

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE



2011 ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES TAX RETURNS

READ CAREFULLY – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

These instructions are provided to assist you in completing your online tax return.

1. Fraternal – **Upload a copy of Schedule T and a copy of South Carolina Business Page 23, Brown Statement.**
2. Round premiums to the nearest dollar.
3. Submit one check only per company payable to the South Carolina Department of Insurance.
4. Annual tax returns are due in this Department on or before March 1, 2012

Tax returns received by this Department without all supporting documents may be subject to penalties.

Compliance with South Carolina Department of Insurance requirements is the Company's responsibility. Failure to comply could result in an administrative fine of up to \$30,000. Your attention is directed to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 38-2-10 and 38-5-130.

Schedule 01 - South Carolina Taxes and Obligations (All Insurers)

1. The Biennial License Fee will be shown on Schedule 01. **License Fees will be collected March 1, 2012.**
2. This Schedule is a recapitulation of the other Schedules on the return.

3. The figure in Line 0199 is the amount you should remit for payment.
4. Acceptable payments are by electronic (ACH) check, credit card or paper checks. If your tax liability is \$99,999.00 or greater, you cannot pay by credit card. Please remit a copy of the printed invoice page if paying by paper check. The invoice amount and the check amount **must** agree. If they do not, your payment will be rejected. If paying by electronic (ACH) check or credit card, click Proceed to Payment on the invoice page and follow the instructions.

Schedule 02 - Computation of Retaliatory Taxes (Foreign Insurers Only)

South Carolina law requires that retaliatory taxes for foreign insurers be calculated by the use of an aggregate approach instead of an item-by-item approach. The aggregate requirements imposed by the foreign state for the privilege of doing business therein, including taxes levied under local ordinances, are compared with the aggregate requirements imposed in South Carolina for the privilege of doing business here, including taxes levied under local ordinances.

Complete Column A showing all taxes, fees, assessments and obligations due in South Carolina. Complete Column B showing all taxes, fees, assessments and obligations a South Carolina insurer would be required to pay your Domiciliary State under identical conditions. If the foreign state's aggregate total is greater than South Carolina's, the difference is collected from the foreign insurer as a retaliatory tax. If the remainder is negative, there is no retaliatory tax due.

A separate worksheet must be uploaded showing home state rates, premium figures, and calculations. This worksheet is part of the Required Documentation and if it is not furnished, the Company may be subject to disciplinary action for failure to follow instructions.

Schedule 03 – Biennial License Fee

1. The Biennial License Fee is determined by the number of members in the Society. The Biennial License Fee for less than 200 members is – \$100.00; and the Biennial License Fee for 200 or more members is – \$1,000.00. Refer to SC Code Ann. Section 38-38-560. This fee will be automatically calculated and populated into Schedule 01.

Schedule 04 - Exhibit of Premiums and Dividends (To Nearest Dollar)

1. **Review this Schedule carefully to ensure proper reporting of premiums. Round premiums to the nearest dollar.**
2. Use whole dollars – no cents.
3. All entries must balance to the Business Page and Schedule T of the Annual Statement. Schedule T, Line 41, must agree with Line 99.99, Column A of Schedule 04 on the Fee and Tax Return.
4. Indicate negative premium amounts by placing a negative sign immediately before the premium amount. i.e. -1000

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