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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1976



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SENATE BILL NO. 430

(By Mr. Baughman, Jr. President & Mr. Gilligan)



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

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(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  
2 establish a group hospital and surgical insurance plan  
3 or plans, a group major medical insurance plan or plans,  
4 and a group life and accidental death insurance plan or  
5 plans for those employees herein made eligible, and to  
6 establish and promulgate rules and regulations for the  
7 administration of such plans, subject to the limitations

8 contained in this article. Such plans may provide for  
9 group hospital and surgical and group major medical  
10 insurance against the financial cost of hospitalization,  
11 surgical and medical treatment and care, and may also  
12 include, among other things, prescribed drugs, medi-  
13 cines, prosthetic appliances, hospital inpatient and out-  
14 patient service benefits, and medical expenses and in-  
15 demnifying benefits, and group life and accidental death  
16 insurance, and such other coverage and benefits deemed  
17 appropriate and desirable by the board.

18 The board shall make available to each employee herein  
19 made eligible, at full cost to the employee, the oppor-  
20 tunity to purchase optional group life and accidental  
21 death insurance in an amount not to exceed twenty thou-  
22 sand dollars for life insurance and twenty thousand  
23 dollars for accidental death insurance as established  
24 under the rules and regulations of the board.

25 The board may cause to be separately rated for claims  
26 experience purposes (1) all employees of the state of  
27 West Virginia, (2) all teaching and professional em-  
28 ployees of the West Virginia board of regents and county  
29 boards of education, (3) all nonteaching employees of  
30 the West Virginia board of regents and county boards  
31 of education or (4) any other categorization which would  
32 insure the stability of the overall program.

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

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence M. Christensen  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

J. C. Willoughby  
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Bratherton, Jr.  
President of the Senate

Lewis T. M. Manus  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 24th  
day of March, 1976

Hubert H. Hanes, Jr.  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/18/76

Time 2:25 p.m.