

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 498
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 9, 2015; February 11, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
 1-4 April 15, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 1; April 15, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
1-8	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to building code requirements for residential property
 1-20 insured by the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 2210.251(f), Insurance Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
 1-25 insurance coverage for a residential structure may be issued or
 1-26 renewed through the association subject to the inspection
 1-27 requirements imposed under Section 2210.258, if applicable. [~~This~~
 1-28 ~~subsection expires December 31, 2015.~~]

1-29 SECTION 2. Sections 2210.258(a) and (c), Insurance Code,
 1-30 are amended to read as follows:

1-31 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) [~~and Section~~
 1-32 ~~2210.2581~~] and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
 1-33 to be eligible for insurance through the association, all
 1-34 construction, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, and repair of,
 1-35 or addition to, any structure located in the catastrophe area that
 1-36 is begun on or after the effective date of Sections 5 through 49,
 1-37 H.B. [~~No.~~] 4409, [~~Acts of the~~] 81st Legislature, Regular Session,
 1-38 2009, must be performed in compliance with the applicable building
 1-39 code standards, as set forth in the plan of operation.

1-40 (c) The association may insure a residential structure
 1-41 constructed, altered, remodeled, enlarged, repaired, or added to on
 1-42 or after June 19, 2009, that is not in compliance with the
 1-43 applicable building code standards, as set forth in the plan of
 1-44 operation, provided that:

1-45 (1) the structure had been insured on or after June 19,
 1-46 2009, by an insurer in the private market that canceled or
 1-47 nonrenewed the insurance coverage of the structure [~~before December~~
 1-48 ~~31, 2015~~];

1-49 (2) the applicant provides to the association proof
 1-50 that insurance coverage that was issued to the applicant or the
 1-51 previous insured for the structure was canceled or nonrenewed in
 1-52 the private market as described by Subdivision (1); and

1-53 (3) no construction, alteration, remodeling,
 1-54 enlargement, or repair of, or addition to, the structure occurred
 1-55 after cancellation or nonrenewal of the coverage and before
 1-56 submission of an application for coverage through the association.

1-57 SECTION 3. Section 2210.2581, Insurance Code, is repealed.

1-58 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-59 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-60 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-61 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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