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AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to court ordered appraisals under fire insurance policies

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 3408 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 25 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

- (c) In the event of a covered loss, whenever an insured or insurer fails to proceed with an appraisal upon demand of the other, either party may apply to the court in the manner provided in subsection (a) of this section for an order directing the other to comply with such demand. [If an] AN appraisal [is so ordered, it] shall [be limited to a determination of] DETERMINE THE actual cash value [and/or], THE replacement cost, [or] the EXTENT OF THE LOSS OR DAMAGE AND THE amount of THE loss OR DAMAGE which shall be determined as specified in the policy and shall proceed pursuant to the terms of the applicable appraisal clause of the insurance policy and not as an arbitration. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN APPRAISAL SHALL NOT DETERMINE WHETHER THE POLICY ACTUALLY PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE CLAIMED LOSS OR DAMAGE.
- 16 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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