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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 283

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act authorizing participation by the American
7 Legion, Department of Alaska, Inc., and the Department
8 of Alaska Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
9 in group insurance policies and in the public employees'
10 retirement system."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 39.30.090 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 39.30.090. PROCUREMENT OF GROUP INSURANCE. The Department of
14 Administration may obtain a policy or policies of group insurance cover-
15 ing state employees and employees of other participating employers
16 [GOVERNMENTAL UNITS] subject to the following conditions:

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

22 (2) Each eligible employee of the state, his spouse and his
23 unmarried children chiefly dependent on him for support and each eli-
24 gible employee of another participating employer [GOVERNMENTAL UNIT]
25 shall be covered by the group policy, unless exempt under regulations
26 adopted by the commissioner of administration.

27 (3) An employer other than the state [A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT]
28 may participate under a group policy if

29 (A) its governing body adopts a resolution authorizing

1 participation, and payment of required premiums;

2 (B) a certified copy of the resolution is filed with the
3 Department of Administration; and

4 (C) the commissioner of administration approves the
5 participation in writing.

6 (4) (repealed)

7 (5) (repealed)

8 (6) The Department of Administration shall obtain the in-
9 surance policy from any insurer authorized to transact business in the
10 state under AS 21.09 and 21.90.

11 (7) The Department of Administration shall make available bid
12 specifications for desired insurance benefits to all insurance carriers
13 licensed in the state and qualified to provide the desired benefits.
14 The specifications shall be made available on or before July 1, 1965,
15 and at least once every succeeding five years. The lowest responsible
16 bid submitted by an insurance carrier with adequate servicing facilities
17 shall govern selection of a carrier under this section.

18 (8) If the aggregate of dividends payable under the group
19 insurance policy exceeds the employer's [GOVERNMENTAL UNIT'S] share of
20 the premium, the excess shall be applied by the employer [GOVERNMENTAL
21 UNIT] for the sole benefit of the employees.

22 (9) A person receiving benefits under AS 14.25.110, AS 22.25
23 or AS 39.35 who is not 65 years of age may obtain major medical and life
24 insurance under this section for himself and any dependents who have not
25 reached the age of 65 years.

26 (10) A person receiving benefits under AS 14.25.110, AS 22.25
27 or AS 39.35 who is 65 years of age or older but who has dependents who
28 are under 65 may obtain major medical insurance for these dependents
29 under this section.

1 (11) A person receiving benefits under AS 14.25.110, AS 22.25
2 or AS 39.35 may obtain major medical and prescription drug insurance
3 under this section for himself and any dependents to cover costs which
4 are not covered by the federal old age, survivors, [SURVIVOR'S] and
5 disability insurance program.

6 (12) A person electing to have insurance under (9), (10), or
7 (11) of this section shall pay the cost of this insurance.

8 (13) No person may elect for coverage under (9), (10) or (11)
9 of this section unless he was or is presently eligible for coverage
10 under this section.

11 (14) For each permanent part-time employee electing coverage
12 under this section, the state shall contribute one-half the state con-
13 tribution rate for permanent full-time state employees, and the perma-
14 nent part-time employee shall contribute the other one-half.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 39.30.100(1)(A) is amended to read:

16 (A) an employee who has served in permanent full-time or
17 part-time employment with the same employer [GOVERNMENTAL UNIT] for
18 30 days or more, except an emergency or temporary employee; [,] and

19 * Sec. 3. AS 39.30.100 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

20 (4) "employer" means a governmental unit, the American Legion,
21 Department of Alaska, Inc., and the Department of Alaska Veterans of
22 Foreign Wars of the United States.

23 * Sec. 4. AS 39.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 Sec. 39.35.152. AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA, INC., AND
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
26 EMPLOYEES. Employees of the American Legion, Department of Alaska,
27 Inc., and the Department of Alaska Veterans of Foreign Wars of the
28 United States are included in the system if the American Legion, Depart-
29 ment of Alaska, Inc., and the Department of Alaska Veterans of Foreign

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Wars of the United States pay the employer's contributions for their respective employees. If the employer's contributions are not paid when due, credited service for the period of delinquency may not be granted until the contributions are paid.

* Sec. 5. AS 39.35.680(17) is amended to read:

(17) "employer" means

(A) the State of Alaska;

(B) [OR] a political subdivision or public or quasi-public organization of the state which participates in the system;

(C) any other organization which participates in the system under authority expressly granted in this chapter;