CHAPTER 2024-215

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1049

An act relating to flood disclosure in the sale of real property; creating s. 689.302, F.S.; requiring a seller of residential real property to provide specified information to a prospective purchaser at or before the sales contract is executed; specifying how such information must be disclosed; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 689.302, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

689.302 Disclosure of flood risks to prospective purchaser.—A seller must complete and provide a flood disclosure to a purchaser of residential real property at or before the time the sales contract is executed. The flood disclosure must be made in the following form:

FLOOD DISCLOSURE

Flood Insurance: Homeowners' insurance policies do not include coverage for damage resulting from floods. Buyer is encouraged to discuss the need to purchase separate flood insurance coverage with Buyer's insurance agent.

(1) Seller has has not filed a claim with an insurance provider relating to flood damage on the property, including, but not limited to, a claim with the National Flood Insurance Program.

(2) Seller has has not received federal assistance for flood damage to the property, including, but not limited to, assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(3) For the purposes of this disclosure, the term "flooding" means a general or temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of the property caused by any of the following:

(a) The overflow of inland or tidal waters.

(b) The unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff or surface waters from any established water source, such as a river, stream, or drainage <u>ditch.</u>

(c) Sustained periods of standing water resulting from rainfall.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

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