

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill 1665**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX; AND TO  
REPEAL THE CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX BASED  
ON THE SALARY AND WAGES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE INSURER.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1665**

Amend House Bill 1665 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 11, delete "TAX" and substitute "TAX FOR ACCIDENT AND HEALTH  
COVERAGE"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX; AND TO REPEAL THE  
CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST THE INSURANCE  
PREMIUM TAX FOR ACCIDENT AND HEALTH  
COVERAGE BASED ON THE SALARY AND WAGES OF  
THE EMPLOYEES OF THE INSURER."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-57-604(a), concerning the remittance of  
the premium tax, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Coincident with the filing of the tax report, each  
authorized life ~~or accident and health~~ insurer, ~~including licensed health  
maintenance organizations~~, may apply for a credit for the noncommissioned  
salaries and wages of the insurer's Arkansas employees that are paid in  
connection with its insurance operations.

(B)~~(i)~~ The credit may be applied as an offset against the  
premium tax imposed in § 26-57-603(d) on life ~~and accident and health~~  
insurance.

~~(ii) However, the credit shall not be applied as an  
offset against the premium tax on collections resulting from an eligible~~



~~individual insured under the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021, § 23-61-1001 et seq., the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Act, § 23-61-801 et seq., or individual qualified health insurance plans, including without limitation stand alone dental plans, issued through the health insurance marketplace as defined by § 23-61-1003.~~

~~(iii) The credit shall not be applied as an offset against the premium tax on collections resulting from an eligible individual insured under the Arkansas Medicaid Program as administered by a risk-based provider organization.~~

~~(2)(A) The offset shall not reduce the accident and health premium tax due by more than the following amounts:~~

- ~~(i) For tax years beginning before January 1, 2021, eighty percent (80%);~~
- ~~(ii) For the tax year beginning January 1, 2021, seventy percent (70%);~~
- ~~(iii) For the tax year beginning January 1, 2022, sixty percent (60%); and~~
- ~~(iv) For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2023, fifty percent (50%).~~

~~(B) Beginning January 1, 2020, an authorized accident or health insurer shall not receive a credit under this subsection that exceeds an annual total of eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000).~~

~~(C) The offset shall not reduce the life premium tax due by more than seventy percent (70%).~~

~~(D)(B) The taxes shall be reported and paid on a quarterly estimated basis as prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner and shall be reconciled annually at the time of filing the annual report required in § 26-57-603(a)-(c).~~

~~(3) An employee shall be employed for six (6) months for the salary or wages to be eligible to qualify for the life or accident and health premium tax credit.~~

~~(4)(A)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this section, on or before March 1 of each year, any such authorized life or accident and health insurer, including health maintenance organizations, desiring to qualify under this provision shall furnish the appropriate data and request on forms prescribed by the commissioner.~~

~~(ii) For purposes of calculating the taxes under §§ 23-63-102 — 23-63-104, an insurer qualifying for a credit under this section shall compute the tax due under §§ 23-63-102 — 23-63-104, if any, by using an Arkansas premium tax rate of two and one-half percent (2½%).~~

~~(B)(i) Subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section shall only apply for tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2000.~~

~~(ii) By On or before March 1 of each year, an authorized life or accident and health insurer, including health maintenance organizations, desiring to qualify under this provision shall furnish the appropriate data and request on forms prescribed by the commissioner.~~

~~(iii)(B) However, for purposes of calculating the taxes under §§ 23-63-102 — 23-63-104, an insurer qualifying for a credit under this section shall compute the tax due under §§ 23-63-102 — 23-63-104, if any, by using an Arkansas premium tax rate of two and one-half percent (2½%) without regard to the credit specified in this section."~~

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
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