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A Bill

SENATE BILL 578

By: Senator Standridge

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE BENEFITS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING INSURANCE BENEFITS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-8-210 is amended to read as follows:
12-8-210. Insurance – Medical and hospital.

(a)(1) The Department of Arkansas State Police ~~is authorized and directed to~~ shall obtain a policy or contract of medical and hospital insurance or to establish a self-insurance fund in lieu thereof to provide medical and hospital insurance for all ~~uniformed~~ eligible employees of the department.

(2) The department shall pay the premium, fee, or other costs for the policy or contract or payments into a self-insurance fund from funds appropriated to the department for personal service matching or which may be specifically appropriated for that purpose.

(b) The department ~~is authorized to~~ may provide hospitalization and medical services coverage under a group health insurance program or may in lieu thereof provide coverage for hospitalization and medical insurance services under a self-insurance program established by the department for the spouses and dependents of ~~uniformed personnel~~ eligible employees of the department and ~~to~~ pay the premium thereon or payments into the self-insurance



fund from funds appropriated for that purpose.

(c) In the event that the department, acting ~~pursuant to~~ a resolution adopted by the Arkansas State Police Commission ~~therefor~~, exercises the option to establish a self-insurance program, this program shall provide hospitalization and medical services coverage for ~~uniformed~~ eligible employees of the department and for the spouses and dependents of ~~uniformed personnel~~ eligible employees of the department as authorized in this section and shall be operated in accordance with policies, rules, procedures, and benefits prescribed by the commission.

(d) Members of the department who retire and receive retirement benefits under the State Police Retirement System after July 1, 1985, shall be eligible to participate in the group health self-insurance program established by the commission for ~~uniformed personnel~~ eligible employees and for their spouses and dependents in the same manner and under the same conditions as provided in §§ 21-5-410 – 21-5-412, which authorize retired state employees receiving retirement benefits under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System to participate in the ~~state employees' hospitalization and medical insurance program~~ State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

(e) As used in this section, "eligible employee" means an employee or individual who is a full-time employee of the department and is qualified to enroll in a health benefit plan offered by the department or the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.