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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 618

5 By: Senator Standridge  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE BENEFITS OF THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING INSURANCE BENEFITS OF THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-8-210 is amended to read as follows:*

21 *12-8-210. Insurance – Medical and hospital.*

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

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

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



1 into the self-insurance fund from funds appropriated for that purpose.

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

10 (d) Members of the department who retire and receive retirement  
11 benefits under the State Police Retirement System after July 1, 1985, shall  
12 be eligible to participate in the group health self-insurance program  
13 established by the commission for ~~uniformed personnel~~ eligible retirees and  
14 for their spouses and dependents in the same manner and under the same  
15 conditions as provided in §§ 21-5-410 - ~~21-5-412~~ 21-5-411, which authorize  
16 retired state employees receiving retirement benefits under the Arkansas  
17 Public Employees' Retirement System to participate in the ~~state employees'~~  
18 ~~hospitalization and medical insurance program~~ State and Public School Life  
19 and Health Insurance Program.

20 (e) As used in this section:

21 (1) "Eligible employee" means an individual who is:

22 (A) A full-time employee of the department as defined in  
23 the Plan Document for the Arkansas State Police Health Benefit Plan; and

24 (B) Qualified to enroll in the health benefit plan offered  
25 by the department; and

26 (2) "Eligible retiree" means an employee who:

27 (A) Retires under the department's formal retirement plan;

28 (B) Is eligible to continue to participate in the  
29 retirement plan upon retirement as defined in the Plan Document for the  
30 Arkansas State Police Health Benefit Plan; and

31 (C) Is qualified to enroll in the health benefit plan  
32 offered by the department.

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34 /s/Standridge

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