

By: Herbert of the Senate
and
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An Act relating to employee benefits; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1316.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 213, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1316.1), which relates to life insurance; allowing certain persons to purchase blocks of life insurance; providing cap; providing election period; providing blended rate; setting rate by Board; promulgating rules; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1316.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 213, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1316.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1316.1 A. Any person who retires or who has elected to receive a vested benefit under the provisions of the State of Oklahoma Retirement Systems or persons who are currently drawing disability benefits under Section 1331 et seq. of this title or who meet each and every requirement of the State Employees Disability Program or the spouse of any such employee may continue in force the life insurance benefits authorized by this act in a face amount of not less than one-fourth (1/4) but not more than three-fourths (3/4) of the basic life insurance amount, if such election to continue in force is made within thirty (30) days from the time of severance; provided such persons pay the full cost of such life insurance and under such terms and conditions as established by the Board. Further, any such retiree may continue in force any additional life insurance that was purchased prior to retirement, above the three-fourths (3/4) of the basic life insurance amount, at an actuarially

adjusted rate and under such terms and conditions as established by the Board.

B. In lieu of subsection A of this Section, any person who retires or who has elected to receive a vested benefit under the provisions of the State of Oklahoma Retirement Systems or persons who are currently drawing disability benefits under Section 1331 et seq. of this title or who meet each and every requirement of the State Employees Disability Program on or before July 1, 1999 or the spouse of any such person may elect to purchase life insurance benefits authorized by this subsection in a face amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Eligible persons pursuant to this subsection shall make an election by January 1, 2000 to purchase the life insurance coverage provided in this subsection. Life insurance coverage, pursuant to this subsection, shall be purchased in blocks of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The premium for such life insurance coverage shall be at a blended rate and shall be set by the Board. The Board shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____ ,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives