

By Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield, petition of the Massachusetts State Employees Association that the Group Insurance Commission be authorized to purchase dental and other health insurance for active and retired state employees and their dependents. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION TO PURCHASE DENTAL AND OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND FOR ELDERLY GOVERNMENTAL RETIREES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

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. Section 1 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in section 1 of chapter 628 of the acts of 1955, is
3 hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words "and medi-
4 cal" and inserting in place thereof the following: — , medical,
5 dental and other health.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph (d) of section 2 of said chapter 32A,
2 as most recently amended by chapter 513 of the acts of 1963,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out the fifth and sixth
4 sentences and inserting in place thereof the following sen-
5 tences: — The commission shall establish a separate schedule
6 of hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insur-
7 ance benefits for dependent parents, and the claim experience
8 applicable thereto shall be maintained separate from the sched-
9 ule of hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health in-
10 surance benefits and claim experience applicable to employees
11 insured hereunder. Payment of the premium applicable to the
12 schedule of hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health
13 insurance benefits for dependent parents shall be made to the
14 commission without contribution by the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4 of said chapter 32A, as appearing in
2 section 1 of chapter 628 of the acts of 1955, is hereby amended
3 by striking out in the eighth and ninth lines, the words “and
4 medical” and inserting in place thereof the words: — ,medical,
5 dental and other health insurance.

1 SECTION 4. Section 5 of chapter 32A, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 840 of the acts of 1965 is hereby further
3 amended by inserting after the word “medical” in the fourth
4 line the word: — , dental.

1 SECTION 5. The second sentence of section 6 of chapter 32A
2 as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 840 of the
3 acts of 1965 is hereby further amended by inserting after the
4 word “medical” in the first line the word: — , dental, and after
5 the word “health” the word: — insurance.

1 SECTION 6. Section 10 of said chapter 32A as most recently
2 amended by chapter 840 of the acts of 1965 is hereby further
3 amended by inserting after the word “medical” in lines eight
4 and twelve the word: — , dental.

1 SECTION 7. Section 10B of said chapter 32A as most recently
2 amended by section 6 of chapter 840 of the acts of 1965 is
3 hereby further amended by striking out the first four sentences
4 and inserting in place thereof the following sentences: — The
5 commission shall negotiate with and purchase on such terms as
6 it deems to be in the best interest of the commonwealth, certain
7 political subdivisions that have accepted the provisions of this
8 section, and the elderly governmental retirees and their de-
9 pendents, from one or more insurance companies or non-profit
10 hospital, medical or other service corporations, a policy or poli-
11 cies of group general or blanket insurance providing hospital,
12 surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits
13 for said retirees and their dependents. Such schedule of bene-
14 fits for elderly governmental retirees may include the payment
15 of any premium which may be required by the federal health
16 insurance for the aged act to be paid by the enrollee thereof.
17 Such policy or policies shall consist of a schedule of hospital,
18 surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits
19 for elderly governmental retirees and their surviving spouses

20 which shall be unrelated to the schedule of hospital, surgical,
21 medical, dental and other health insurance benefits purchased
22 by the commonwealth under the provisions of section four, or
23 the schedule of hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other
24 health insurance benefits purchased by counties, cities, towns
25 and districts under the provisions of section three of chapter
26 thirty-two B. The claim experience of elderly governmental
27 retirees and the surviving spouses insured under this section
28 shall be maintained unrelated to the claim experience applica-
29 ble to the aforementioned schedules of hospital, surgical, medi-
30 cal, dental and other health insurance benefits.

1 SECTION 8. Paragraph (c) of said section 10B of said chap-
2 ter 32A, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 461
3 of the acts of 1964, is hereby further amended by striking out
4 in line seven the words "and medical" and inserting in place
5 thereof the words: — , medical, dental and other health.

1 SECTION 9. The first sentence of paragraph (e) of said sec-
2 tion 10B of said chapter 32A, as appearing in section 2 of chap-
3 ter 647 of the acts of 1962 is hereby amended by inserting after
4 the word "medical" in line four the words: — , dental and
5 other health.

1 SECTION 10. Section 10B of said chapter 32A is hereby fur-
2 ther amended by striking out paragraph (f) and inserting in
3 place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 (f) Upon the death of an elderly governmental retiree, the
5 surviving spouse may continue the group hospital, surgical,
6 medical, dental and other health insurance as provided under
7 section eleven.

