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Introduced by M. of A. TORRES, FORREST -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance -- recommitted 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 requiring property/casualty insurance companies to submit certain zip code-level data, market share data, and information about models and scoring methods used for catastrophes to the department of financial services; to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring an annual report on the housing insurance market for multifamily and nonprofit housing providers; to amend the insurance law, in relation to authorizing a premium discount to policyholders who demonstrate certain mitigation actions; to amend the insurance law, in relation to the timing of cancellation and nonrenewal notices for certain insurance policies; and to amend the insurance law, in relation to increasing membership of the board governing the New York property insurance underwriting association and to requiring a quadrennial report on the activities of such association

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 4122
2 to read as follows:

3 § 4122. Reporting requirements for property/casualty insurance compa-
4 nies. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall
5 have the following meanings:

6 (1) "Catastrophe model" means a tool, instrumentality, means, or prod-
7 uct, including a map-based tool, a computer-based tool, or a simulation
8 that is used by an insurer to estimate potential losses from catastroph-
9 ic events.

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

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(2) "Community-level mitigation action" means a science-based mitigation action as demonstrated by a community or neighborhood level designation or certification or as undertaken by a government entity.

(3) "Property-specific mitigation action" means a science-based mitigation action that includes a verification and certification process.

(4) "Natural disaster risk model" means a tool, instrumentality, means, or product, including a map-based tool, a computer-based tool, or a simulation, that is used by an insurer in whole or in part, to measure or assess the natural disaster risk associated with a residential property or community for purposes of rating, classifying, pricing, or underwriting, including but not limited to writing or renewing insurance, based on natural disaster risk or estimating risks or losses corresponding to the natural disaster risk classifications.

(5) "Natural disaster" means the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread catastrophic or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause including, but not limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, high water, landslide, mudslide, wind, storm, wave action, ice storm, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, water contamination, bridge failure, or bridge collapse.

(b) Every property/casualty insurance company doing business in this state shall submit the following information to the department:

(1) Zip code-level data on the following topics:

(A) nonrenewal rates;

(B) nonpayment cancellation rates;

(C) other cancellation rates;

(D) claim frequency rates;

(E) average claim amounts;

(F) paid loss ratios; and

(G) average premiums;

(2) Market share data; and

(3) If utilized, the natural disaster risk model or catastrophe model or scoring method used to assign risk.

(A) The following information about a natural disaster risk model or catastrophe model or scoring method shall be submitted:

(i) a description of such model or method;

(ii) the impact of such model or method on rates;

(iii) an actuarial justification for all rating factors, including mitigation discounts offered; and

(iv) an explanation of the use of the model or method in underwriting decisions.

(B) Any model or method submitted to the department pursuant to this paragraph shall be treated as a trade secret and shall not be subject to disclosure under article six of the public officers law.

(C) Any property/casualty insurance company that uses a natural disaster risk model, a catastrophe model, or a combination of models shall ensure the following factors are either incorporated in the natural disaster risk model, catastrophe model, or combination of models or are otherwise demonstrably included in such property/casualty insurance company's underwriting and pricing:

(i) property-specific mitigation actions such as establishing defensible space, incorporating building hardening measures, or receiving certification from an entity with experience in mitigation of properties against natural disasters; and

(ii) community-level mitigation activities or designations, including forest treatment and other fuel reduction activities.

1 (D) Any property/casualty insurance company that uses a natural disaster risk model or a catastrophe model or scoring method to assign risk
2 shall also include the information required in subparagraph (A) of this
3 paragraph in any rate filing submitted to the superintendent by such
4 property/casualty insurance company.

5 (c) The department shall create and maintain a public-facing database
6 where policyholders can access the market share data submitted by
7 property/casualty insurance companies pursuant to paragraph two of
8 subsection (b) of this section.

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10 § 2. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 3463 to read
11 as follows:

12 § 3463. Report on the housing insurance market for multifamily and
13 nonprofit housing providers. (a) Definitions. For purposes of this
14 section:

15 (1) "Multifamily residential building" means a property containing
16 five or more dwelling units.

17 (2) "Nonprofit housing provider" means organizations described by
18 section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code, charitable
19 corporations as defined in paragraph (a) of section one hundred two of
20 the not-for-profit corporation law and formed pursuant to paragraph (a)
21 of section two hundred one of the not-for-profit corporation law, and
22 organizations described by section two hundred sixteen-a of the educa-
23 tion law that own or operate residential housing in New York.

24 (3) "Affordable housing development" means a residential building with
25 units required to be affordable by statute, regulation, regulatory
26 agreement, or recorded covenant.

27 (4) "Excess line insurance" has the same meaning as in article twen-
28 ty-one of this chapter.

