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REVISION OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO BE MADE BY INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES ENGAGE IN TRANSACTING OR WRITING INSURANCE IN PUERTO RICO

SECTION I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

SUBSECTION 1 – LEGAL BASIS

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance of Puerto Rico hereby establishes Rule 77 of the Regulations of the Insurance Code under the provisions of Sections 2.040, 2.071, and 7.010 of Public Law No. 77, enacted on June 19, 1957, as amended, known as the Puerto Rico Insurance Code and Public Law No. 170 enacted on August 12, 1988, 3 §§ 2101 *et seq.* known as the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

SUBSECTION 2 - PURPOSE

This Rule is adopted for the purpose of revising the amounts of the annual contributions required to be made by individuals or entities who are seeking to transact or write insurance in Puerto Rico, with a view to aligning such with needs and type of services required. In addition, the proposed adjustment is directed at promoting fairness and reasonability of the contributions, as well as addressing the budgetary needs of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

SUBSECTION 3 – SCOPE

This Rule shall be applicable to all natural or legal persons, or entities seeking to transact or write insurance in Puerto Rico or are currently engaged in such transaction or writing under any certificate of authority, license, certificate of eligibility or permit issued by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance of Puerto Rico under the Puerto Rico Insurance Code or any special law.

SECTION II – DEFINITIONS

The terms used in this Rule shall have the same meaning and scope as provided in the Puerto Rico Insurance Code.

SECTION III - ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions which under Section 7.010(1 of the Puerto Rico Insurance Code must be made by those seeking to or those who are engaged in transacting or writing any kind of insurance in Puerto Rico, will be as follows:

Entity	Annual Contribution		
(a) Domestic insurers having a volume of written premium for the preceding calendar year of less than twenty million (20,000,000) dollars	26,287.00		
(b) Domestic insurers having a volume of written premium for the preceding calendar year of twenty million (20,000,000) dollars or more, but less than fifty-five million (55,000,000) dollars	42,060.00		
(c) Domestic insurers having a volume of written premium for the preceding calendar year of fifty-five million (55,000,000) dollars or more, but less than eighty-five million (85,000,000) dollars	89,377.00		
(d) Domestic insurers having a volume of written premium for the preceding calendar year of eighty-five million (85,000,000) dollars or more	126,180.00		
(e) Foreign Insurers	6,309.00		
(f) Non-profit associations organized under Public Law No. 152, enacted on May 9, 1942			
(i) A volume of written premium for the preceding calendar year of fifty million (50,000,000) dollars or more	31,545.00		
(ii) A volume of written premium for the preceding calendar year of less than fifty million (50,000,000) dollars	5,257.00		
(g) Health Services Organizations	5,257.00		
(h) Rating bodies, for each class of authorized insurance	2,103.00		
(i) Consulting organizations	525.00		
(j) Foreign insurers engaged exclusively in reinsurance	2,103.00		
(k) Excess lines insurers	1,051.00		
(1) Automotive clubs or associations	525.00		
(m) Agents			
(i) Individuals	157.00		
(ii) Corporations or Firms	315.00		
(n) Solicitors	52.00		
(o) Brokers			
(i) Individuals	525.00		
(ii) Corporations or Firms with a premium production volume of less than one million (1,000,000) dollars	1051.00		

(iii) Corporations or Firms with a premium production volume of one million (1,000,000) dollars or more	2,103.00		
(p) Adjusters	210.00		
(q) Non- resident Agents	841.00		
(r) Non- resident Brokers	841.00		
(s) Broker-agents	105.00		
(t) Consultants	420.00		
(u) Excess Lines Brokers	525.00		
(v) Managers			
(i) Representing two (2) or fewer insurers	1,051.00		
(ii) Representing more two (2) insurers	5,527.00		
(w) General Agents			
(i) Representing two (2) or fewer insurers	1,051.00		
(ii) Representing more two (2) insurers	5,527.00		
(x) Charitable organizations as defined in Public Law No. 230, enacted on August 12, 1999.			

SECTION IV - SEVERABILITY

If any word, sentence, paragraph, subsection, section or part of this Rule were found to be null or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the order entered by such a court will not affect or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Rule and the effect of such order will be limited to such word, sentence, paragraph, subsection, section or part that has been found to be null.

SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Rule will enter into effect thirty (30) days after filing of the Rule at the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

SIGNED

FERMÍN CONTRERAS-GÓMEZ COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

Date of approval: December 12, 2003

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