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(By Mr. Carson, Mr. President,
and Mr. Tompas,
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AN ACT to amend chapter twenty-one-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-b, relating to the acceptance by the commissioner of the department of employment security of granted funds provided by the United States department of labor, bureau of employment security, and empowering the commissioner to approve and the state auditor to make periodic deductions from salaries of regular employees thereof

who agree thereto; said granted funds and the deductions from salaries to be applied to the payment of insurance premiums on policies under group insurance plans in favor of the regular employees of the department of employment security.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter twenty-one-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-b, to read as follows:

Article 2B. Group Insurance Plans for Regular Employees.

Section 1. Inaugurating Group Insurance Plans.—The

2 commissioner of the West Virginia department of employ-
3 ment security is hereby authorized and empowered to
4 negotiate for, secure and adopt for the regular employees
5 thereof (other than provisional, temporary, emergency,
6 and intermittent employees) who are in employee status
7 with the West Virginia department of employment se-
8 curity on and after the effective date of this article, a
9 policy or policies of group insurance written by a carrier
10 or carriers chartered under the laws of any state and duly

11 licensed to do business in this state and covering life;
12 health; hospital care; surgical or medical diagnosis, care,
13 and treatment; drugs and medicines; remedial care; other
14 medical supplies and services; or any other combination
15 of these; and any other policy or policies of group insur-
16 ance which in the discretion of the commissioner bear a
17 reasonable relationship to the foregoing coverages; but
18 subject to the terms and conditions of this article.

Sec. 2. Granted Funds by United States Department of

2 **Labor, Bureau of Employment Security.**—The group in-
3 surance plans so authorized to be established shall be
4 subject to the following terms and conditions:

5 The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered
6 to accept on behalf of the regular employees of the de-
7 partment of employment security, who in writing agree
8 to participate in any plan of group insurance, granted
9 funds provided by the United States department of labor,
10 bureau of employment security, to pay the agency's share
11 of the premium cost of said group policy or policies.
12 The state of West Virginia shall not pay, or be liable for

13 the payment of, any portion of said premiums for such
14 group insurance.

Sec. 3. Terms, Conditions and Administration Gener-

2 **ally.**—The provisions and terms of any such group plan
3 or plans of insurance shall comply in all respects with
4 the conditions and requirements of the United States de-
5 partment of labor, bureau of employment security, and
6 shall be approved in writing by the insurance commis-
7 sioner of the state of West Virginia as to form, rate and
8 benefits.

Sec. 4. Payroll Deductions.—(a) Whenever the above-
2 described regular employees shall indicate in writing that
3 they have subscribed to any of the aforesaid insurance
4 plans on a group basis, the commissioner of the depart-
5 ment of employment security is hereby authorized and
6 empowered to approve periodic premium deductions from
7 the salary payments due such employees as specified in a
8 written assignment furnished the commissioner by each
9 such employee subscribing to a group insurance plan,
10 which deductions shall be made by the auditor of the state
11 of West Virginia.

12 (b) Upon proper requisition of the commissioner, the
13 auditor shall periodically issue a warrant payable as speci-
14 fied in the requisition, for the total deductions from the
15 salaries of employees participating in any such group in-
16 surance plan. To promote efficiency and economy in mak-
17 ing deductions and issuing warrants as provided herein,
18 the auditor is authorized to promulgate rules and regu-
19 lations specifying the form and the time and manner of
20 presentation of requisitions issued pursuant to this sec-
21 tion.

22 (c) When a participating employee shall retire from
23 his employment, he may, if he so elects and the insurance
24 carrier or carriers agree, remain a member of the group
25 plan by paying the entire premium for the coverage
26 involved.

Sec. 5. Custodian; Disbursements.—The state treasurer
2 shall be custodian of the funds under the aforesaid group
3 insurance plans, and disbursements from the funds to pay
4 all premiums shall be made only upon warrants signed by
5 the state auditor and the state treasurer.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Roy Lasker
Chairman Senate Committee

Frederic L. Randall
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect *From* passage.

Howard Myers
Clerk of the Senate

C. G. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard E. Carson
President of the Senate

Julius W. Singlefair
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *1st*
day of *February*, 1964.

W. W. Bann
Governor