STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1401 By: Rader

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to taxation; amending 36 O.S. 2021, Sections 624, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 427, O.S.L. 2025, 625.1, and 2204 (36 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 624), which relate to taxes on premiums and considerations; modifying rate for certain fiscal years; limiting certain credit to certain fiscal years; updating statutory language; updating statutory references; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2021, Section 624, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 427, O.S.L. 2025 (36 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 624), is amended to read as follows:

Section 624. A. Every insurance company, copartnership, insurance association, interinsurance exchange, person, insurer, nonprofit hospital service and medical indemnity corporation, or health maintenance organization doing business in this state in the execution or exchange of contracts of insurance, indemnity or health maintenance services, or as an insurance company of any nature or character whatsoever, hereinafter referred to in this article as an insurance company or company, shall annually, on or before the first

day of March, report under oath of the president or secretary or other chief officer of such company to the Insurance Commissioner the total amount of direct written premiums, membership, application, policy and/or registration fees charged during the preceding calendar year, or since the last return of such direct written premiums, membership, application, policy and/or registration fees was made by such company, from insurance of every kind upon persons or on the lives of persons resident in this state, or upon real and personal property located within this state, and/or upon any other risks insured within this state; provided, that with respect to the tax payable annually, considerations received for annuity contracts and payments received by a health maintenance organization from the Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to a contract issued under the provisions of 42 U.S.C., Section 1395mm(g) shall no longer be deemed to be premiums for insurance and shall no longer be subject to the tax imposed by this Every such company shall, at the same time, pay to the Insurance Commissioner:

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- 1. An annual license fee as prescribed by Section 321 of this title; and
- 2. An annual tax on all of the direct written premiums after all returned premiums are deducted, and on all membership, application, policy and/or registration fees, installment and/or finance fees or charges collected thereby, for the privileges of

having written, continued and/or serviced insurance on lives, property and/or other risks in this state and of having made and serviced investments therein during the then expiring license year except premiums or fees paid by any county, city, town or school district funds or by their duly constituted authorities performing a public service organized pursuant to Sections 1001 through 1008 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or Sections 176 through 180.4 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, no deduction shall be made from premiums for dividends paid to policyholders. Except as set forth in this paragraph, the rate of taxation for all entities subject to the tax shall be two and twenty-five one-hundredths percent (2.25%), until June 30, 2026, and one and ninety-six onehundredths percent (1.96%), beginning July 1, 2026. If any insurance company or other entity liable for the taxes levied pursuant to the provisions of this section fails to remit such taxes in a timely manner, it shall remain liable therefor together with interest thereon at an annual rate equal to the average United States Treasury Bill rate of the preceding calendar year as certified by the State Treasurer on the first regular business day in January of each year, plus four percentage points.

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a. The rate of taxation for all life insurance policies insuring the life of an employee or director for the benefit of the employer or a trust sponsored by the employer, which is purchased by the employer or trust

sponsored by the employer for the benefit of its employees, shall be computed for each policy at the rate of:

- (1) until June 30, 2026, two and twenty-five one-hundredths percent (2.25%) of policy year premium up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00),
- beginning July 1, 2026, one and ninety-six onehundredths percent (1.96%) of policy year premium
 up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00),
 and
- (3) one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) of policy year premium exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).
- b. Premiums on which taxes are paid under division (2)

 (3) of subparagraph a of this paragraph are not subject to Section 628 of this title. The Commissioner shall promulgate rules regarding the sale of life insurance policies subject to division (2) (3) of subparagraph a of this paragraph.
- c. Proceeds from the premium tax collected under this paragraph from contracted entities under the Ensuring Access to Medicaid Act shall be deposited in the Medicaid Health Improvement Revolving Fund created in

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Section 1010.8A of Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the premium taxes to be deposited in the Medicaid Health Improvement Revolving Fund for the calendar year ending December 31, 2024, and for each calendar year thereafter, shall not be subject to the apportionments provided in Section 312.1 of this title.

