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### Florida's Recent Insurance Legislation — Effect on Policy Premium

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On January 22nd, Governor Charlie Crist signed Florida's latest insurance bill into law. The state legislature has estimated that the effect of this new law may result in home insurance premium savings from between five to 20 percent for the majority of Florida's policyholders. However, the legislature emphasized that it may take some time for Floridians to receive the rate reductions; individual premiums will vary depending on the home's location and specific characteristics.

According to the state's new insurance law (HB 1A), companies must first file revised rate plans with the Florida Department of Insurance Regulation (OIR) for implementation by June 1, 2007. Accordingly, the revised rates cannot be implemented until the company receives OIR approval. The premium adjustments will be included in the company's policy renewal offers issued after their revised rate structure has been approved by the OIR. For instance, a policy that renewed on January 1, 2007, would not include the revised rates until its scheduled renewal on January 1, 2008.

Florida's new insurance legislation also includes additional policy options that were not previously available for customers of private insurance companies. Policyholders should review these options with their insurance agent, carefully weighing the pros and cons of each coverage change considered. Certain restrictions may apply, depending on the individual risk. Below is a summary of some of the policy options that may be available for renewals issued after July 1, 2007.

- Option of higher hurricane deductibles.
- Option to exclude windstorm coverage.
- Option to exclude contents coverage.
- Quarterly or semiannual installment payment plan.

Tower Hill will provide additional information to its customers, as it becomes available. We recommend that you periodically review your policy with your insurance agent, to help ensure that the coverages selected accurately reflect your individual needs. We value you as a customer, and thank you for the confidence you have placed in Tower Hill Insurance Group.

**About the Company:** Founded in 1972, Tower Hill has grown into one of Florida's largest writers of residential property insurance. Tower Hill's offerings are marketed exclusively through our network of independent insurance agencies. The company's corporate headquarters is located in Gainesville, Florida.

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