

HOUSE No. 880

By Mr. Colonna of Framingham, petition of Anthony M. Colonna for granting the option to certain employees of redevelopment authorities in cities and towns of retaining the contributory group general or blanket insurance of such city or town. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT GRANTING THE OPTION TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF RE-DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES IN CITIES AND TOWNS OF RETAINING THE CONTRIBUTORY GROUP GENERAL OR BLANKET INSURANCE OF SUCH CITY OR TOWN.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to grant certain employees of re-
3 development authorities the option of retaining certain con-
4 tributory group general or blanket insurance without delay,
5 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
6 for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 13 the following section:—
3 *Section 13A.* Upon acceptance of the provisions of this chap-
4 ter by vote of a local housing authority or a local redevelopment
5 authority, the employees of any such authority shall be eligible
6 in all respects to the benefits of this chapter in the same manner
7 as the employees of the city or town where any such authority
8 exists, and shall be considered eligible for coverage in the city or
9 town group for the purpose of securing such coverage, and any
10 such authority is hereby authorized to pay out of the funds of
11 any such authority that portion of the premiums required to be

12 contributed by the governmental unit under the provisions of
13 this chapter.

14 As provided in paragraph (a) of section seven there shall be
15 withheld from each payment of salary, wages or other compen-
16 sation of each employee of any such authority who is covered
17 under this chapter fifty per cent of the premium for the insurance
18 of the employee and his dependents, and any such authority
19 shall contribute the remaining fifty per cent of such premium.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 32B is hereby amended
2 by inserting after paragraph (g) the following paragraph: —

3 (h) "Political subdivision", any city, town, district, local
4 housing authority or local redevelopment authority.

1 SECTION 3. Section 5 of chapter 558 of the acts of 1958 is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "expire", in line 5,
3 the words: — or, who before such expiration date, elect in writing
4 to remain insured under the provisions of said contract, — so
5 as to read as follows: — *Section 5.* The provisions of this act
6 shall not apply to employees of local housing authorities and
7 redevelopment authorities who on the effective date of this act
8 are insured under the provisions of chapter thirty-two B of the
9 General Laws until contracts for any such group insurance bene-
10 fits shall expire or, who before such expiration date, elect in
11 writing to remain insured under the provisions of said con-
12 tract. Where such expiration of group insurance benefits may
13 create a disruption of continuity of coverage by occurring prior
14 to the appropriate period for commencement of coverage under
15 the provisions of chapter thirty-two A of the General Laws,
16 such coverage under this act shall become effective on the first
17 day of the month preceding the expiration of the contract.