For all insurance companies or other entities taxed pursuant В. to this section, the annual license fee and tax and all required membership, application, policy, registration, and agent appointment fees shall be in lieu of all other state taxes or fees, except those taxes and fees provided for in the Oklahoma Insurance Code, and the taxes and fees of any subdivision or municipality of the state, except ad valorem taxes and the tax required to be paid pursuant to Section 50001 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, such license fee, tax and membership, application, policy, registration, and appointment fees shall be in lieu of any and all ad valorem taxes levied on intangible personal property. Any company, except health maintenance organizations, failing to make such returns and payments promptly and correctly shall forfeit and pay to the Insurance Commissioner, in addition to the amount of the taxes and fees and interest, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the unpaid amount, whichever is

greater; and the company so failing or neglecting for sixty (60) days shall thereafter be debarred from transacting any business of insurance in this state until the taxes, fees and penalties are fully paid, and the Insurance Commissioner shall revoke the license or certificate of authority granted to the agent or agents of that company to transact business in this state. Provided, that when any such insurance company, copartnership, insurance association, interinsurance exchange, person, insurer, or nonprofit hospital service and indemnity corporation applies for the first time for a license to do business in this state, it shall, at the time of making such application, pay a license fee as prescribed by Section 1435.23 of this title, and, on or before the first day of March, following, pay the premium tax, membership, application, policy, registration, and agent appointment fees, as hereinbefore provided. Such license fee, tax and membership, application, policy, registration, and appointment fees shall be in lieu of all other state taxes or fees, except those taxes and fees provided for in the Oklahoma Insurance Code, and the taxes and fees of any subdivision or municipality of the state, except ad valorem taxes and the tax required to be paid pursuant to Section 50001 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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C. Any health maintenance organization failing to file premium tax returns and payments promptly and correctly shall forfeit and pay to the Insurance Commissioner, in addition to the amount of the

taxes, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the unpaid amount, whichever is greater. Any health maintenance organization failing or neglecting to pay the tax and penalty shall be debarred from operating in this state and the Insurance Commissioner shall revoke the license of the health maintenance organization, until such taxes and penalties are fully paid.

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SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2021, Section 625.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 625.1. A. A Until June 30, 2026, a foreign or alien insurer which is subject to the tax imposed by Section 624 of this title shall be entitled to a credit against said such tax actually paid to and placed in the General Revenue Fund of the state, not including any of said such tax monies placed in pension funds and not including any of said such tax monies placed in escrow, if, during the year for which the tax is being assessed, the insurer or its affiliate maintained a regional home office in this state in a building owned or leased by the insurer. To receive a credit against the tax imposed for the year in which the regional home office was established, said the office must have been maintained continuously from on or before August 1 of that year through the last day of the calendar year. For succeeding years, an insurer or its affiliate shall have maintained the regional home office continuously from the first day of the calendar year for which the

tax is imposed through the last day of that calendar year. The Home Office Credit shall be calculated as follows:

- 1. Until June 30, 2010, the credit shall be equal to the following percentages of the amount due after the credits authorized by Sections 624.1 and 625 of this title have been deducted:
 - a. fifteen percent (15%), if there are more than two hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, but less than three hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees,
 - b. twenty-five percent (25%), if there are more than three hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, but less than four hundred full-time, yearround Oklahoma employees,
 - c. thirty-five percent (35%), if there are more than four hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, but less than five hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, or
 - d. fifty percent (50%), if there are five hundred or more full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees; and
- 2. Beginning July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2026, in the calculation of the credit, the amount to be apportioned to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement Fund, the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Fund shall be applied prior to the

1 calculation of the credit. The amount of the credit shall be 2 derived from amounts remaining after the apportionment to the 3 Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement Fund, the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and the Oklahoma Law 5 Enforcement Retirement Fund. The credit shall be calculated by 6 first applying a "Home Office Credit Allotment Rate" of forty-seven 7 percent (47%) to the gross premium tax owed by the insurer and then 8 determining the allowable credit by applying the following 9 percentages of the amount due after the credits authorized by 10 Sections 624.1 and 625 of this title have been deducted:

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- a. fifteen percent (15%), if there are more than two hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, but less than three hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees,
- b. twenty-five percent (25%), if there are more than three hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, but less than four hundred full-time, yearround Oklahoma employees,
- c. thirty-five percent (35%), if there are more than four hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, but less than five hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, or
- d. fifty percent (50%), if there are five hundred or more full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees.

