

## LET US KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

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The Non-Admitted and Reinsurance Reform Act (NRRRA) was signed into law by President Obama on July 21, 2010. The bill, which includes language to standardize the reporting, allocation and payment of non-admitted insurance premium tax on multi-state risks, is set to take effect on July 21, 2011. The most notable change in the bill is the requirement that 100% of the premium on a multi-state risk is taxable only by the home state of the insured. However, the NRRRA bill gives states the ability to enter into an agreement to collect and share premium taxes for multi-state risks.

In response to the NRRRA Federal Legislation, House Bill 1227 was filed with the Florida House on Friday, March 4, 2011. Likewise, the companion bill introduced by the Florida Senate is SB1816. The bill authorizes the Florida Department of Financial Services and the Office of Insurance Regulation to enter into a multi-state agreement for the collection of non-admitted insurance taxes, and allows the state to collect surplus lines taxes, fees and assessments on the gross premium. Currently, Florida is a premium allocation state and only collects tax on premium for the portion of the risk that is allocated to Florida.

In addition, HB1227 aligns the deadline for filing the Agent affidavit with the payment of all surplus lines taxes, fees and assessments. The filing of the Agent affidavit and payment of taxes, service fees and assessments will be made on or before the 45th day following each calendar quarter if HB1227/SB1816 is passed, which coincides with the payment schedule set forth in the Non-Admitted Insurance Multi-State Agreement (NIMA). Service fees for Florida surplus lines agents are currently invoiced monthly. Under the new legislation, service fees would be invoiced quarterly along with the taxes and assessments. HB1227/SB1816 amends the payment schedule for Independently Procured Coverage policies to quarterly, as well.

Let Us help you stay informed on legislative changes that affect the surplus lines market! Please visit the 2011 Legislative Session page on our website at <http://www.fslso.com/statutes/leg/2011/index.aspx> (a link to this page is on the main page of the website in the right hand column). Please feel free to contact our office at 800.562.4496 if you have any questions.



## TOP COMPLIANT INSURERS FOR 3RD QUARTER 2010

The following insurers filed the required policy information timely and accurately to the FSLSO.  
**Way to go! We sincerely applaud your efforts.**

American Western Home Insurance Company

Associated International Insurance Company

Centennial Casualty Company

Great American Excess & Surplus Lines Insurance

Hallmark Specialty Insurance Company

Kinsale Insurance Company

Noetic Specialty Insurance Company

Penn-America Insurance Company

Professional Security Insurance Company

Safeco Surplus Lines Insurance Company

Seneca Specialty Insurance Company

## TID BITS

### FSLSO Sends Appointment Reminders

Beginning late 2010, FSLSO began sending out appointment reminders to Florida licensed surplus lines agents whose two-year self-appointment was coming up for renewal in the form of an electronic "birthday card." As FSLSO will be continuing this service in 2011, be on the lookout for your birthday card as your appointment comes up for renewal. Birthday cards are sent electronically via email, so it is imperative that you make sure your email address is correct in our system to ensure proper delivery of your reminder.

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