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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Finance & Tax Subcommittee Representative Stewart offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 624.4094, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (1) of that section is republished, 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

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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 does not affect the reporting or payment of insurance premium taxes under ss. 624.509, 624.5091, and 624.5092, and the insurance premium tax and related excise taxes shall continue to be calculated using gross bail bond premiums.
- Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 624.509, Florida Statutes, is 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 set forth in this section, to wit:
- (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

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or contracts taxable under paragraph (b) and bail bond policies or contracts taxable under paragraph (c) 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.
- (c) An amount equal to 1.75 percent of the direct written premiums for bail bonds excluding any amounts retained by licensed bail bond agents or licensed managing general agents.

 Section 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to bail bond premiums; amending s.
624.4094, F.S.; repealing a provision separating the
calculation of insurance premiums tax from financial
reporting for bail bond premiums; amending 624.509,
F.S.; specifying the amount of direct written premiums
for bail bonds for the purpose of calculation of
certain taxes; providing an effective date.

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