WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1976

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 430

(By Mr. Blankenstein, President, for Enrollment)

PASSED March 12, 1976
In Effect ninety days from Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE
JAMES R. MCCARTNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3/25/76
ENROLLED
Senate Bill No. 430
(By Mr. Brotherton, Mr. President, and Mr. Gilligan)

[Passed March 12, 1976; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article sixteen, chapter five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the West Virginia public insurance board; requiring the board to provide for optional group life and accidental death insurance in amounts not to exceed twenty thousand dollars for each eligible employee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven, article sixteen, chapter five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.

§5-16-7. Authorization to establish group hospital and surgical insurance plan, group major medical insurance plan and group life and accidental death insurance plan; rules and regulations for administration of plans; what plans may provide; separate rating for claims experience purposes.

1. The board is hereby empowered and authorized to establish a group hospital and surgical insurance plan or plans, a group major medical insurance plan or plans, and a group life and accidental death insurance plan or plans for those employees herein made eligible, and to establish and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of such plans, subject to the limitations
such plans may provide for group hospital and surgical and group major medical insurance against the financial cost of hospitalization, surgical and medical treatment and care, and may also include, among other things, prescribed drugs, medicines, prosthetic appliances, hospital inpatient and outpatient service benefits, and medical expenses and indemnifying benefits, and group life and accidental death insurance, and such other coverage and benefits deemed appropriate and desirable by the board.

The board shall make available to each employee herein made eligible, at full cost to the employee, the opportunity to purchase optional group life and accidental death insurance in an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars for life insurance and twenty thousand dollars for accidental death insurance as established under the rules and regulations of the board.

The board may cause to be separately rated for claims experience purposes (1) all employees of the state of West Virginia, (2) all teaching and professional employees of the West Virginia board of regents and county boards of education, (3) all nonteaching employees of the West Virginia board of regents and county boards of education or (4) any other categorization which would insure the stability of the overall program.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within Approved this the 24th
day of Third, 1976

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/18/76
Time 2:25 p.m.