
SENATE BILL 5737

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By Senators Wojahn, Moyer, Fraser and Franklin

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care benefits for retired and disabled
2 state, local government, and common school employees; adding a new
3 section to chapter 41.05 RCW; creating a new section; providing an
4 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that premium rates
7 for health care coverage currently offered by the state employees'
8 benefits board to retired and disabled employees who are also eligible
9 for medicare are high, and consume an increasing proportion of the
10 fixed income of such retired and disabled individuals.

11 (2) It is the purpose of this act to address the particular need of
12 retired and disabled state, local government, and public school
13 employees who are also eligible for medicare by authorizing the health
14 care authority to offer a medicare supplement health insurance plan to
15 such retired and disabled employees.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title or any rules or
2 procedures adopted by the health care authority, the authority shall
3 offer all retired or disabled employees at least two medicare
4 supplemental insurance policies that conform to the requirements of
5 chapter 48.66 RCW. One such policy must include coverage for
6 prescription drugs. These policies shall be available to any retired
7 or disabled state employees, or employees of county, municipal, or
8 other political subdivisions eligible for coverage available under the
9 authority and all such offerings must be made available not later than
10 January 1, 1994.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
14 effect July 1, 1993.

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