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An act relating to tax on insurance premiums; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; revising provisions relating to premium taxes paid by insurers; providing that wet marine and transportation insurance, and portions of insurance premiums retained by a title insurance agent or agency, are not subject to the insurance premium tax under specified circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (8) of section 624.509, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

624.509 Premium tax; rate and computation.-

(1) In addition to the license taxes provided for in this chapter, each insurer shall also annually, and on or before March 1 in each year, except as to wet marine and transportation insurance taxed under s. 624.510, pay to the Department of Revenue a tax on insurance premiums, premiums for title insurance, or assessments, including membership fees and policy fees and gross deposits received from subscribers to reciprocal or interinsurance agreements, and on annuity premiums or considerations, received during the preceding calendar year, the amounts thereof to be determined as follows set forth in this section, to wit:

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(a) An amount equal to 1.75 percent of the gross amount of such receipts on account of life and health insurance policies covering persons resident in this state and on account of all other types of policies and contracts, (except annuity policies or contracts taxable under paragraph (b),) covering property, subjects, or risks located, resident, or to be performed in this state, omitting premiums on reinsurance accepted, and less return premiums or assessments, but without deductions:

1. For reinsurance ceded to other insurers;

- 2. For moneys paid upon surrender of policies or certificates for cash surrender value;
- 3. For discounts or refunds for direct or prompt payment of premiums or assessments; and
- 4. On account of dividends of any nature or amount paid and credited or allowed to holders of insurance policies; certificates; or surety, indemnity, reciprocal, or interinsurance contracts or agreements; and
- (b) An amount equal to 1 percent of the gross receipts on annuity policies or contracts paid by holders thereof in this state.
- (8) From and after July 1, 1980, The premium tax authorized by this section may shall not be imposed on:
- (a) Wet marine and transportation insurance taxed under s. 624.510;
- (b) Any portion of the premium retained by a title insurance agent or agency; or upon

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(c) Receipts of annuity premiums or considerations paid by holders in this state if the tax savings derived are credited to the annuity holders. Upon request by the Department of Revenue, an any insurer availing itself of this provision shall submit to the department evidence that which establishes that the tax savings derived have been credited to annuity holders. As used in this paragraph subsection, the term "holders" includes shall be deemed to include employers contributing to an employee's pension, annuity, or profit-sharing plan.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.