WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1976

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 469

(By Mr. Kent Keaton, Jr., President)

PASSED January 12, 1976
In Effect from Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE OF
WEST VIRGINIA
THIS DATE 3/29/76
ENROLLED
Senate Bill No. 469
(By Mr. Brotherton, Mr. President, and Mr. Rogerson)

[Passed March 13, 1976; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section eighteen, article sixteen, chapter five of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to allowing public employees to continue their coverage under the public employees insurance act by paying their proportionate share of premium costs during medical leave of absence not exceeding one year.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section eighteen, 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.

§5-16-18. Rules and regulations for administration of article; eligibility of certain retired employees and dependents of deceased members for coverage; employees on medical leave of absence entitled to coverage.

1 The board shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be required for the effective administration of the provisions of this article. All rules and regulations of the board and all hearings held by the board shall be promulgated and held in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of the code.

7 Such regulations shall provide that any employee of the state who has been compelled or required by law to retire before reaching the age of sixty-five years shall be eligible for coverage at their own expense for the total
cost of coverage, as provided under this article, and the
dependents of any deceased member shall be entitled to
continue their participation and coverage upon payment
of the total cost for such coverage. Any employee who
voluntarily retires, as provided by law, shall be eligible
to participate in the public employees health insurance
program at his own expense for the total cost of such
coverage.

Any employee who is on a medical leave of absence,
approved by his employer, shall, subject to the following
provisions of this paragraph, be entitled to continue his
coverage until he returns to his employment, and such
employee and employer shall continue to pay their pro-
portionate share of premium costs as provided by this
article: Provided, That the employer shall be obligated
to pay its proportionate share of the premium cost
only for a period of one year: Provided, however, That
during the period of such leave of absence, the employee
shall, at least once each month, submit to the employer
the statement of a qualified physician certifying that
the employee is unable to return to work.
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.

To take effect 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 26th day of March, 1976

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/22/16
Time 11:40 a.m.