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A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 101 CONCERNING THE USE OF MULTI-STATE FILING SYSTEMS FOR
- 102 **INSURANCE TAX FILINGS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill requires insurance premium taxes, surplus lines taxes, and other associated state-specific insurance tax filings to be filed through a secure web-based application identified by the division of insurance. The bill also authorizes the commissioner of the division of insurance to contract with a third party to provide a secure web-based application system that allows premium taxes, surplus lines taxes, and other state-specific filings to be filed for multiple states on a single application system.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

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SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly

3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Secure web-based applications, including OPTins developed
5 by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, facilitate the
6 submission of premium tax, surplus lines tax, and other state-specific
7 filings and payments to participating states.

8 (b) Premium tax and surplus lines filings and payment systems 9 allow insurance companies and other taxpayers to electronically submit 10 their premium tax filings, surplus lines tax filings, and associated 11 payments electronically and efficiently.

12 (c) The premium tax and surplus lines tax filings and payment 13 systems may also simplify filings and payments and allow insurance companies to submit premium tax, surplus lines tax, and state-specific 14 15 filings and payments due to multiple states through a single system. The 16 option for widespread use of state and national platforms provides 17 carriers with the ability to create accounts, making duplicative data entry 18 unnecessary, which results in consistency in their filings and reduced 19 administrative costs.

(d) Many other states have transitioned or are contemplating
transitioning to national and multi-state premium tax collection systems
that simplify and streamline the collection of premium taxes and related
filings. OPTins is currently used by at least nineteen United States
jurisdictions for premium tax filings and payments. The state of Florida
has created, through legislation, the not-for-profit Florida Surplus Lines

1 Service Office, which currently services twelve states.

2 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-3-209, add (6) as
3 follows:

4 **10-3-209.** Tax on premiums collected - exemptions - penalties 5 - filing system - division to contract with third parties. (6) (a) ALL 6 TAXES, PENALTIES, FINES, FEES, AND ASSOCIATED FILINGS REQUIRED 7 UNDER THIS SECTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE 8 THROUGH A SECURE WEB-BASED APPLICATION SYSTEM IDENTIFIED BY THE 9 DIVISION OF INSURANCE. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ENTER INTO A 10 CONTRACT WITH A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL 11 ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS, FOR A SECURE WEB-BASED 12 APPLICATION SYSTEM THAT WOULD ALLOW PREMIUM TAXES PAID BY 13 INSURANCE COMPANIES TO BE FILED FOR MULTIPLE STATES ON A SINGLE 14 WEB-BASED APPLICATION SYSTEM. THE THIRD PARTY MAY CHARGE THE 15 INSURANCE COMPANY A NOMINAL FEE FOR THIS SERVICE THAT IS 16 REASONABLY RELATED TO THE OVERALL COST OF THE SERVICE OF 17 COLLECTING FILINGS AND PAYMENTS AND TRANSMITTING THOSE FILINGS 18 AND PAYMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE. A FEE CHARGED BY THE 19 THIRD PARTY AS PART OF THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS NOT SUBJECT TO SECTION 20 10-3-207 OR SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

(b) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT, OPERATE, AND ENFORCE
THIS SUBSECTION (6).

(c) IN CONTRACTING WITH A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY FOR A
secure web-based application system described in this subsection
(6), THE COMMISSIONER IS EXEMPT FROM THE "PROCUREMENT CODE",
ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24.

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SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 10-5-111, add (3) as
 follows:

3 10-5-111. Tax on premiums - filing system - division to 4 contract with third parties - definition. (3) (a) ALL TAXES, PENALTIES, 5 FINES, FEES, AND ASSOCIATED FILINGS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS 6 SECTION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE THROUGH 7 A SECURE WEB-BASED APPLICATION SYSTEM IDENTIFIED BY THE DIVISION 8 OF INSURANCE. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH 9 A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING THE FLORIDA SURPLUS LINE 10 SERVICES OFFICE, FOR A SECURE WEB-BASED APPLICATION SYSTEM THAT 11 WOULD ALLOW TAXPAYERS TO FILE TAXES FOR MULTIPLE STATES ON A 12 SINGLE WEB-BASED APPLICATION SYSTEM. THE THIRD PARTY MAY CHARGE 13 THE TAXPAYER A NOMINAL FEE FOR THIS SERVICE THAT IS REASONABLY 14 RELATED TO THE OVERALL COST OF THE SERVICE OF COLLECTING FILINGS 15 AND PAYMENTS AND TRANSMITTING THOSE FILINGS AND PAYMENTS TO 16 THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE. A FEE CHARGED BY THE THIRD PARTY AS 17 PART OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS NOT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION, SECTION 18 10-3-207, SECTION 10-3-209 (4)(a), OR SECTION 10-5-111.5 (1).

19 (b) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
20 PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT, OPERATE, AND ENFORCE
21 THIS SUBSECTION (3).

(c) IN CONTRACTING WITH A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY FOR A
secure web-based application system described in this subsection
(3), THE COMMISSIONER IS EXEMPT FROM THE "PROCUREMENT CODE",
ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24.

26 (d) As used in this subsection (3), "Taxpayer" means a
27 Person subject to tax under this section 10-5-111.

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SECTION 4. Applicability. This act applies to tax filings
 submitted on or after January 1, 2025.

3 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, 4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate 5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for 6 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state 7 institutions.