

SENATE No. 159

To accompany the petition of Charles V. Hogan that provision be made for the issuance of group life insurance for employees of the Commonwealth. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the Gen-
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by inserting after sec-
3 tion one hundred and ninety-three B, under the cap-
4 tion GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC
5 EMPLOYEES, the two following sections:—

6 *Section 193C.* Any life company may issue a group
7 policy to an association of state employees, insuring
8 the members of such association, if such members
9 are regularly and permanently employed by the com-
10 monwealth and are paid as provided by law for state
11 employees and are eligible to become members of the
12 retirement association for employees of the common-
13 wealth, such insurance to be with or without medical
14 examination, the premium on the policy to be paid

15 by the members of such association, and such policy
16 insuring all of the members thereof for the amounts of
17 insurance, not to exceed two thousand dollars for
18 any one person, based upon some plan which will
19 preclude individual selection, and to be for the bene-
20 fit of persons other than the association or any officer
21 thereof; provided, that not less than fifty members,
22 and not less than seventy-five per cent of all persons
23 eligible for membership in such association, may be
24 insured hereunder.

25 Notwithstanding the above, any member or mem-
26 bers insured under such policy may apply for amount
27 or amounts of insurance additional to those granted
28 by said policy, in which case any percentage of the
29 members of such association may be insured for
30 additional amounts if they pass satisfactory medical
31 examinations.

32 No person shall be eligible for coverage under such
33 a policy as a member of more than one association.

34 The pertinent provisions of sections one hundred
35 and thirty-four to one hundred and thirty-eight, in-
36 clusive, shall apply to any group policy issued here-
37 under.

38 *Section 193D.* Deductions on payroll schedules
39 may be made from the salary of any state employee
40 coming within any provision of section one hundred
41 and ninety-three C in any amount which such em-
42 ployee may specify in writing to the head of the de-
43 partment, board or commission by which he is em-
44 ployed, and such deduction shall be used solely for
45 the payment of insurance premiums on a policy
46 issued under authority of said section one hundred
47 and ninety-three C and issued to or through an asso-
48 ciation of state employees of which the employee is

49 then a member. Any such authorization may be
50 withdrawn by such employee by giving at least sixty
51 days' notice in writing of such withdrawal to the
52 head of the department, board or commission by
53 which he is employed and by filing a copy thereof
54 with the treasurer of the state association of which
55 he is a member.

56 The state treasurer is hereby authorized to deduct
57 from the salary of such employee such amount of in-
58 surance premiums as may be certified to him on the
59 payroll, and to transmit the sum so deducted to the
60 association to or through which the policy has been
61 issued, for transmittal to the company which has
62 issued the policy insuring the members of such asso-
63 ciation; provided, that satisfactory evidence shall
64 have been given to the state comptroller that the
65 treasurer of such state association is bonded by a
66 faithful performance bond in an amount and form
67 satisfactory to the state treasurer; and provided,
68 further, that such bond is in a form approved by the
69 commissioner.

