

# Chapter 731

## Fire Insurance Premium Tax

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(b) For the purpose of paragraph (a) of this subsection the following portions of the amounts required to be reported by line of business in the annual financial statement required by ORS 731.574 shall be considered premiums for insurance covering the peril of fire:

- (A) Fire, 100 percent.
- (B) Homeowners and farm owners multiple peril, 65 percent.
- (C) Commercial multiple peril, 50 percent.
- (D) Inland marine, 20 percent.
- (E) Automobile physical damage, eight percent.
- (F) Aircraft physical damage, eight percent.

(2) If an insurer ceases to do business or collect premiums on direct domestic risks, it thereupon shall make a report to the director of its premiums subject to taxation as provided in subsection (1) of this section and collected or due as of the date when it ceased to do business or collect premiums on direct domestic risks, and not theretofore reported, and shall forthwith pay to the director the tax thereon.

(3) If the director, during the period in which the director under ORS 731.836 may collect taxes owing under this section, finds the amount of such taxes paid by an insurer to have been incorrect, the director shall charge or credit the insurer with the difference between the correct amount of tax and the amount actually paid. [1967 c.359 §135; 1967 c.453 §4; 1971 c.231 §15; 1975 c.275 §1; 1983 c.130 §1; 1989 c.700 §6; 2003 c.364 §77]