

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of assets of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sec. 2210.152. CONTENTS OF PLAN OF OPERATION.

(a) The plan of operation must:

(1) provide for the efficient, economical, fair, and nondiscriminatory administration of the association, including that current calendar year revenue must not be used to pay losses, including loss adjustment expenses, that were incurred in prior years; and

(2) include:

(A) a plan for the equitable assessment of the members of the association to defray losses and expenses;

(B) underwriting standards;

(C) procedures for accepting and ceding reinsurance;

(D) procedures for obtaining and repaying amounts under any financial instruments authorized under this chapter;

(E) procedures for determining the amount of insurance to be provided to specific risks;

(F) time limits and procedures for processing applications for insurance; and

1 (G) other provisions as considered necessary by
2 the department to implement the purposes of this chapter.

3 (b) The plan of operation may provide for liability limits
4 for an insured structure and for the corporeal movable property
5 located in the structure.

6 (c) The plan of operation shall require the association to
7 use the claim settlement guidelines published by the commissioner
8 under Section 2210.578(f) in evaluating the extent to which a loss
9 to insured property is incurred as a result of wind, waves, tidal
10 surges, or rising waters not caused by waves or surges.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.