By Senator Brandes

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to bail bond premiums; amending s. 624.4094, F.S., and reenacting subsection (1); specifying the amount of direct written premiums for bail bonds for the purpose of calculating specified taxes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 624.4094, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (1) of that section is reenacted, to read:

624.4094 Bail bond premiums.-

- (1) The Legislature finds that a significant portion of bail bond premiums is retained by the licensed bail bond agents or licensed managing general agents. For purposes of reporting in financial statements required to be filed with the office pursuant to s. 624.424, direct written premiums for bail bonds by a domestic insurer in this state shall be reported net of any amounts retained by licensed bail bond agents or licensed managing general agents. However, in no case shall the direct written premiums for bail bonds be less than 6.5 percent of the total consideration received by the agent for all bail bonds written by the agent. This subsection also applies to any determination of compliance with s. 624.4095.
- (5) This section <u>applies to</u> does not affect the reporting <u>and or</u> payment of insurance premium taxes under ss. 624.509, 624.5091, and 624.5092, and the insurance premium tax and related excise taxes shall <del>continue to</del> be calculated using the

22-00419A-14 20141390 30 amount of direct written premiums for bail bonds as determined pursuant to subsection (1) gross bail bond premiums. 31 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. 32