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1 IN THE HOUSE

RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 149

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to group health and life  
7 insurance for public employees and their de-  
8 pendants; and providing for an effective date"

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Sec. 1. AS 39.30.090 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

11 Sec. 39.30.090. PROCUREMENT OF GROUP INSURANCE. The  
12 Department of Administration may obtain a policy or policies  
13 of group insurance covering state employees and employees of  
14 other participating governmental units subject to the follow-  
15 ing conditions:

16 (1) a group insurance policy shall provide one or  
17 more of the following benefits: life insurance, accidental  
18 death and dismemberment insurance, weekly indemnity insurance,  
19 hospital expense insurance, surgical expense insurance, or  
20 other medical care insurance;

21 (2) each eligible employee of the state and of  
22 another participating governmental unit shall be covered by  
23 the group policy, unless exempt under regulations adopted by  
24 the commissioner of administration;

25 (3) a governmental unit may participate under a  
26 group policy if

27 (A) its governing body adopts a resolution  
28 authorizing participation, and payment of required  
29 premiums;

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(B) a certified copy of the resolution is filed with the Department of Administration, and

(C) the commissioner of administration approves the participation in writing;

(4) an employee covered by a group policy may obtain coverage for his (her) lawful spouse and those of the employee's unmarried children who are chiefly dependent upon the employee for support. To obtain coverage for his spouse or dependent children, a covered state employee shall deliver to the commissioner of administration a written authorization to withhold from his salary or wage the cost of the additional coverage;

(5) the state shall contribute not more than \$7.50 per month for each state employee covered. The state shall make no contribution for the employee's spouse or dependent children. Another participating governmental unit may pay the cost of insurance for its employee and his dependents or may share the cost with the employee;

(6) the Department of Administration shall obtain the insurance policy from any insurer authorized to transact business in the state under AS 21.10.035 - 21.10.050, 21.30.020, and 21.10.55(1) or (2)(A).

(7) the Department of Administration shall make available bid specifications for desired insurance benefits to all insurance carriers licensed in the state and qualified to provide the desired benefits. The specifications shall be made available on or before July 1, 1965, and at least once every succeeding five years. The lowest responsible bid submitted by an insurance carrier with adequate servicing

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facilities shall govern selection of a carrier under this section.

(8) If the aggregate of dividends payable under the group insurance policy exceeds the governmental unit's share of the premium, the excess shall be applied by the governmental unit for the sole benefit of the employees.

\* Sec. 2. AS 39.30.100 is repealed and re-enacted to read:  
Sec. 39.30.100. DEFINITIONS. In sec. 090 of this chapter:

(1) "eligible employee" means

(A) an employee who has served in full-time employment with the same governmental unit for 30 days or more, except a part-time, emergency or temporary employee, and

(B) an elected or appointed official of a governmental unit, effective upon taking the oath of office;

(2) "governmental unit" means the state, a borough, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the state;

(3) "insurance", "insurance carrier" and "insurance policy" include health care services, health care service contractors and contracts.

\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1965.