

HOUSE No. 3737

By Mr. Gaudette of New Bedford, petition of Donald R. Gaudette 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-Two.

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
2 amended by striking out said section 5, as most recently
3 amended by section 3 of chapter 841 of the acts of 1965, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following new section 5: —

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

1 SECTION 3. Section 11 of said chapter 32B, as most
2 recently amended by section 6 of chapter 841 of the acts of
3 1965, is hereby further amended by striking out the first three
4 paragraphs of said section and inserting in place thereof the
5 following 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 insurance for
9 each employee of the county and a schedule of hospital,
10 surgical, medical and other health insurance benefits including
11 optional medicare extension, for active and retired employees,
12 and their dependents, of the county.

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

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

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

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

5 *Section 14.* The appropriate public authority in each govern-
6 mental unit shall adopt such rules and regulations, not in-
7 consistent with this chapter, as may be necessary for the
8 administration of this chapter.