



## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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Florida Office of Insurance Regulation

Kevin M. McCarty, Commissioner

### To All Property and Casualty Insurers in the State of Florida

#### Premium Discounts for Hurricane Loss Mitigation

During the 2005 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 1486 creating Section 627.711, Florida Statutes, titled "Notice of premium discounts for hurricane loss mitigation."

Section 627.711, Florida Statutes: Using a form prescribed by the Office of Insurance Regulation (Office), the insurer **shall** at the issuance of a new policy and at each renewal, clearly notify the applicant or policyholder of any personal lines residential property insurance policy of the availability and the range of each premium discount, credit, other rate differential, or reduction in deductibles for properties on which fixtures or construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the amount of loss in a windstorm can or have been installed or implemented. The prescribed form shall describe generally what actions the policyholders may be able to take to reduce their windstorm premium. The prescribed form, and a list of such ranges approved by the Office for each insurer licensed in the state and providing such discounts, credits, other rate differentials, or reductions in deductibles for properties described in this subsection, shall be available for electronic viewing and download from the Department of Financial Services or the Office Internet website. The Financial Services Commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

The aforementioned form is available on the Office website at [http://www.floir.com/HotTopics\\_Other.htm](http://www.floir.com/HotTopics_Other.htm). The Office has initiated the Rule Making Process to adopt this form. The Office has held both a Rule workshop and a Rule Hearing.

There is an example of a partially completed form on the aforementioned website for insurers who have filed and adopted the credits published by the Office. For insurers that have adopted the Insurance Service Office (ISO) credits, a partially completed form is available from ISO.

Forms should be submitted electronically, **no later than January 31, 2006**, using the online application also found at [http://www.floir.com/HotTopics\\_Other.htm](http://www.floir.com/HotTopics_Other.htm). This online application is similar to I-File in that it will prompt you to create an account. You will then select the appropriate company name and line of business, complete the online form and submit the form to the Office. This online application will be available starting December 15, 2005.

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