

HB 516 -- PROPERTY INSURANCE

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Currently, an insurer must pay a claim for any total loss or damage by a fire in the full amount for which the property was insured. This bill adds wind loss or damage.

Beginning January 1, 2016, the bill permits an authorized insurer to issue a policy specifically for earthquake losses under the Missouri Basic Property Insurance Inspection and Placement Program. Coverage must be only for habitational structures and must not cover driveways or nonhabitational detached structures. Coverage of the contents must apply only when the habitational structure is covered by earthquake loss and does not include loss of the value of the land breakage of glass, or exterior masonry veneer. Specific procedures for earthquake loss claims investigation may be developed by insurers to determine whether any claimed loss was the result of earthquake activity rather than due to some other form of earth movement.