

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0040

State employees and officials group insurance-legislators.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dv.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state employees and officials group
2 insurance; providing for enrollment by legislators;
3 granting rulemaking authority; providing a definition;
4 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-219 is created to read:

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11 **9-3-219. Legislator membership in plan.**

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13 (a) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, a
14 member of the Wyoming legislature is eligible for coverage
15 under the group insurance plan at premium rates established
16 by the department provided:

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1 (i) Any member of the legislature eligible for
2 membership in the group insurance plan on January 7, 2013
3 shall have thirty-one (31) days to either elect to be
4 enrolled or not be enrolled in the plan. The department
5 shall establish the procedure by which eligible legislators
6 shall notify the department of their decision within the
7 prescribed thirty-one (31) day period;

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9 (ii) An eligible member of the legislature who
10 takes office after January 7, 2013 has thirty-one (31) days
11 from the date he takes office to elect to be enrolled or
12 not be enrolled in the group insurance plan;

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14 (iii) Members of the legislature who elect not
15 to be enrolled within the time prescribed in paragraphs (i)
16 and (ii) of this subsection may be enrolled at a later date
17 upon conditions the department may impose, such as a
18 specified open enrollment period and the exclusion of
19 preexisting conditions from coverage;

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21 (iv) The legislature shall annually appropriate
22 from the general fund to the legislative service office
23 amounts necessary to fully fund the employer's and member's

1 contributions for those eligible and enrolled members of
2 the legislature.

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4 (b) Any eligible member of the legislature may elect
5 to have his dependents covered by the group insurance plan
6 as follows:

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8 (i) The election shall be made at the time the
9 member of the legislature becomes enrolled in the plan,
10 under procedures the department may establish. If
11 dependent coverage is not elected at the time that a member
12 of the legislature becomes enrolled in the plan, dependent
13 coverage may be elected at a later date under conditions
14 the department may impose, such as a specified open
15 enrollment period and the exclusion of preexisting
16 conditions from coverage;

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18 (ii) Any member of the legislature who has
19 elected to have his dependents covered as provided in
20 paragraph (i) of this subsection, and who subsequently has
21 a change in the number of his dependents, may at the time
22 of the change increase or decrease the number of his
23 dependents covered by the group insurance plan under
24 procedures established by the department;

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2 (iii) Any member of the legislature who has no
3 eligible dependents at the time he becomes enrolled in the
4 group insurance plan, and who later has an eligible
5 dependent may, at the time his dependency status changes,
6 elect coverage for the dependent under procedures
7 established by the department.

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9 (c) The department shall establish procedures by
10 which the eligible members of the legislature shall make
11 application within the thirty-one (31) day period provided
12 under subsection (a) of this section.

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14 (d) The department shall, by rule and regulation,
15 establish a process by which former members of the
16 legislature shall be treated as retirees for purposes of
17 obtaining or maintaining coverage under the plan after the
18 member is no longer a member of the legislature.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-3-203(a)(xiv) and by creating a new
21 paragraph (xv) and 9-3-207 by creating a new subsection (e)
22 are amended to read:

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24 **9-3-203. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this act:

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4 (xiv) "This act" means W.S. 9-3-202 through
5 ~~9-3-218.~~ 9-3-219;

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7 (xv) "Member of the legislature" means a duly
8 elected or appointed member of the Wyoming senate or house
9 of representatives as of a date which is two (2) years
10 after the member is first sworn into office and until the
11 member is removed from office, resigns, is deceased or a
12 new member is sworn in for that person's seat in the
13 legislature.

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15 **9-3-207. Eligibility for membership in plan; state**
16 **employees; 31 day period to elect enrollment; new**
17 **employees; later enrollment.**

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19 (e) A member of the legislature is eligible for
20 coverage under the group insurance plan subject to the
21 provisions of W.S. 9-3-219.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective January 7, 2013.

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