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**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
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**TAX INFORMATION BULLETIN
INSURANCE COMPANIES TAX ACT
Administrative Service Only Plans**

The Insurance Companies Tax Act has been amended to include, for the purposes of calculating the 4% tax, funding arrangements such as Administrative Service Only (ASO) Plans.

Under the amendments to the Act, a company which administers a contract of insurance under an ASO or any other financial arrangement for group insurance, is liable for tax equal to 4% of the value of benefits paid out of the plan as well as any dues, assessments, and administrative costs or fees charged to the plan holder, policy or program of insurance.

A company is defined to include a person who administers a contract of insurance under an ASO or any other financial arrangement which provides group insurance. A contract of insurance includes an ASO or any other financial arrangement for group insurance.

The amendment is effective from May 20, 1997. Tax payable under the Act for a calendar year is required to be remitted by March 20 of the following year.

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