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This Week at FSLSO

Happy Independence Day

FSLSO will be closed this Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

We wish you a safe and happy 4th of July holiday.



Invoices Available Tomorrow

Quarterly invoices for submissions made from 4/1/2020-6/30/2020 will be issued and available in SLIP on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

Payments can be submitted through SLIP and are due by Friday, August 14, 2020.

So Much More Than a Template...It's a Helping Hand



FLSO offers a downloadable sample face/front page form for surplus lines agents.

This helpful tool shows the information required on the contract pursuant to F.S. 626.922 and 626.924.

[Download Sample Face Page](#)

Legislative Changes

On June 23, the governor signed **[CS/CS/HB 1039 - Act Relating to Transportation Network Companies](#)** into law.

The new law recategorizes for-hire vehicles such as limousines and luxury sedans as *Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)* if they meet the requirements and elect to be regulated as a TNC.

If they are regulated as a TNC, they would be permitted to purchase the appropriate coverages from an eligible surplus lines insurer, which has a superior, excellent, exceptional, or equivalent financial strength rating pursuant to F.S. 627.748(7)(f).

The new law went into effect upon signature.

[CS/CS/HB 1039 - Act Relating to Transportation Network Companies](#)

Tax Rate Decrease Effective Tomorrow

Tomorrow, July 1, 2020 the surplus lines premium tax in Florida officially decreases to 4.94%.

SLIP and the Tax Estimator have been updated to reflect the new tax rate. The updated XML Batch schema will be released tomorrow.

All new and renewal policies with an effective date on or after July 1, 2020 will incur the new tax rate of 4.94% of the total gross premium as defined in [Florida Statute 626.932](#).

Multistate policies will also be charged 4.94% for all state exposures, but filers will still be required to report Florida and Non-Florida premium allocations.

5.00%



4.94%

Headlines



COVID – 19 Impact on Specialty Insurance Market 2020 Industry Growing at CAGR 5.4% , 290 Million USD

The global **Specialty Insurance market** is valued at 220 million USD in 2017 and is expected to reach 290 million USD by the end of 2023, growing at a CAGR of 5.4% between 2017 and 2023.

Ryan Specialty Group, All Risks Limited, Enter Merger Agreement

Specialty insurance firm [Ryan Specialty Group](#) (RSG) and All Risks Limited – a national wholesale broker, managing general agent, and program administrator – have signed a definitive agreement to merge.

Palomar Excess and Surplus Insurance Company Formed in Arizona

PESIC is currently in the process of becoming an eligible surplus lines insurer in all US jurisdictions and intends to commence writing E&S business, on a national basis beginning in the second half of 2020.

Storm Guide 2020: Insurance Rates Are on the Rise

More than 60 insurance companies have been granted or are seeking rate hikes since the second half of 2019, according to filings with the [Florida Office of Insurance Regulation](#).

Citizens Insurance Expects To Top 500,000 Policies

After years of a relatively stable number of policies, the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. expects to see an increase to more than 500,000 policies this year.

Workers' Comp Writers Brace for COVID-19 Hit

Decreased premiums and unexpected claims could negatively impact workers' comp writers, said Sridhar Manyem, director, and Dan Mangano, financial analyst, AM Best.

2020 May See Record \$160bn+ Losses, Depending on Covid, Hurricanes: GC

Insurance and reinsurance market losses from catastrophes and the Covid-19 pandemic already look set to reach somewhere from \$100 billion to as much as \$160 billion, according to broker Guy Carpenter.

Going Above and Beyond as an MGA

"Being a five-star MGA is about more than just great service." Joel Cavaness, president at [Risk Placement Services \(RPS\)](#), believes it's also about having a broad range of offerings for customers and, more importantly, making sure everyone within the organization knows who the best person to assist a retailer is for every situation.

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