

SENATE No. 2223

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, November 1, 1983.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the Senate Bill providing for the payment by the commonwealth of ninety percent of the health insurance premium required to be paid to the insurance commission by the surviving spouse of an insured employee or retired employee (Senate, No. 853), reports recommending that the same ought to pass, with an amendment, substituting a new draft entitled "An Act providing for the payment by the commonwealth of ninety percent of the health insurance premium required to be paid to the insurance commission by the surviving spouse of an insured employee or retired employee" (Senate, No. 2223).

For the Committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF NINETY PERCENT OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSION BY THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN INSURED EMPLOYEE OR RETIRED EMPLOYEE.

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 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 11, as amended by chapter 791 of the acts
3 of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following sec-
4 tion: —

5 *Section 11.* Upon the death of an employee or retired em-
6 ployee insured under this chapter, the surviving spouse may
7 continue the group general or blanket insurance covering
8 himself or his dependents providing hospital, surgical, medi-
9 cal, dental and other health insurance until the remarriage
10 or death of said surviving spouse; provided, that application
11 for such insurance coverage shall be filed with the commis-
12 sion and a method for the payment of premiums shall be de-
13 termined in accordance with its rules and regulations; and pro-
14 vided, further, that said surviving spouse shall pay ten percent
15 of the monthly premium for such insurance and the common-
16 wealth shall contribute the remaining ninety percent of said
17 premium subject, where applicable, to reimbursement as pro-
18 vided under section ten B. Said commission shall determine
19 the amount of said premium which may be the entire aver-
20 age group premium for hospital, surgical, medical, dental and
21 other health insurance applicable to an employee, an em-
22 ployee and his dependents, or a premium computed on a basis
23 considered by said commission to be equitable in relation to
24 all insured employees and all former employees who have re-
25 tired and who have continued such coverage under the pro-
26 visions of section ten or are insured under the provisions of
27 section ten B.