

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0127

State employees and officials group insurance eligibility.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Edwards

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state employees and officials group
2 insurance; providing for enrollment by employees of crime
3 victims services providers; providing for rules; providing
4 a definition; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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10 **9-3-219. Crime victim service provider employees**
11 **membership in plan.**

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13 (a) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, an
14 employee of a crime victim service provider receiving state
15 funds pursuant to W.S. 1-40-118 is eligible for coverage
16 under the group insurance plan at premium rates established
17 by the department provided:

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2 (i) Any crime victim service provider employee
3 eligible for membership in the group insurance plan on July
4 1, 2006 shall have thirty-one (31) days to either elect to
5 be enrolled or not be enrolled in the plan. The department
6 shall establish the procedure by which eligible employees
7 shall notify the department of their decision within the
8 prescribed thirty-one (31) day period;

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10 (ii) An eligible crime victim service provider
11 employee who becomes employed after July 1, 2006 has
12 thirty-one (31) days from the initial date of employment to
13 elect to be enrolled or not be enrolled in the group
14 insurance plan;

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16 (iii) Crime victim service provider employees
17 who elect not to be enrolled within the time prescribed in
18 paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection may be enrolled
19 at a later date upon conditions the department may impose,
20 such as a specified open enrollment period and the
21 exclusion of preexisting conditions from coverage.

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1 (b) Any eligible crime victim service provider
2 employee may elect to have his dependents covered by the
3 group insurance plan as follows:

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

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

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22 (iii) Any employee who has no eligible
23 dependents at the time he becomes enrolled in the group
24 insurance plan, and who later has an eligible dependent

1 may, at the time his dependency status changes, elect
2 coverage for the dependent under procedures established by
3 the department.

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5 (c) The department shall establish procedures by
6 which the eligible crime victim service provider employee
7 shall make application within the thirty-one (31) day
8 period provided under subsection (a) of this section.

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10 (d) The department shall, by rule and regulation,
11 establish a minimum number of employees of any individual
12 crime victim service provider which shall elect to be
13 enrolled in the plan in order for any employee to be
14 enrolled in the plan.

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

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20 **9-3-203. Definitions.**

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22 (a) As used in this act:

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1 (xiv) "This act" means W.S. 9-3-202 through
2 ~~9-3-218~~ 9-3-219.

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4 (xv) "Crime victim service provider" means as
5 defined in W.S. 1-40-118(b).

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7 **9-3-207. Eligibility for membership in plan; state**
8 **employees; 31 day period to elect enrollment; new**
9 **employees; later enrollment.**

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11 (e) A crime victim service provider employee is
12 eligible for coverage under the group insurance plan
13 subject to the provisions of W.S. 9-3-219.

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15 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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