
By Mr. Foley, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 528) of Daniel J. Foley for legislation to further modify the law relating to group life and health insurance. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT FURTHER MODIFYING 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. Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 11F the following sec-
3 tions: —

4 *Section 11G.* Any political subdivision may appropriate
5 funds or apply therefor for the payment of certain costs under
6 the provisions of section eleven H of this chapter for group
7 life and health insurance coverages for teachers retired from
8 the service of the political subdivision, and for health insur-
9 ance coverages for their surviving spouses and dependents
10 provided such teachers receive a pension or annuity allowance
11 from the teachers' retirement system, and for the payment of
12 premiums, subsidiary or additional rates and administrative
13 expenses required to be paid under section eleven H of this
14 chapter. This section shall take effect in a county, city, town
15 or district upon its acceptance in the following manner: — In
16 a county, by vote of the county commissioners; in a city hav-
17 ing a Plan D or Plan E charter by majority vote of its city
18 council, in any other city by vote of its city council, approved
19 by the mayor; in a district, except, as hereinafter provided, by
20 vote of the registered voters of the district at a district meet-
21 ing; in a regional school district by vote of the regional dis-
22 trict school committee; and in a town either by vote of the
23 board of selectmen or by a majority of affirmative votes cast
24 in answer to the following question which shall be printed

25 upon the official ballot to be used at an election in said town:
26 — “Shall the town pay one-half of the premium for group life
27 and health insurance for all teachers retired from the town,
28 and their dependents, upon such teachers receiving a pension
29 or annuity allowance from the teacher’s retirement system
30 with each retired teacher paying the remaining one-half of the
31 premium, and shall the town also pay a subsidiary or addi-
32 tional rate?”

33 *Section 11H.* Upon acceptance of this section as hereinabove
34 provided, the appropriate public authority of the governmental
35 unit shall negotiate with and purchase on such terms as it
36 deems to be in the best interest of the governmental unit and
37 its retired teachers who are receiving a pension, annuity or re-
38 tirement allowance from the state teachers’ retirement sys-
39 tem, as provided in chapter thirty-two, a policy or policies of
40 group life insurance in the amount of one thousand dollars of
41 group life insurance and two thousand dollars of group acci-
42 dental death and dismemberment insurance for teachers re-
43 tired from governmental units having accepted section nine F
44 of this chapter, and, a policy or policies of group hospital,
45 surgical, medical and other health insurance including optional
46 medicare extension from one or more insurance companies,
47 savings banks or non-profit hospital medical or dental service
48 corporations for such retired teachers and their dependents
49 and the surviving spouse and dependents of such retired
50 teachers.

1 SECTION 2. Section 9F of chapter 32B is hereby amended by
2 striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof
3 the following sentence: — Acceptance of this section as afore-
4 said by a governmental unit having accepted section eleven E
5 or eleven H shall hereby authorize the commission or the ap-
6 propriate public authority of the governmental unit to provide
7 two thousand dollars of group life insurance and two thousand
8 dollars of group accidental death and dismemberment insur-
9 ance, in lieu of one thousand dollars of group life insurance
10 for retired teachers insured under either section twelve or
11 chapter thirty-two A or section eleven H of this chapter.

1 SECTION 3. Section 10 of chapter 32B of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or of any
5 other general law to the contrary, the acceptance of this chap-
6 ter or the acceptance of any individual section thereof by a
7 governmental unit may be revoked or rescinded.

1. Section 2, Section 10 of chapter 207 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:--

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or of any other general law to the contrary, the acceptance of this chapter by any individual member of any individual school board by a majority vote may be treated as valid.