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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1984



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*Com. Sub. for*

HOUSE BILL No. *1622*

(By ~~Mr.~~ *Del. Goff + Del. Hutchinson*)



Passed ..... *March 8,* ..... 1984

In Effect *Ninety Days From* ..... Passage



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**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**  
**FOR**  
**H. B. 1622**  
**(By DELEGATE GOFF and DELEGATE HUTCHINSON)**

[Passed March 8, 1984; 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 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 estab-
- 2 lish a group hospital and surgical insurance plan or plans, a

3 group major medical insurance plan or plans, and a group  
4 life and accidental death insurance plan or plans for those  
5 employees herein made eligible, and to establish and promul-  
6 gate rules and regulations for the administration of such  
7 plans, subject to the limitations contained in this article. Such  
8 plans may provide for group hospital and surgical and group  
9 major medical insurance against the financial cost of hos-  
10 pitalization, surgical and medical treatment and care, and  
11 may also include, among other things, prescribed drugs, medi-  
12 cines, prosthetic appliances, hospital inpatient and outpatient  
13 service benefits, and medical expenses and indemnifying bene-  
14 fits, and group life and accidental death insurance, and such  
15 other coverage and benefits deemed appropriate and desirable  
16 by the board.

17 The board shall make available to each employee herein  
18 made eligible, at full cost to the employee, the opportunity  
19 to purchase optional group life and accidental death insurance  
20 in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars for life  
21 insurance and fifty thousand dollars for accidental death in-  
22 surance as established under the rules and regulations of  
23 the board. In addition, each employee shall be entitled to  
24 have his spouse and dependents, as defined by the rules and  
25 regulations of the board, included in such optional coverage,  
26 at full cost to the employee, in an amount not to exceed five  
27 thousand dollars for life insurance and five thousand dollars  
28 for accidental death insurance for the spouse and not to exceed  
29 two thousand dollars in life insurance and two thousand dollars  
30 in accidental death insurance for each eligible dependent; and  
31 with full authorization hereby to the board to make the same  
32 available and provide such opportunity of purchase to each  
33 employee.

34 The board may cause to be separately rated for claims ex-  
35 perience purposes (1) all employees of the state of West  
36 Virginia, (2) all teaching and professional employees of the  
37 West Virginia board of regents and county boards of education,  
38 (3) all nonteaching employees of the West Virginia board of  
39 regents and county boards of education, or (4) any other  
40 categorization which would ensure the stability of the overall  
41 program.

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

*James L. Davis*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Donald Anello*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

*Todd C. Wall*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*Donald L. Dupp*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Walter R. McNew*  
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President of the Senate

*W. M. Lee, Jr.*  
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Speaker House of Delegates

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

*Paul D. Dyer*  
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