
By Mr. Nuciforo, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Andrea F. Nuciforo and others for legislation to modify further 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 TO MODIFY FURTHER 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. The first paragraph of section 3 of chapter 32B
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter
3 196 of the acts of 1971, is hereby further amended by striking
4 out the sixth, seventh, and eighth sentences.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 32B is hereby amend-
2 ed by striking out said section 5, as most recently amended by
3 chapter 296 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 5.* The amount of group life insurance on each em-
6 ployee and the amount of group accident death and dismem-
7 berment insurance on each employee shall be established by
8 the appropriate public authority except that those employees
9 desiring 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 recently
2 amended by section 6 of chapter 841 of the acts of 1965, is
3 hereby further amended by striking out the first three para-
4 graphs of said section and inserting in place thereof the fol-
5 lowing paragraph: —

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

1 SECTION 4. The seventh paragraph of section 11A of said
2 chapter 32B, as appearing in section 5 of chapter 334 of the
3 acts of 1961, is hereby further amended by striking out, in
4 lines 3, 4 and 5, the words, "provided that the commission
5 shall review the provisions for such insurance before the
6 effective date thereof."

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

1 SECTION 6. The third paragraph of section 11D of said
2 chapter 32B, as added by chapter 383 of the acts of 1967, is
3 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3, 4, and 5 the words,
4 "provided that the terms of such insurance shall have been
5 approved by the commission before the effective date thereof
6 and," and inserting in place thereof the word: — and.

1 SECTION 7. Said chapter 32B is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 15, as amended by section 5 of chapter
3 337 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the fol-
4 lowing section: —

5 *Section 14.* The appropriate public authority in each gov-
6 ernmental unit shall adopt such rules and regulations, not in-
7 consistent with this chapter, as may be necessary for the ad-
8 ministration of this chapter. At the option of the appropriate
9 public authority, a copy of any such proposed agreement or
10 contract may be submitted to the commission for review and
11 and comment by it upon all or such portions thereof as the ap-
12 propriate public authority may request.