

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0016

National guard life insurance contribution.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming National Guard; establishing  
2 the Wyoming national guard servicemembers group life  
3 insurance premium reimbursement plan; providing for  
4 administration by the adjutant general; granting rulemaking  
5 authority; specifying eligibility criteria; providing an  
6 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-9-601 through 19-9-603 are created  
11 to read:

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ARTICLE 6

14

OTHER ASSISTANCE

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16 **19-9-601. Servicemembers group life insurance premium.**

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2 The Wyoming national guard servicemembers group life  
3 insurance premium assistance plan is established to  
4 reimburse qualified members of the Wyoming national guard  
5 for group life insurance premiums. The plan shall be  
6 administered by the adjutant general in accordance with the  
7 provisions of this article. The adjutant general shall  
8 promulgate rules for the administration, implementation and  
9 proper utilization of the plan.

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11 **19-9-602. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this article:

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15 (i) "Premium" means the cost of servicemembers  
16 group life insurance determined as provided in 38 U.S.C. §  
17 1969(a)(1);

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19 (ii) "Qualified member" means an active member  
20 in good standing of the Wyoming national guard;

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22 (iii) "Servicemembers group life insurance"  
23 means that life insurance issued to a qualified member  
24 pursuant to 38 U.S.C., Chapter 19.

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**19-9-603. Requirements for premium reimbursement.**

(a) Subject to legislative appropriation and in accordance with the provisions of this article, the adjutant general or his designee, may authorize the payment of premiums for qualified members who:

(i) Have completed basic military training or officer training unless waived by the adjutant general for good cause shown;

(ii) Meet the standards for satisfactory participation in the active Wyoming national guard at the beginning of and throughout the entire term for which premium is reimbursed;

(iii) Are committed through an enlistment contract or other written agreement to membership in the active Wyoming national guard for not less than six (6) years, including initial enlistment and any previous contract or contracts.

1           (b) A qualified member meeting the requirements of  
2 subsection (a) of this section may receive reimbursement  
3 for premiums paid by the member during the previous  
4 calendar year for servicemembers group life insurance.  
5 Premiums for members of the qualified member's family and  
6 premiums paid or reimbursed by the United States shall not  
7 be reimbursed.

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9           (c) Reimbursement of eligible premium paid during a  
10 calendar year shall be made annually no later than May 1 of  
11 the following year, based upon certified payroll  
12 disbursements from the federal payment authority.

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14           **Section 2.** One million nine hundred thousand dollars  
15 (\$1,900,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to  
16 the Wyoming military department for the purposes of this  
17 act.

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19           **Section 3.** No reimbursement shall be made under this  
20 act for periods of service before the effective date of  
21 this act.

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1           **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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