

By Mr. Dever of Arlington, petition of Edward J. Dever, Jr., for legislation to make certain changes in the law relating to group life and health insurance. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TO FURTHER MODIFY THE LAW RELATING TO GROUP LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE.

*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 3 of chapter 32B of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 100 of the  
3 acts of 1968, is hereby further amended by striking from the  
4 first paragraph of said section the fifth, sixth, and seventh  
5 sentences.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 32B is hereby amended  
2 by striking out said section 5, as most recently amended by  
3 section 3 of chapter 841 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following new section 5:—

5 *Section 5.* The amount of group life insurance on each em-  
6 ployee and the amount of group accidental death and dismem-  
7 berment insurance on each employee shall be established by the  
8 appropriate public authority except that those employees de-  
9 siring to elect optional coverage in excess of the amount or  
10 amounts so established may do so as provided in section  
11 eleven A. The schedules of hospital, surgical, medical and  
12 other health insurance benefits and the amount to be provided  
13 each employee and his dependents shall be determined by the  
14 appropriate public authority subject to the amount of the ap-  
15 propriation made available for such purpose.

1 SECTION 3. Section 11 of said chapter 32B, as most re-  
2 cently amended by section 6 of chapter 841 of the acts of 1965,

3 is hereby further amended by striking out the first three paragraphs of said section and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

6 On or before December thirty-first of each year, the county commissioners of each county shall establish a schedule of group life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance for each employee of the county and a schedule of hospital, surgical, medical and other health insurance benefits including optional medicare extension, for active and retired employees, and their dependents, of the county.

1 SECTION 4. Section 11A of said chapter 32B, as most recently amended by chapter 383 of the acts of 1962, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the seventh paragraph thereof, the words “provided that the commission shall review the provisions for such insurance before the effective date thereof.”

1 SECTION 5. Section 11C of said chapter 32B, as added by section 7 of chapter 841 of the acts of 1965, is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph.

1 SECTION 6. Section 11D of said chapter 32B, as added by chapter 383 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by striking out, in the third paragraph thereof the words “provided that the terms of such insurance shall have been approved by the commission before the effective date thereof.”

1 SECTION 7. Section 14 of said chapter 32B is hereby amended by striking out said section 14, as most recently amended by section 5 of chapter 337 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the following new section:—

5 *Section 14.* The appropriate public authority in each governmental unit shall adopt such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this chapter, as may be necessary for the administration of this chapter.