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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require property insurers to
9 clearly notify their insureds at the application
10 process and at renewal of the range of premium
11 discounts, credits, differentials, reduced
12 deductibles, or other policy savings available on
13 properties having fixtures or construction
14 techniques demonstrated to help reduce windstorm
15 damage.

16 Insurers of commercial properties would be
17 required to notify applicants and policyholders
18 that a premium reduction may be available if steps
19 have been taken to reduce windstorm damage, and to
20 contact the agent for further information.

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22 A BILL

23 TO BE ENTITLED

24 AN ACT

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26 Relating to residential property insurance
27 providers; to require insurers at application and renewal to

clearly notify the applicant and policyholder of the availability of each premium discount, credit, rate differential, lower deductible, or policy premium cost saving for properties having fixtures or construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the amount of loss or damage in a windstorm; and to require commercial property insurers to notify applicants and policyholders of the possibility of premium reductions for improvements for windstorm resistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) All insurers, at the issuance of a new policy and at each renewal, shall clearly notify the applicant or policyholder of a residential property insurance policy of the availability and the range of each premium discount, credit, other rate differential, reduction in deductibles, or other premium cost reduction for properties on which fixtures or construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the amount of loss in a windstorm have been installed or implemented. The notice must describe generally what measures the policyholders may take to reduce their windstorm premium.

(b) All insurers, at the issuance of a new policy and at each renewal of a commercial property insurance policy, shall include a notice that advises the policyholder that a reduction in premium may be available if the policyholder has taken steps to prevent or reduce damage from windstorm and that the policyholder may contact its agent, broker, or insurer for additional information.

(c) This section applies to policies issued or renewed after the effective date of this act.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.