

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 115

Approved by the Governor February 10, 1984

Introduced by Marsh, 29

AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-1620, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, and section 44-1625, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1983; to authorize disability insurance coverage for state employees; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 44-1620, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, be amended to read as follows:

44-1620. (1) There is hereby established a program of group life and health insurance for all permanent employees of this state, who work one half or more of the regularly scheduled hours during each pay period, excluding employees of the University of Nebraska, the state colleges, and the technical community colleges. Such program shall be known as the Nebraska State Insurance Program and shall replace any current program of such insurance in effect in any agency and funded in whole or in part by state contributions.

(2) For purposes of sections 44-1620 to 44-1632, health insurance may be construed to include coverage for disability and dental health care services.

(3) Any state employee who is mandatorily retired before age sixty-five because of the provisions of any state retirement system shall be afforded the opportunity to remain enrolled in the state employees' group health insurance program until age sixty-five. Employees electing this option shall be responsible for the entire premium cost, including the state's share and the employee's share.

Sec. 2. That section 44-1625, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1983, be amended to read as follows:

44-1625. The group health insurance contract or contracts may permit the extension of special benefits, such as insurance over and above that provided by the basic coverage specified in section 44-1623, dental health insurance, disability insurance, accidental death and dismemberment benefits, disability income replacement benefits, and the extension of coverage to dependents. Any coverage under this section may be borne solely by the employee.

Sec. 3. That original section 44-1620, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, and section 44-1625, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1983, are repealed.