29 (5) "Insurer" means an authorized insurer writing property or liabil-
30 ity coverage on residential buildings and includes reporting by excess
31 line placements through the excess line association of New York as
32 provided by regulation.

33 (b) Annual joint report. (1) The superintendent and the commissioner
34 of homes and community renewal shall submit a joint report detailed in
35 subdivision (c) of this section on or before October first of each year
36 to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker
37 of the assembly, and post it on their websites.

38 (2) The report shall analyze the availability, pricing, terms, and
39 affordability of property and liability insurance for multifamily resi-
40 dential buildings owned or operated by nonprofit and mission-driven
41 entities, including affordable housing developments.

42 (3) The report shall include statewide and regional results, with New
43 York city reported separately from the rest of the state.

44 (c) Required contents. The report shall present, at a minimum, aggre-
45 gated statistics for the prior calendar year on:

46 (1) Premium levels and changes, including average and median premium
47 per unit and square foot, and premium as a share of operating expenses.

48 (2) Coverage availability and market channel, including non-renewal
49 and declination counts, the share placed in the excess-line market, and
50 use of New York property insurance underwriting association.

51 (3) Deductibles by peril and trend.

52 (4) Common exclusions and limitations, including new or expanded
53 exclusions introduced in the reporting year.

54 (5) Coverage limits relative to reported replacement cost.

55 (6) Claims frequency and severity for fire, water, wind, and liabil-
56 ity, to the extent available.

1 (7) Documented affordability impacts in the division of housing and
2 community renewal portfolios, including rent-pressure indicators,
3 reserve draws, or capital-plan deferrals linked to insurance expense
4 changes.

5 (8) Risk-mitigation credits and building resiliency investments
6 reported by owners and recognized by insurers.

7 (9) Regional heat-map summaries of market stress using the methodology
8 set by the department by bulletin or circular letter. The department may
9 align with the national association of insurance commissioners' market-
10 intelligence data elements.

11 (d) Data collection and confidentiality. (1) The superintendent may
12 require special reports under section three hundred eight of this chap-
13 ter and may consolidate requests with existing department data calls.

14 (2) The department may require grantees, borrowers, and regulated
15 owners to provide insurance expense and coverage data as a condition of
16 assistance.

17 (3) Submissions that constitute trade secrets or sensitive commercial
18 information are confidential under paragraph (d) of subdivision two of
19 section eighty-seven of the public officers law. The published report
20 shall contain only aggregated, de-identified statistics and analysis.

21 (4) The department shall consult with excess line and New York proper-
22 ty insurance underwriting association regarding reporting formats that
23 capture excess-line placements and assigned-risk activity without iden-
24 tifying individual insureds.

25 (e) The division of housing and community renewal. The division of
26 housing and community renewal shall cooperate with the department in
27 producing the joint report, including collecting portfolio-level insur-
28 ance expense and coverage data from regulated entities through existing
29 reporting systems. The division of housing and community renewal shall
30 publish non-confidential aggregated statistics and provide technical
31 assistance to owners on risk-mitigation practices recognized by insur-
32 ers.

33 (f) Rulemaking. The department may adopt regulations or circular
34 letters to implement this section, harmonize data standards with
35 national association of insurance commissioners and other states, limit
36 the burden on small insurers, and ensure data quality. The division of
37 housing and community renewal may issue guidance to participating
38 owners.

39 (g) No private right of action. Nothing in this section creates a
40 private right of action.

41 § 3. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 2346-b to
42 read as follows:

43 § 2346-b. Homeowners insurance or property/casualty insurance; miti-
44 gation action. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms
45 shall have the following meanings:

46 (a) "community-level mitigation action" means a science-based miti-
47 gation action as demonstrated by a community or neighborhood-level
48 designation or certification or as undertaken by a government entity;

49 (b) "natural disaster" means the occurrence or imminent threat of
50 widespread catastrophic or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or
51 property resulting from any natural cause including, but not limited to,
52 fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, high water, landslide,
53 mudslide, wind, storm, wave action, ice storm, air contamination,
54 blight, drought, infestation, explosion, water contamination, bridge
55 failure, or bridge collapse;

1 (c) "natural disaster risk model" means a tool, instrumentality,
2 means, or product, including a map-based tool, a computer-based tool, or
3 a simulation, that is used by an insurer in whole or in part, to measure
4 or assess the natural disaster risk associated with a residential prop-
5 erty or community for purposes of rating, classifying, or pricing based
6 on natural disaster risk or estimating risks or losses corresponding to
7 the natural disaster risk classifications; and

8 (d) "property-specific mitigation action" means a science-based miti-
9 gation action that includes a verification and certification process.

