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HOUSE BILL No. 966

(By Mr. Shiflet)



PASSED March 8, 1969

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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, IV
SECRETARY OF STATE

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AN ACT to amend article five, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty, relating to group insurance for county employees and officers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 5. FISCAL AFFAIRS.

§7-5-20. Group insurance programs authorized.

1 Every county through its county court shall have

2 plenary power and authority to negotiate for, secure and
3 adopt for the officers and regular employees thereof,
4 other than provisional, temporary, emergency and inter-
5 mittent employees, who are in officer or employee status
6 with such county on and after the effective date of this
7 section, a policy or policies of group insurance written by
8 a carrier or carriers chartered under the laws of any state
9 and duly licensed to do business in this state and cover-
10 ing life; health; hospital care; surgical or medical diag-
11 nosis, care and treatment; drugs and medicines; remedial
12 care; other medical supplies and services; or any other
13 combination of these; and any other policy or policies
14 of group insurance which in the discretion of the county
15 court bear a reasonable relationship to the foregoing
16 coverages. The provisions and terms of any such group
17 plan or plans of insurance shall be approved in writing
18 by the insurance comissioner of this state as to form,
19 rate and benefits.

20 For said group policy or policies, the county court is
21 hereby authorized and empowered to pay up to a maxi-
22 mum county payment of eighteen dollars per month for

23 each participating officer or employee. Whenever the
24 above described officers or regular employees shall indi-
25 cate in writing that they have subscribed to any of the
26 aforesaid insurance plans on a group basis and the entire
27 cost thereof is not paid by the county court, the county
28 court is hereby authorized and empowered to make
29 periodic premium deductions of the amount of the contri-
30 bution each such subscribing officer or employee is re-
31 quired to make for such participation from the salary or
32 wage payments due each such subscribing officer or em-
33 ployee as specified in a written assignment furnished to
34 the county clerk by each such subscribing officer or em-
35 ployee.

36 When a participating officer or employee shall retire
37 from his office or employment, he may, if he so elects and
38 the insurance carrier or carriers agree, remain a member
39 of the group plan by paying the entire premium for the
40 coverage involved.

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

William Tompao
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Raudscoen
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1969.

William H. Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Laurel G. Jackson
President of the Senate

Iron F. Bauer
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th
day of March, 1969.

Archie D. Thorne Jr.
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/13/69
Time 3:15 p.m.