B. A Until June 30, 2026, a domestic insurer with four hundred or more full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees which is subject to the tax imposed by Section 624 of this title shall be entitled to a credit against said such tax actually paid to and placed in the General Revenue Fund of the state, not including any of said such tax monies placed in pension funds and not including any of said such tax monies placed in escrow, if, during the year previous to the year for which the tax is being assessed, the insurer or its affiliate maintained a regional home office in this state in a building owned or leased by the insurer and during the year for which the tax is being assessed, the insurer establishes its home office in this state in a building owned or leased by the insurer. To receive a credit against the tax imposed for the year in which the home office was established, said the office must have been maintained continuously from on or before August 1 of that year through the last day of the calendar year. For succeeding years, an insurer shall have maintained the home office continuously from the first day of the calendar year for which the tax is imposed through the last day of that calendar year. Insurers who take action before August 1, 2000, to establish their home office in this state shall be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed on or after January 1, 2001, which shall be in addition to the credit the insurer is entitled to for that year. The Home Office Credit shall be calculated as follows:

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- 1. Until June 30, 2010, the credit shall be equal to the following percentages of the amount due after the credits authorized by Sections 624.1 and 625 of this title have been deducted:
 - hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, but less than five hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, or
 - b. fifty percent (50%), if there are five hundred or more full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees; and
- 2. Beginning July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2026, in the calculation of the credit, the amount to be apportioned to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement Fund, the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Fund shall be applied prior to the calculation of the credit. The amount of the credit shall be derived from amounts remaining after the apportionment to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement Fund, the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Fund. The credit shall be calculated by first applying a "Home Office Credit Allotment Rate" of forty-seven percent (47%) to the gross premium tax owed by the insurer and then determining the allowable credit by applying the following percentages of the amount due after the credits authorized by Sections 624.1 and 625 of this title have been deducted:

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- a. thirty-five percent (35%), if there are more than four hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, but less than five hundred full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees, or
- b. fifty percent (50%), if there are five hundred or more full-time, year-round Oklahoma employees.
- C. A Until June 30, 2026, a domestic insurer which is subject to the tax imposed by Section 624 of this title shall be entitled to a credit against said such tax actually paid to and placed in the General Revenue Fund of the state, not including any of said such tax monies placed in pension funds and not including any of said such tax monies placed in escrow, if, during the year for which the tax is being assessed, the insurer maintained a regional home office in at least five or more counties in this state in buildings owned or leased by the insurer. To receive a credit against the tax imposed for the year in which the regional home offices were established, said the offices must have been maintained continuously from on or before August 1 of that year through the last day of the calendar year. For succeeding years, an insurer shall have maintained the regional home offices continuously from the first day of the calendar year for which the tax is imposed through the last day of that calendar year. The Home Office Credit shall be calculated as follows:

1. Until June 30, 2010, the credit shall be equal to the percentage of the amount due after the credits authorized by Sections 624.1 and 625 of this title have been deducted as established in subsection A of this section; and

- 2. Beginning July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2026, in the calculation of the credit, the amount to be apportioned to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement Fund, the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Fund shall be applied prior to the calculation of the credit. The amount of the credit shall be derived from amounts remaining after the apportionment to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement Fund, the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Fund. The credit shall be calculated by first applying a "Home Office Credit Allotment Rate" of forty-seven percent (47%) to the gross premium tax owed by the insurer and then determining the allowable credit by applying the percentage of the amount due after the credits authorized by Sections 624.1 and 625 of this title have been deducted as established in subsection A of this section.
- D. Proof that an insurer qualifies for the credit authorized by this section shall be on forms prescribed by the Insurance

 Commissioner and shall be submitted to the Commissioner annually

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with the report which is filed pursuant to Section 624 of the Oklahoma Insurance Code.

- E. The credit provided for in subsections A, B and C of this section shall be based on the total number of Oklahoma employees in the regional or home office when a group of insurers which are under common management and control maintain a regional home office or home office in this state in a building owned or leased by the group of insurers. The credit provided for in subsections A, B and C of this section may be allocated among the insurance company and the insurance company affiliates at the discretion of the insurance company on a per-insurance-company basis.
 - F. As used in this section:

1. "Regional home office" means an office transacting insurance, as defined in Section 105 of this title, and performing insurance company operations, which is defined as one or more or any combination of the following functions and services performed in connection with the development, sale, and administration of products giving rise to receipts subject to a premium tax on domestic and foreign insurance companies, or domestic or foreign health care insurance corporations: actuarial, medical, legal, investments, accounting, auditing, underwriting, policy issuance, information, policyholder services, premium collection, claims, advertising and publications, public relations, human resources, marketing, sales office staff, training of sales and service

personnel, and clerical, managerial, and other support for any such functions or services;

