

House Bill 163

In The House

January 12, 1981

Introduced and referred
to Committee on State
Administration.

January 21, 1981

Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 163
2 INTRODUCED BY John E. ...

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PERMIT ANY FORMER
5 LEGISLATOR TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE STATE GROUP INSURANCE
6 PLAN; PROVIDING THAT SUCH A MEMBER MUST PAY THE FULL PREMIUM
7 FOR HIS COVERAGE; AMENDING SECTION 2-18-704, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 2-18-704, MCA, is amended to read:
11 "2-18-704. Mandatory provisions. (1) An insurance
12 contract or plan issued after June 30, 1977, under this part
13 must contain provisions that permit:

14 (a) the member of a group who retires from active
15 service under the appropriate retirement provisions provided
16 by law ~~or a member of the legislature, whether the~~
17 ~~legislator voluntarily or involuntarily leaves state office,~~
18 to remain a member of the group until he becomes eligible
19 for medicare under the federal Health Insurance for the Aged
20 Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended, unless he is a participant
21 in another group plan with substantially the same or greater
22 benefits at an equivalent cost or unless he is employed and,
23 by virtue of that employment, is eligible to participate in
24 another group plan with substantially the same or greater
25 benefits at an equivalent cost;

1 (b) the surviving spouse of a member to remain a
2 member of the group as long as the spouse is eligible for
3 retirement benefits accrued by the deceased member as
4 provided by law unless the spouse is eligible for medicare
5 under the federal Health Insurance for the Aged Act or
6 unless the spouse has or is eligible for equivalent
7 insurance coverage as provided in subsection (1)(a);

8 (c) the surviving children of a member to remain
9 members of the group as long as they are eligible for
10 retirement benefits accrued by the deceased member as
11 provided by law unless they have equivalent coverage as
12 provided in subsection (1)(a) or are eligible for insurance
13 coverage by virtue of the employment of a surviving parent
14 or legal guardian.

15 (2) A person electing to remain a member of the group
16 under subsection (1) must pay the full premium for his
17 coverage and for that of his covered dependents."

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