

By Mr. Kraus, a petition of Richard A. Kraus and Mary Jane Gibson (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide group insurance benefits for certain employees and retired employees in the town of Arlington. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON.

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. Notwithstanding any provisions of the General
2 Laws, including but not limited to Chapter 32B and Chapter 23
3 thereof to the contrary, the Town of Arlington may negotiate with
4 and purchase on such terms as it deems to be in the best interest
5 of the Town and certain eligible and retired employees and their
6 dependents insured or eligible to be insured under this chapter
7 including the surviving spouse of said employees, a policy or
8 policies of group hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other
9 health insurance from one or more insurance companies or non-
10 profit hospital, medical, or dental service corporations provided:

11 (1) Said policy or policies shall consist of one or more schedules
12 of benefits which as determined by the Town, may be related to the
13 schedule of benefits purchased under the provisions of sections 3
14 and 5 of General Laws Chapter 32B; and

15 (2) The claims experience of persons insured under this
16 provision may, as determined by the Town, be maintained apart
17 from or made a part of the claims experience applicable to the
18 schedules of benefits provided under sections 3 and 5 of Chapter
19 32B.

20 The Town's contribution toward the monthly premium cost or
21 rate for coverage under this provision may be a greater
22 percentage and exceed the Town's contribution for other health
23 insurance programs as provided under section 3, 5 and 11C of

24 Chapter 32B, such contribution for said health insurance being
25 determined from time to time under the provisions of this Act,
26 and the eligible persons shall pay the remainder of the total
27 premium cost or rate.

28 The Town of Arlington, after receiving the recommendations,
29 if any, from the advisory committee as provided in section 3 of
30 Chapter 32B shall execute all agreements or contracts pertaining
31 to said policy or policies or any amendment thereto for a period,
32 not exceeding five years, as it may deem the most advantageous
33 to the Town; provided, however, that the portion of the cost of
34 the premium to be borne by the Town shall not exceed the
35 estimated monthly cost for which funds have been appropriated
36 for the then current fiscal year.

37 Every policy whether original or renewal shall, in the case of
38 all persons insured under this provision who immediately prior
39 to the effective date of such original or new policy were covered
40 by group insurance benefits under Chapter 32B, provide
41 protection by continuing uninterrupted coverage without regard
42 to waiting periods for benefits.

43 (a) Each person or his/her dependent to which this provision
44 applies shall furnish the Treasurer or the Retirement Board of the
45 Town of Arlington in such form as he/she/it may prescribe, such
46 information as is necessary to be insured under this section, and
47 shall authorize the withholding of the appropriate premium from
48 the salary, wages, other compensation, pension, annuity, or
49 retirement allowance.

50 (b) With respect to any period of insurance authorized by this
51 provision which is in effect for any eligible employee or a retired
52 employee and his/her dependent, payment for such insurance
53 shall be made as provided in section 7 of Chapter 32B.

54 (c) Upon the death of an eligible or retired employee insured
55 under this provision, the surviving spouse may continue the group
56 hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance
57 benefits provided under this Act, and the duration of such
58 insurance, the determination and the amount of premium to be
59 paid will be in accordance with section 9D of Chapter 32B.

60 The Town of Arlington may adopt such rules and regulations
61 as may be necessary for the administration of the Act.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.