10 2. The superintendent shall provide for an actuarially appropriate
11 reduction in the rates of homeowners insurance premiums and
12 property/casualty insurance premiums applicable to residential real
13 property for policyholders who can demonstrate that property-specific
14 mitigation actions have been undertaken on the property or community-
15 level mitigation actions have been undertaken in sufficient proximity to
16 the property to reduce the risk of loss from a natural disaster. The
17 superintendent shall by regulation establish a process for policyholders
18 to demonstrate such mitigation actions have occurred.

19 3. An insurer shall post on its public website readily accessible
20 information on the premium discounts, incentives or other premium
21 adjustments that are available to policyholders of homeowners insurance
22 or property/casualty insurance applicable to residential real property
23 who undertake property-specific mitigation actions or provide evidence
24 of community-level mitigation actions. The website shall identify, as
25 applicable:

26 (a) Property-specific mitigation actions for the policyholder to
27 undertake and community-level mitigation actions, as determined by the
28 superintendent, that could result in a discount, incentive, or other
29 premium adjustment; and

30 (b) The amount of the discount, incentive, or other premium adjustment
31 associated with each action.

32 4. (a) An insurer that provides a mitigation discount or that uses a
33 natural disaster risk model or risk score to underwrite, nonrenew,
34 price, create a rate differential, or surcharge the premium based upon
35 the policyholder's or applicant's natural disaster risk shall provide an
36 annual written notice to each policyholder or applicant upon application
37 for insurance of the applicable mitigation discounts, the natural disas-
38 ter risk score, and any other natural disaster risk classification used
39 by the insurer to underwrite, nonrenew, price, create a rate differen-
40 tial, or surcharge the premium based upon the policyholder's or appli-
41 cant's natural disaster risk.

42 (b) Such notice shall include:

43 (i) a plain-language explanation of the natural disaster risk score or
44 other natural disaster risk classification, including an explanation
45 that insurers may use different models and have different risk score
46 changes that could result in different risk scores from other insurers;

47 (ii) the range of the scores or classifications that could potentially
48 be assigned to the property;

49 (iii) the relative position of the score or classification assigned to
50 the property within that range of possible scores or classifications
51 provided by the insurer's risk model;

52 (iv) a written explanation of why the policyholder or applicant
53 received the assigned score or classification that identifies the prima-
54 ry features of the property that influenced the assignment of the score
55 or classification; and

(v) the impact, if any, that each property-specific mitigation or community-level mitigation action could have on a natural disaster risk score or classification assigned to the property.

5. The insurer shall provide the natural disaster risk score or classification to the policyholder or the applicant:

(a) for applicants, no later than fifteen days after the submission of the applicant's completed application to the insurer;

(b) for policyholders, in the offer of renewal;

(c) for policyholders that are not being offered a renewal, with the nonrenewal notice; and

(d) for a policyholder or applicant, if the policyholder or applicant has completed a property-specific mitigation action or provides evidence of a community-level mitigation action in sufficient proximity to the property to reduce the risk of loss since the time of the last application to or renewal by the insurer, no later than thirty days after the submission to the insurer of the policyholder's or applicant's request that the insurer provide a revised natural disaster risk score or risk classification.

6. A policyholder or applicant for a policy of insurance whose natural disaster risk model score, natural disaster risk classification assigned to the property, or applicable mitigation discount is inaccurate and provides evidence of the property-specific or community-level mitigation action may appeal the score directly to the insurer. The insurer shall notify the policyholder or applicant in writing of the right to appeal the natural disaster risk score or other natural disaster risk classification or applicable mitigation discount when the score or classification or discount is provided to the policyholder or applicant as required by this section. If the policyholder or applicant appeals the natural disaster risk score or other natural disaster risk classification or applicable discount, the insurer shall acknowledge receipt of the appeal in writing within ten calendar days after receipt of the appeal. The insurer shall respond to the appeal in writing with a reconsideration and decision within thirty calendar days after receiving the appeal. If an appeal is denied, the insurer shall, upon request by the superintendent, forward a copy of the appeal and the insurer's response, to the superintendent.

§ 4. Paragraphs 12 and 13 of subsection (b) of section 2305 of the insurance law, as amended by section 9 of part AAA of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, are amended and a new paragraph 14 is added to read as follows:

(12) gap insurance; ~~[and]~~

(13) private passenger automobile insurance, except as provided in section two thousand three hundred fifty of this article~~[7]~~; ~~and~~

(14) homeowners insurance or property/casualty insurance applicable to residential real property as it relates to the inclusion of property-specific mitigation actions and community-level mitigation actions in the calculation of such rates,

§ 5. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection (d) of section 3425 of the insurance law are amended to read as follows:

(1) Unless the insurer, at least ~~[forty-five]~~ ninety but not more than ~~[sixty]~~ one hundred twenty days in advance of the end of the policy period for nonrenewal or conditional renewal or the effective date for cancellation, mails or delivers to the named insured, at the address shown in the policy, a written notice of its intention not to renew a covered policy, ~~[or]~~ to condition its renewal upon change of limits or elimination of any coverages, or to cancel the policy, the named insured