- 2. "Common management and control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of an insurer, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise, unless the power is executed by a person acting in an official capacity, performing duties imposed and exercising authority granted because of the person's position as an officer or employee of the insurer. Control shall be presumed to exist if any person, directly or indirectly, owns, controls, holds with the power to vote, or holds proxies representing twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the voting securities of the insurer;
- 3. "Oklahoma employees" means persons who are employed in Oklahoma after January 1, 2000, and who are common law employees of an insurance company or its affiliate. Oklahoma employees do not include independent contractors or any persons to the extent that the compensation of that person is based on commissions;
- 4. "Insurance company" means any entity subject to a premium tax on domestic and foreign insurance companies, or domestic or foreign health care insurance corporations, including the attorney-in-fact authorized by and acting for the subscribers of a reciprocal insurer or inter-insurance interinsurance exchange under powers of

attorney. A reciprocal $\underline{\text{insurer}}$ and its attorney-in-fact shall be a single entity; and

- 5. "Home office" means the executive offices of an insurance company which is domiciled in this state.
- G. Each insurer or insurance group requesting a credit under this section shall certify by affidavit, approved as to form by the Commissioner, that the insurer has met all of the qualifications required by this section and is authorized to a credit against the premium tax which actually shall be paid to, and placed in the General Revenue Fund of, the state, exclusive of any amounts of the tax which shall be credited to pension funds pursuant to law and exclusive of any amounts which shall be placed into escrow. The Commissioner may do an examination for the sole purpose of certifying that all requirements of this section are being met by the insurer requesting to obtain any credits against premium tax.
- H. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and for each fiscal year thereafter years 2007 through 2026, and notwithstanding any other provisions of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title or any other provision of law governing the order in which the credit authorized by this section is to be deducted from the liability of the company claiming such credit to the contrary, the credit authorized by this section shall be deducted from the insurance premium tax liability of the company claiming such credit

prior to the deduction of any other credits that may be claimed against such liability.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2021, Section 2204, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2204. A. A medical professional liability trust shall file the following items with the Commissioner:

- 1. Within forty-five (45) days after the end of each of the first three quarterly periods of each fiscal year, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the trust as of the end of the quarterly period, a statement of the revenue and expenditures of the trust, and a statement of the changes in corpus of the trust for the period, in each case accompanied by a certificate to the effect that the statements were prepared from the official books and records of the trust;
- 2. Within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the trust as of the end of that year, a statement of the revenue and expenditures of the trust, and a statement of the changes in corpus of the trust for that year, in each case accompanied by a certificate signed by a firm of independent certified public accountants indicating that the firm has conducted an audit of those statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and indicating the results of the audit;

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3. The independently audited annual financial statement of the trust by June 1 of each year;

4. The closed claim reports as are required pursuant to Sections 6810 through 6816 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title;

- 5. Rates and forms within thirty (30) days after issuance of the first policy and within thirty (30) days after any changes to the previously filed rates and forms; and
- 6. Any amendment to the trust instrument within thirty (30) days of making the amendment.
- B. A trust shall, annually, on or before the first day of March, report under oath to the <u>Insurance</u> Commissioner, the total amount of direct written consideration received from the membership during the preceding calendar year, or since the last return of such considerations was made by such trust.
- 1. A trust shall pay to the <u>Insurance</u> Department, on or before March 1, an annual tax on all direct written considerations, after all returned considerations are deducted for the privileges of having written, continued and/or serviced contracts of indemnity except considerations paid by any governmental agency or instrumentality. The rate of taxation shall be two and twenty-five one-hundredths percent (2.25%), until June 30, 2026, and one and ninety-six one-hundredths percent (1.96%), beginning July 1, 2026. If any trust fails to remit such taxes in a timely manner, it shall

remain liable therefor together with interest thereon at an annual rate equal to the average United States Treasury Bill rate of the preceding calendar year as certified by the State Treasurer on the first regular business day in January of each year, plus four (4) percentage points.

- 2. For any trust taxed pursuant to this section, the annual tax shall be in lieu of all other state taxes or fees, except the taxes and fees of any subdivision or municipality of the state and except ad valorem taxes. Any trust failing to make such returns and payments promptly and correctly shall forfeit and pay to the Commissioner, in addition to the amount of said such taxes and fees and interest, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the unpaid amount, whichever is greater; and the trust so failing or neglecting for sixty (60) days shall thereafter be debarred from transacting any business in this state until said such taxes, fees and penalties are fully paid.
- 3. All taxes, fees and penalties collected under this section shall be reported and disbursed by the Commissioner and appropriated pursuant to the provisions of Section 312.1 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title.
 - SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.
- SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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