

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 609

By: Monson of the Senate
and
Askins of the House

[employee benefits - amending 74 O.S., Section 1372
- enrollment period -
emergency]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1308.2 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

During any legislative session in which benefits offered by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board or the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council are modified by legislation, the enrollment period for participating members shall be extended for the purpose of allowing such members to enroll in the modified benefits. However, any extension of the enrollment period may only occur if it is in compliance with the requirements of Title 26, Section 125 et seq. of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. The State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board and the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1308.3 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The calendar year deductible beginning January 1, 1999, for the health and dental insurance plans offered by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall be extended six months and

shall end June 30, 2000. The next deductible year shall begin on July 1, 2000, and end on June 30, 2001. Thereafter each deductible year shall be a twelve-month period commencing on July 1 of each year and ending on the following June 30. The State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

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 22nd day of February, 1999.

President of the Senate

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

Speaker of the House of
Representatives