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Introduced by M. of A. KAMINSKY, THIELE, DILAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance -- ordered to a third reading -- committed to the Committee on Insurance in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to homeowners insurance deductibles triggers

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

1     Section 1. Section 3445 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 44  
2 of the laws of 1998, is renumbered section 3455 and amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     S 3455. Windstorm insurance notice; DEDUCTIBLE TRIGGER STANDARDS. (A)  
5 The superintendent shall by regulation establish disclosure requirements  
6 with respect to the operation of any deductible in a homeowner's insurance  
7 policy or dwelling fire personal lines policy which applies as the  
8 result of a windstorm. Such regulations shall prescribe the form of a  
9 notice to be provided by an insurer to an insured. The notice shall  
10 explain in clear and plain language the amount of the deductible, the  
11 circumstances under which the deductible applies and any other matters  
12 which the superintendent, in his or her discretion, shall deem necessary  
13 or appropriate.  
14     (B) THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL BY REGULATION ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR  
15 HURRICANE WINDSTORM DEDUCTIBLES, WHICH CREATE, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT  
16 POSSIBLE, UNIFORMITY IN THE OPERATION OF SUCH DEDUCTIBLES WITH RESPECT  
17 TO THE TRIGGERING EVENT.  
18     THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH REGULATIONS BY EMERGENCY  
19 ADOPTION OR OTHERWISE, WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE  
20 DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN WHICH ADDED THIS  
21 SUBSECTION. NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH SEVEN OF SUBSECTION (A) OF SECTION  
22 THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY CHANGES IN

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

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1 A HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY OR DWELLING, FIRE, OR PERSONAL POLICY  
2 REGISTERED AS A RESULT OF THE ADOPTION BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF REGU-  
3 LATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, MAY BE APPLIED TO SUCH POLICIES ON THE POLI-  
4 CY'S INITIAL RENEWAL DATE OR THE POLICY'S NEXT ANNUAL RENEWAL AFTER THE  
5 EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH REGULATIONS.  
6 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
7 have become a law, and shall apply to all policies issued or renewed on  
8 or after the one hundred eightieth day after the adoption of the regu-  
9 lations required in section 3455 of the insurance law, as amended by  
10 this act.