

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1265

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1321, which relates to benefits offered under the state and education employees group insurance program; requiring certain level of life insurance benefits for hazardous duty employees; defining term; requiring the Board to separately rate the categories of life insurance business; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1321, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1321. ~~The~~ A. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, the Board shall have the authority to determine all rates and life, dental and health benefits. All rates shall be compiled in a comprehensive Schedule of Benefits. The Schedule of Benefits shall be available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. The Board further shall have the authority to adjust the rates and benefits as warranted, based on claim experience. The only publication or notice requirements that shall apply to the

Schedule of Benefits, or subsequent adjustments, shall be those requirements provided in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; provided, however, that any rate or benefit change shall not become effective for at least thirty (30) days after any Board action. It is the intent of the Legislature that the benefits provided not include cosmetic dental procedures except for certain orthodontic procedures as adopted by the Board.

B. For employees whose job involves hazardous duty, the amount of basic life insurance benefit shall be two and one-half (2 1/2) times more than the amount of basic life insurance benefit offered to other employees as established by the Board. As used in this subsection, "hazardous duty" means any job in which the employee is regularly involved in or is exposed to bodily risk or harm. The Board shall separately rate the different categories of life insurance business as established in this subsection.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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