

By Mr. Bachrach, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 724) of Kathleen Kelley and George Bachrach for legislation relative to group insurance coverage for state employees. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION FOR EMPLOYEES.

*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 5 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by Chapter 958 of the Acts of 1977, is hereby  
3 amended by striking the words "two thousand" wherever they  
4 appear and inserting in place thereof the words: — five thousand.

5 Section 6 of said Chapter 32A, as most recently amended by  
6 said Chapter 958, is hereby amended by striking the words  
7 "two thousand" wherever they appear and inserting in place  
8 thereof the words: — five thousand.

9 Section 10 of said Chapter 32A, as most recently amended by  
10 said Chapter 958 of the Acts of 1977, is hereby further amended  
11 by striking in the first sentence the words "two thousand dollars"  
12 and inserting in place thereof the words: — five thousand dollars.

13 Section 12 of said Chapter 32A, as most recently amended  
14 by Chapter 268 of the Acts of 1979 is hereby further amended  
15 by striking wherever they appear in the first sentence the words  
16 "two thousand dollars" and inserting in the first sentence the words  
17 two thousand dollars and inserting in place thereof the words —  
18 such greater amount.

19 Section 4 of said Chapter 32B of the General Laws, as most  
20 recently amended by Chapter 806 of the Acts of 1975, is hereby  
21 further amended by inserting before the words "two thousand  
22 dollars" wherever they appear in lines one and two of the first  
23 paragraph the words: — at least.

24 Said Section 4 of said Chapter 32B is hereby further amended

25 by striking the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
26 the following paragraph: —

27 When an employee insured under this Section becomes eligible  
28 for health insurance coverage as provided in Section eleven C,  
29 he may terminate by withdrawal notice, as aforesaid, his hospital,  
30 surgical, medical, dental and other health benefits provided  
31 herein, and retain his automatic group life insurance and auto-  
32 matic group accidental death and dismemberment insurance,  
33 as provided in this Section.

34 Section 5 of said Chapter 32B, as most recently amended by said  
35 Chapter 806 of the Acts of 1975, hereby further amended by adding  
36 after the word "authority" in the first sentence the following: —  
37 and shall not be less than two thousand dollars.

38 Section 9 of said Chapter 32B, as most recently amended by  
39 said Chapter 806 of the Acts of 1975, is hereby further amended  
40 by inserting before the words "two thousand dollars" wherever  
41 they appear in the first sentence of the first paragraph the  
42 words: — at least.

43 Section 9F of said Chapter 32B is hereby amended by strik-  
44 ing the Section and inserting in place thereof the following: —

45 A county, except Worcester county, by vote of the county  
46 commissioners; a city having a Plan D or Plan E Charter by  
47 majority vote of its City Council; in any other city by vote of  
48 its city council, approved by the mayor; a district, except as  
49 herein provided, by vote of the registered voters of the district  
50 at a district meeting; a regional school district by vote of the  
51 regional district school committee; a veterans' service district  
52 by vote of the district board; a health district established under  
53 Section twenty-seven A of Chapter one hundred and eleven by  
54 vote of the joint committee, shall provide that an employee  
55 receiving a pension or annuity allowance having retired from  
56 the governmental unit may be insured for such greater amount  
57 of group life insurance and group accidental death and dis-  
58 memberment as is determined by the governmental unit, in lieu  
59 of the one thousand dollars of group life insurance as provided  
60 in Section nine. A town shall provide such insurance coverage  
61 if approved by vote of the board of selectmen, or by a majority  
62 of the votes cast if in the affirmative in answer to the following  
63 question which shall be printed on the official ballot: — "Shall

64 the town provide (X) thousand dollars of group life insurance  
65 and (X) thousand dollars of accidental death and dismember-  
66 ment insurance for a retired employee in lieu of one thousand  
67 dollars of group life insurance?". Acceptance of this Section as  
68 aforesaid by a governmental unit having accepted Section  
69 eleven E shall hereby authorize the commission to provide such  
70 greater amount of group life insurance and of such greater  
71 amount of group accidental death and dismemberment insur-  
72 ance, in lieu of one thousand dollars of group life insurance,  
73 to retired teachers insured under Section twelve of Chapter  
74 thirty-two A.

