

ENROLLED ACT NO. 50, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2006 BUDGET SESSION

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

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

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

ARTICLE 6
OTHER ASSISTANCE

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

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

19-9-602. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

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

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

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

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.

(b) A qualified member meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this section may receive reimbursement for premiums paid by the member during the previous calendar year for servicemembers group life insurance with a coverage amount of up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). Premiums for members of the

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qualified member's family and premiums paid or reimbursed by the United States shall not be reimbursed.

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

Section 2. One million one hundred fifty thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,150,500.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the Wyoming military department for the purposes of this act.

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

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Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2006.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk