisions of this section and the rules adopted under this section apply to the program created by this subsection unless specifically superseded by this subsection.

(c) Optional coverage.—For the contract year commencing June 1, 2007, and ending May 31, 2008, the contract year commencing June 1, 2008, and ending May 31, 2009, and the contract year commencing June 1, 2009, and ending May 31, 2010, the board shall offer for each of such years the optional coverage as provided in this subsection.

(d) Additional definitions.—As used in this subsection, the term:

1. "TEACO options" means the temporary emergency additional coverage options created under this subsection.

2. "TEACO insurer" means an insurer that has opted to

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obtain coverage under the TEACO options in addition to the coverage provided to the insurer under its reimbursement contract.

- 3. "TEACO reimbursement premium" means the premium charged by the fund for coverage provided under the TEACO options.
- 4. "TEACO retention" means the amount of losses below which a TEACO insurer is not entitled to reimbursement from the fund under the TEACO option selected. A TEACO insurer's retention options shall be calculated as follows:
- a. The board shall calculate and report to each TEACO insurer the TEACO retention multiples. There shall be three TEACO retention multiples for defining coverage. Each multiple shall be calculated by dividing \$3 billion, \$4 billion, or \$5 billion by the total estimated mandatory FHCF reimbursement premium assuming all insurers selected the 90-percent coverage level.
- b. The TEACO retention multiples as determined under subsubparagraph a. shall be adjusted to reflect the coverage level elected by the insurer. For insurers electing the 90-percent coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is 100 percent of the amount determined under sub-subparagraph a. For insurers electing the 75-percent coverage level, the retention multiple is 120 percent of the amount determined under sub-subparagraph a. For insurers electing the 45-percent coverage level, the adjusted retention multiple is 200 percent of the amount determined under sub-subparagraph a.
- c. An insurer shall determine its provisional TEACO retention by multiplying its estimated mandatory FHCF

reimbursement premium by the applicable adjusted TEACO retention multiple and shall determine its actual TEACO retention by multiplying its actual mandatory FHCF reimbursement premium by the applicable adjusted TEACO retention multiple.

- d. For TEACO insurers who experience multiple covered events causing loss during the contract year, the insurer's full TEACO retention shall be applied to each of the covered events causing the two largest losses for that insurer. For other covered events resulting in losses, the TEACO option does not apply and the insurer's retention shall be one-third of the full retention as calculated under paragraph (2)(e).
- 5. "TEACO addendum" means an addendum to the reimbursement contract reflecting the obligations of the fund and TEACO insurers under the program created by this subsection.
 - 6. "FHCF" means the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.
 (e) TEACO addendum.
- 1. The TEACO addendum shall provide for reimbursement of TEACO insurers for covered events occurring during the contract year, in exchange for the TEACO reimbursement premium paid into the fund under paragraph (f). Any insurer writing covered policies has the option of choosing to accept the TEACO addendum for any of the 3 contract years that the coverage is offered.
- 2. The TEACO addendum shall contain a promise by the board to reimburse the TEACO insurer for 45 percent, 75 percent, or 90 percent of its losses from each covered event in excess of the insurer's TEACO retention, plus 5 percent of the reimbursed losses to cover loss adjustment expenses. The percentage shall be the same as the coverage level selected by the insurer under

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3. The TEACO addendum shall provide that reimbursement amounts shall not be reduced by reinsurance paid or payable to the insurer from other sources.

4. The TEACO addendum shall also provide that the obligation of the board with respect to all TEACO addenda shall not exceed an amount equal to two times the difference between the industry retention level calculated under paragraph (2) (e) and the \$3 billion, \$4 billion, or \$5 billion industry TEACO retention level options actually selected, but in no event may the board's obligation exceed the actual claims-paying capacity of the fund plus the additional capacity created in paragraph (g). If the actual claims-paying capacity and the additional capacity created under paragraph (g) fall short of the board's obligations under the reimbursement contract, each insurer's share of the fund's capacity shall be prorated based on the premium an insurer pays for its mandatory reimbursement coverage and the premium paid for its optional TEACO coverage as each such premium bears to the total premiums paid to the fund times the available capacity.

5. The priorities, schedule, and method of reimbursements under the TEACO addendum shall be the same as provided under subsection (4).

6. A TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single event shall be equal to the product of multiplying its mandatory FHCF premium by the difference between its FHCF retention multiple and its TEACO retention multiple under the TEACO option selected and by the coverage selected under paragraph (4)(b),

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plus an additional 5 percent for loss adjustment expenses. A

TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement under the TEACO option

selected for a TEACO insurer's two largest events shall be twice

its maximum reimbursement for a single event.

(f) TEACO reimbursement premiums.-

1. Each TEACO insurer shall pay to the fund, in the manner and at the time provided in the reimbursement contract for payment of reimbursement premiums, a TEACO reimbursement premium calculated as specified in this paragraph.

2. The insurer's TEACO reimbursement premium associated with the \$3 billion retention option shall be equal to 85 percent of a TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single event as calculated under subparagraph (e) 6. The TEACO reimbursement premium associated with the \$4 billion retention option shall be equal to 80 percent of a TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single event as calculated under subparagraph (e) 6. The TEACO premium associated with the \$5 billion retention option shall be equal to 75 percent of a TEACO insurer's maximum reimbursement for a single event as calculated under subparagraph (e) 6.

(g) Effect on claims-paying capacity of the fund. For the contract term commencing June 1, 2007, the contract year commencing June 1, 2008, and the contract term beginning June 1, 2009, the program created by this subsection shall increase the claims-paying capacity of the fund as provided in subparagraph (4) (c)1. by an amount equal to two times the difference between the industry retention level calculated under paragraph (2) (e) and the \$3 billion industry TEACO retention level specified in

sub-subparagraph (d) 4.a. The additional capacity shall apply only to the additional coverage provided by the TEACO option and shall not otherwise affect any insurer's reimbursement from the fund.

Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 627.062, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.062 Rate standards.-

(5) With respect to a rate filing involving coverage of the type for which the insurer is required to pay a reimbursement premium to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, the insurer may fully recoup in its property insurance premiums any reimbursement premiums paid to the fund, together with reasonable costs of other reinsurance; however, except as otherwise provided in this section, the insurer may not recoup reinsurance costs that duplicate coverage provided by the fund. An insurer may not recoup more than 1 year of reimbursement premium at a time. Any under-recoupment from the prior year may be added to the following year's reimbursement premium, and any over-recoupment must be subtracted from the following year's reimbursement premium.

Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 627.0629, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.0629 Residential property insurance; rate filings.-

(5) In order to provide an appropriate transition period, an insurer may implement an approved rate filing for residential property insurance over a period of years. Such insurer must provide an informational notice to the office setting out its schedule for implementation of the phased-in rate filing. The

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insurer may include in its rate the actual cost of private market reinsurance that corresponds to available coverage of the Temporary Increase in Coverage Limits, TICL, from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund. The insurer may also include the cost of reinsurance to replace the TICL reduction implemented pursuant to s. $\underline{215.555(16)(d)9.}$ $\underline{215.555(17)(d)9.}$ However, this cost for reinsurance may not include any expense or profit load or result in a total annual base rate increase in excess of 10 percent.

Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.