

## CHAPTER 151

## AN ACT

**To authorize group life and health insurance for employees of the Territory of Alaska and its political subdivisions.**

(C. S. for H. B. 55)

**Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:**

**Section 1. As used in the Act**

(a) The term "governmental unit" means the Territory of Alaska, any department, board or other agency of the Territory, any municipal corporation, school district or other political subdivision thereof, and, where mutually agreeable, two or more of such units.

(b) The term "eligible employee" means any employee, including elected and appointed officials, who has served in full time employment with the same governmental unit for the ninety days next preceding his election to participate in this plan excepting employees classified in the following categories: hourly, part-time, seasonal, emergency, temporary, or provisional.

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

(a) A group insurance policy shall provide one or more of the

following benefits: life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, weekly indemnity insurance, hospital expense insurance, surgical expense insurance, other medical care insurance,

(b) All eligible employees within the governmental unit may be insured under any such policy, provided at least 25 employees are so insured, with respect to losses incurred on their own behalf, or on their own behalf and behalf of their lawful spouses and those of their unmarried children who are chiefly dependent upon the employees for support and maintenance.

(c) No eligible employee shall become insured unless he has given, to the governmental unit in which he is employed, a written authorization to withhold from his salary or wage the premium contribution necessary to pay for one-half the cost of such employee's insurance. Governmental units are hereby authorized to pay the remainder of the total premium on each of their insured employees, not to exceed \$2.00 per month for each employee desiring coverage on himself only, and not to exceed \$4.50

per month for each employee desiring coverage of self and dependents, and shall remit premiums to the insurer on behalf of all covered employees.

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

(e) The governmental unit shall procure the insurance policy from any insurer authorized to transact business in the Territory pursuant to sections 42-1-10 and 42-1-11 (1)

or section 42-1-11 (2) (a) of the ACLA 1949.

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

(g) On or before May 15, 1955 the Territorial Treasurer shall hold an election of eligible Territorial employees to determine their intention to participate in this plan and to state their preference of insurance plan they wish to participate in.

Section 3. **Effective Date:** This Act shall take effect July 1, 1955.

Approved March 28, 1955

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## CHAPTER 152

### AN ACT

To amend Sub-section 50-1-4 (e) ACLA 1949, Section 8 of Chapter 144, Session Laws of Alaska, 1953, and Section 50-3-1 ACLA, relating to the examination of applicants for, and the issuance of, motor vehicle operators' licenses and the collection of the fees therefor.

(H. B. 57)

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. Sub-section (e) of Sec-

tion 50-1-4 ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(e) To promulgate rules and