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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 the tax does not apply to any portion of the title insurance premium retained by a title insurance agent or agency; amending s. 627.7711, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 624.509, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.509 Premium tax; rate and computation.-

- (8) From and after July 1, 1980, The premium tax authorized by this section may shall not be imposed on:
- (a) Any portion of the title insurance premium retained by a title insurance agent or agency; or
- (b) upon 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

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contributing to an employee's pension, annuity, or profitsharing plan.

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Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 627.7711, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.7711 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

- (2) "Premium" means the charge, as specified by rule of the commission, which that is made by a title insurer for a title insurance policy, including the charge for performance of primary title services by a title insurer or title insurance agent or agency, and incurring the risks incident to such policy, under the several classifications of title insurance contracts and forms, and upon which charge a premium tax is paid under s. 624.509. As used in this part or in any other law, with respect to title insurance, the word "premium" does not include a commission.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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