for the former reference to a contract of "life annuity" to use the term defined for the article.

In item (3) of this section, the former reference to an agreement "of any form or nature" is deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "Annuity" § 1–101
"Annuity contract" § 1–101
"Health insurance" § 1–101
"Insurance" § 1–101
"Insurer" § 1–101
"Life insurance" § 1–101
"Person" § 1–101
"Policy" § 1–101
"Premium" § 1–101

27–210. EFFECT OF §§ 27–208 AND 27–209.

(A) IN GENERAL.

SECTIONS 27–208 AND 27–209 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF DISCRIMINATION OR REBATES ANY OF THE PRACTICES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

(B) PAYING BONUSES OR ABATING PREMIUMS.

FOR A CONTRACT OF LIFE INSURANCE OR AN ANNUITY CONTRACT, IT IS NOT DISCRIMINATION OR A REBATE TO PAY BONUSES TO POLICYHOLDERS OR OTHERWISE ABATE THEIR PREMIUMS WHOLLY OR PARTLY OUT OF THE SURPLUS ACCUMULATED FROM NONPARTICIPATING INSURANCE, IF THE BONUSES OR ABATEMENT OF PREMIUMS IS FAIR, EQUITABLE TO, AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF POLICYHOLDERS.

(C) ALLOWANCE FOR SAVINGS IN COLLECTION EXPENSE.

FOR POLICIES OF LIFE INSURANCE OR HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUED ON THE INDUSTRIAL DEBIT, PREAUTHORIZED CHECK, BANK DRAFT, OR SIMILAR PLANS, IT IS NOT DISCRIMINATION OR A REBATE TO MAKE AN ALLOWANCE TO POLICYHOLDERS WHO HAVE CONTINUOUSLY FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD MADE PREMIUM PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO AN OFFICE OF THE INSURER OR BY PREAUTHORIZED CHECK, BANK DRAFT, OR SIMILAR PLANS IN AN AMOUNT THAT FAIRLY REPRESENTS THE SAVINGS IN COLLECTION EXPENSE.

(D) READJUSTMENT OF RATE OF PREMIUM FOR GROUP POLICY.

IT IS NOT DISCRIMINATION OR A REBATE TO READJUST THE RATE OF PREMIUM FOR A GROUP POLICY BASED ON THE LOSS OR EXPENSE EXPERIENCE UNDER THE POLICY, AT THE END OF ANY POLICY YEAR, RETROACTIVE ONLY FOR THAT POLICY YEAR.

(E) REDUCING PREMIUM RATE FOR POLICIES OF LARGE AMOUNT.