

## CHAPTER 2012-92

### House Bill No. 4061

An act relating to a uniform home grading scale; repealing s. 215.55865, F.S., relating to the required adoption by the Financial Services Commission of a uniform home grading scale to grade the ability of a home to withstand the wind load from certain tropical storms or hurricanes; amending s. 215.5586, F.S., to conform; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 215.55865, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 215.5586, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.5586 My Safe Florida Home Program.—There is established within the Department of Financial Services the My Safe Florida Home Program. The department shall provide fiscal accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership for the program, consistent with this section. This section does not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential property in this state. Implementation of this program is subject to annual legislative appropriations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the My Safe Florida Home Program provide trained and certified inspectors to perform inspections for owners of site-built, single-family, residential properties and grants to eligible applicants as funding allows. The program shall develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach for hurricane damage mitigation that may include the following:

#### (1) HURRICANE MITIGATION INSPECTIONS.—

(a) Certified inspectors to provide home-retrofit inspections of site-built, single-family, residential property may be offered to determine what mitigation measures are needed, what insurance premium discounts may be available, and what improvements to existing residential properties are needed to reduce the property's vulnerability to hurricane damage. The Department of Financial Services shall contract with wind certification entities to provide hurricane mitigation inspections. The inspections provided to homeowners, at a minimum, must include:

1. A home inspection and report that summarizes the results and identifies recommended improvements a homeowner may take to mitigate hurricane damage.

2. A range of cost estimates regarding the recommended mitigation improvements.

3. Insurer-specific information regarding premium discounts correlated to the current mitigation features and the recommended mitigation improvements identified by the inspection.

~~4.— A hurricane resistance rating scale specifying the home’s current as well as projected wind resistance capabilities. As soon as practical, the rating scale must be the uniform home grading scale adopted by the Financial Services Commission pursuant to s. 215.55865.~~

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor April 6, 2012.

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