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HOUSE BILL NO. 535

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the purchase of group life insur-
7 ance by former state employees and others."

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

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

10 Sec. 39.30.090. PROCUREMENT OF GROUP INSURANCE. The Department
11 of Administration may obtain a policy or policies of group insurance
12 covering state employees, persons entitled to coverage under AS 14.-
13 25.168, AS 22.25.090, AS 39.35.535 or former AS 39.37.145, or employ-
14 ees of other participating governmental units, subject to the follow-
15 ing conditions:

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

21 (2) Each eligible employee of the state, the spouse and the
22 unmarried children chiefly dependent on the eligible employee for
23 support, and each eligible employee of another participating govern-
24 mental unit shall be covered by the group policy, unless exempt under
25 regulations adopted by the commissioner of administration.

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

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

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

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

5 [(4) Repealed

6 (5) Repealed]

7 (4) [(6)] The Department of Administration shall obtain the
8 insurance policy from any insurer authorized to transact business in
9 the state under AS 21.09 and AS 21.90.

10 (5) [(7)] The Department of Administration shall make
11 available bid specifications for desired insurance benefits to all
12 insurance carriers licensed in the state and qualified to provide the
13 desired benefits. The specifications shall be made available on or
14 before July 1, 1965, and at least once every succeeding five years.
15 The lowest responsible bid submitted by an insurance carrier with
16 adequate servicing facilities shall govern selection of a carrier
17 under this section.

18 (6) [(8)] If the aggregate of dividends payable under the
19 group insurance policy exceeds the governmental unit's share of the
20 premium, the excess shall be applied by the governmental unit for the
21 sole benefit of the employees.

22 (7) [(9)] A person receiving benefits under AS 14.25.110,
23 AS 22.25, AS 39.35, or former AS 39.37 [WHO IS NOT 65 YEARS OF AGE]
24 may continue the life insurance coverage that was in effect under this
25 section at the time of termination of employment with the state or
26 participating governmental unit.

27 [(10) Repealed

28 (11) Repealed]

29 (8) [(12)] A person electing to have insurance under (7)

1 [[9]] of this section shall pay the cost of this insurance.

2 [(13) Repealed]

3 (9) [(14)] For each permanent part-time employee electing
4 coverage under this section, the state shall contribute one-half the
5 state contribution rate for permanent full-time state employees, and
6 the permanent part-time employee shall contribute the other one-half.

7 (10) [(15)] A person receiving benefits under AS 14.25,
8 AS 22.25, AS 39.35, or former AS 39.37 may obtain auditory, visual,
9 and dental insurance for that person and eligible dependents under
10 this section. The level of coverage for persons over 65 shall be the
11 same as that available before reaching age 65 except that the benefits
12 payable shall be supplemental to any benefits provided under the
13 federal old age, survivors, and disability insurance program. A
14 person electing to have insurance under this paragraph shall pay the
15 cost of the insurance. The commissioner of administration shall adopt
16 regulations implementing this paragraph.