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HOUSE BILL No. 1622

(BY DEEL. DOFF & DEL. HUTCHINSON)

Passed March 8, 1984

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FOR
H. B. 1622
(By Delegate Goff and Delegate Hutchinson)

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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 employees insurance act; authority to establish group insurance plans, including group life and accidental death insurance plans; providing for increasing the maximum under the optional group life and accidental death insurance plan, payable in full by the employee; and making the employee's spouse and dependents includable therein.

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; optional plans; 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 promul-
gate rules and regulations for the administration of such
plans, subject to the limitations contained in this article. Such
plans may provide for group hospital and surgical and group
major medical insurance against the financial cost of hos-

pitalization, surgical and medical treatment and care, and
may also include, among other things, prescribed drugs, medi-
cines, prosthetic appliances, hospital inpatient and outpatient
service benefits, and medical expenses and indemnifying bene-
fits, 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 fifty thousand dollars for life
insurance and fifty thousand dollars for accidental death in-
surance as established under the rules and regulations of
the board. In addition, each employee shall be entitled to
have his spouse and dependents, as defined by the rules and
regulations of the board, included in such optional coverage,
at full cost to the employee, in an amount not to exceed five
thousand dollars for life insurance and five thousand dollars
for accidental death insurance for the spouse and not to exceed
two thousand dollars in life insurance and two thousand dollars
in accidental death insurance for each eligible dependent; and
with full authorization hereby to the board to make the same
available and provide such opportunity of purchase to each
employee.

The board may cause to be separately rated for claims ex-
perience 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 ensure the stability of the overall
program.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James D. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Donald Anello  
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Fred A. White  
Clerk of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30 day of March, 1984.

John Douglas  
Governor