1 shall be entitled to renew the policy upon timely payment of the premium
2 billed to the insured for the renewal. The specific reason or reasons
3 for nonrenewal or conditioned renewal shall be stated in or shall accom-
4 pany the notice. The specific reason or reasons for cancellation as
5 provided in subsection (c) of this section shall be stated in or shall
6 accompany the notice. This paragraph shall not apply when the named
7 insured, an agent or broker authorized by the named insured, or an
8 insurer of the named insured, has mailed or delivered written notice to
9 the insurer that the policy has been replaced or is no longer desired.

10 (2) If an insurer has the right to cancel a policy it may, in lieu of
11 cancellation, condition continuation of such policy upon change of
12 limits or elimination of any coverage not required by law, if written
13 notice of such intention is mailed or delivered to the insured at the
14 address shown in the policy at least [~~twenty~~] ninety days prior to the
15 effective date of such action.

16 § 6. The opening paragraph of subsection (c) of section 3426 of the
17 insurance law, as amended by chapter 235 of the laws of 1989, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 After a covered policy has been in effect for sixty days unless
20 cancelled pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or on or after the
21 effective date if such policy is a renewal, no notice of cancellation
22 shall become effective until [~~fifteen~~] ninety days after written notice
23 is mailed or delivered to the first-named insured and to such insured's
24 authorized agent or broker, and such cancellation is based on one or
25 more of the following:

26 § 7. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection (a) of section 3462 of the
27 insurance law, as added by section 1 of part BB of chapter 56 of the
28 laws of 2024, are amended and a new paragraph 5 is added to read as
29 follows:

30 (3) The level or source of income of the tenants of the residential
31 building or the shareholders of a cooperative housing corporation; [~~or~~]

32 (4) Whether such residential building is owned by a limited-equity
33 cooperative; owned by a public housing authority; or owned by a cooper-
34 ative housing corporation subject to the provisions of article two,
35 article four, article five or article eleven of the private housing
36 finance law[~~-~~]; or

37 (5) The residential building is located in a disadvantaged community,
38 as identified pursuant to section 75-0111 of the environmental conserva-
39 tion law. An insurer who cancels, refuses to issue, refuses to renew or
40 increase the premium of a policy, or excludes, limits, restricts, or
41 reduces coverage under a policy for a residential building located in a
42 disadvantaged community shall provide actuarial information to the
43 insured or applicant to support such action.

44 § 8. Subsection (b) of section 5402 of the insurance law, as amended
45 by chapter 42 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

46 (b) The association shall be governed by a board of [~~thirteen~~] twen-
47 ty-three directors, ten of whom shall be elected annually by cumulative
48 voting by the members of the association, whose votes in such election
49 shall be weighted in accordance with each member's net direct premiums
50 written during the preceding calendar year. An additional six directors
51 shall be appointed annually by the legislature, two by the temporary
52 president of the senate, two by the speaker of the assembly, one by the
53 minority leader of the senate and one by the minority leader of the
54 assembly. Four directors shall be appointed annually by the governor and
55 two of such directors shall be representatives of consumers. The remain-
56 ing three directors shall be appointed annually by the superintendent

1 and be duly licensed insurance agents or brokers representative of broad
2 segments of the public obtaining insurance through the association.

3 § 9. Subsection (g) of section 5402 of the insurance law, as amended
4 by chapter 182 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

5 (g) In addition to fire insurance, extended coverage, coverage for
6 additional perils and homeowners insurance should the same be made
7 available through the association in accordance with a determination of
8 necessity pursuant to section five thousand four hundred twelve of this
9 article, the association may offer broad form coverage to applicants
10 seeking to insure real property at fixed locations of this state, or the
11 tangible personal property located thereon. The association may offer
12 broad form coverage until June thirtieth, two thousand twenty-eight. On
13 or before October first, two thousand twenty-seven the superintendent
14 shall require the association to report to the superintendent as to the
15 number of policies written pursuant to this subsection and paragraph
16 three of subsection (f) of section five thousand four hundred five of
17 this article, and any other information the superintendent may require.
18 On or before January first, two thousand twenty-eight, and every four
19 years thereafter, the superintendent shall report to the governor and
20 the legislature regarding the number of policies issued pursuant to this
21 section and such paragraph, the geographic location of such policies,
22 the types of policies offered, the coverage limits of such policies,
23 risk reduction investments, information on the financial standing of the
24 association and [~~shall include~~] recommendations as to the continuation
25 of such insurance offerings.

26 § 10. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day
27 after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition,
28 amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the
29 implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be
30 made and completed on or before such effective date.