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

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

32 (3) The organization described in subsection (1) shall  
 33 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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 40 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

41 And the title is amended as follows:

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 43 On line 5, after the semicolon,  
 44 insert:  
 45 creating s. 624.1265, F.S.; exempting certain nonprofit  
 46 religious organizations from requirements of the Florida  
 47 Insurance Code; preserving certain authority of such



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