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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 55

By Request

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide group life and health
7 insurance for Territorial employees."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

9 Section 1. As used in the Act, the term "governmental
10 units" includes the Territory of Alaska, any department, board or
11 other agency of the Territory, any municipal corporation, town,
12 school district or other political subdivision thereof, and,
13 where mutually agreeable, two or more of such units.

14 Section 2. Authority is hereby granted to a governmental
15 unit, as defined in this Act, to procure a policy or policies of
16 group insurance covering any class or classes of its employees,
17 subject to the following conditions:

18 (a) A group insurance policy shall provide one or
19 more of the following benefits: life insurance, accidental
20 death and dismemberment insurance, weekly indemnity in-
21 surance, hospital expense insurance, surgical expense in-
22 surance, other medical care insurance.

23 (b) All eligible employees within the governmental
24 unit (including elected and appointed officials) may be
25 insured under any such policy, provided at least 25 em-
26 ployees are so insured, with respect to losses incurred on
27 their own behalf, or on their own behalf and on behalf of
28 their lawful spouses and those of their unmarried children
29 who are chiefly dependent upon the employees for support

1 and maintenance.

2 (c) No eligible employee shall become insured unless
3 he has given, to the governmental unit in which he is
4 employed, a written authorization to withhold from his
5 salary or wage the premium contribution necessary to pay
6 for one-half the cost of such employee's insurance. Govern-
7 mental units are hereby authorized to pay the remainder of
8 the total premium on each of their insured employees, and
9 shall remit premiums to the insurer on behalf of all
10 covered employees.

11 (d) The group insurance policy shall be issued to the
12 governmental unit exercising the authority contained in
13 this Act, except that where two or more of such units join
14 together in exercising such authority, the policy shall be
15 issued to the governmental unit mutually agreeable to all
16 such units so joining together.

17 (e) The governmental unit shall procure the in-
18 surance policy from any insurer authorized to transact
19 business in the Territory pursuant to sections 42-1-10
20 and 42-1-11 (1) or section 42-1-11 (2)(a) of the ACLA
21 1949.

22 (f) Should the aggregate of any dividends payable
23 under such group insurance policy exceed the governmental
24 unit's share of the premium, the excess shall be applied
25 by the governmental unit for the sole benefit of the
26 employees.