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1 Senator Fasano moved the following amendment:

3 Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

4 Between lines 30 and 31,

5 insert:

6 Section 2. Section 624.1265, Florida Statutes, is created
7 to read:

8 624.1265 Nonprofit religious organization exemption;
9 authority; notice.--

10 (1) Any nonprofit religious organization that qualifies
11 under Title 26, s. 501 of the Internal Revenue Code; that limits
12 its participants to members of the same religion; that acts as an
13 organizational clearinghouse for information between participants
14 who have financial, physical, or medical needs and participants
15 having the ability to pay for the benefit of those participants
16 who have financial, physical, or medical needs; that provides for
17 the financial or medical needs of a participant through payments



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18 directly from one participant to another participant; and that  
 19 suggests amounts that participants may voluntarily give with no  
 20 assumption of risk or promise to pay among the participants or  
 21 between the participants and the religious organization are not  
 22 subject to any requirements of the Florida Insurance Code.

23 (2) This section does not prevent the religious  
 24 organization described in subsection (1) from establishing  
 25 qualifications of participation relating to the health of a  
 26 prospective participant, prevent a participant from limiting the  
 27 financial or medical needs that may be eligible for payment, or  
 28 prevent the organization from canceling the membership of a  
 29 participant if such participant indicates his or her  
 30 unwillingness to participate by failing to make a payment to  
 31 another participant within 60 days.

32 (3) The religious organization described in subsection (1)  
 33 shall provide each prospective participant in the organizational  
 34 clearinghouse written notice that the organization is not an  
 35 insurance company, that membership is not offered through an  
 36 insurance company, and that the organization is not subject to  
 37 the regulatory requirements or consumer protections of the  
 38 Florida Insurance Code.

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41 And the title is amended as follows:

42 On line 5, after the semicolon,  
 43 insert:

44 creating s. 624.1265, F.S.; exempting certain nonprofit  
 45 religious organizations from requirements of the  
 46 Florida Insurance Code; preserving certain authority of



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47 | such organizations; requiring such organizations to  
48 | provide certain notice to prospective participants;