

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 244

Approved by the Governor February 19, 1981

Introduced by Burrows, 30; Koch, 12; Landis, 46

AN ACT to amend sections 44-1620 and 44-1625, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to insurance; to authorize the purchase of group dental insurance 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, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, 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 dental health care services.

Sec. 2. That section 44-1625, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, 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, accidental death and dismemberment benefits, disability income replacement benefits, and the extension of coverage to dependents. Any coverage under this section, except for dental health insurance, shall be borne solely by the employee.

Sec. 3. That original sections 44-1620 and 44-1625, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, are repealed.