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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1972



# ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 1121

(By Mr. Fantasia and)  
Mr. Shingleton



PASSED March 11 1972

In Effect 90 days from Passage

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
THIS DATE 3-28-72

**ENROLLED**

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty, article five, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to authorizing a county court to pay the entire premium for employees group insurance policies.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section twenty, article five, chapter seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted 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 mitten 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  
8 by a carrier or carriers chartered under the laws of any  
9 state and duly licensed to do business in this state and  
10 covering life; health; hospital care; surgical or medical  
11 diagnosis, care and treatment; drugs and medicines;  
12 remedial care; other medical supplies and services; or any  
13 other combination of these; and any other policy or poli-

14 cies of group insurance which in the discretion of the  
15 county court bear a reasonable relationship to the fore-  
16 going coverages. The provisions and terms of any such  
17 group plan or plans of insurance shall be approved in  
18 writing by the insurance commissioner of this state as  
19 to form, rate and benefits.

20 The county court is hereby authorized and empowered  
21 to pay the entire premium cost, or any portion thereof  
22 of said group policy or policies. Whenever the above  
23 described officers or regular employees shall indicate in  
24 writing that they have subscribed to any of the foresaid  
25 insurance plans on a group basis and the entire cost  
26 thereof is not paid by the county court, the county court  
27 is hereby authorized and empowered to make periodic  
28 premium deductions of the amount of the contribution  
29 each such subscribing officer or employee is required to  
30 make for such participation from the salary or wage pay-  
31 ments due each such subscribing officer or employee as  
32 specified in a written assignment furnished to the county  
33 clerk by each such subscribing officer or employee.

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

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

Russell H. Beall  
Chairman Senate Committee

Phyllis J. Rutledge  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Howard W. Carson  
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

E. H. McCourt  
President of the Senate

Lewis W. W. Mansur  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 27th  
day of March, 1972.

Hubert H. Hanes, Jr.  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE

COMMISSION

DATE 3/20/72

TIME 10:17 a.m.