

Assembly Bill No. 76–Committee
on Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to the Public Employees' Benefits Program; revising provisions concerning reinstatement of insurance under the Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a retired public officer or employee of the State or a local government, or his or her surviving spouse, who has cancelled insurance provided under the Public Employees' Benefits Program is authorized to reinstate such insurance, other than life insurance, during the so-called late enrollment period, which occurs in each even-numbered year. (NRS 287.0205, 287.0475) **Sections 1 and 3** of this bill eliminate the right of biennial reinstatement for insurance provided under the Program. However, **section 3**, with certain exceptions, authorizes a retired public officer or employee of the State or a participating local government, or his or her surviving spouse, to reinstate insurance if the retired public officer or employee did not have more than one period during which he or she was not covered under the Program on or after October 1, 2011, or on or after the date of his or her retirement, whichever is later. **Section 3** also prohibits a public officer or employee who retired from a local governmental agency, or his or her surviving spouse, from reinstating health insurance under the Program if the Board of the Program has adopted regulations that exclude such persons from participation in the Program because they are eligible for health coverage from a health and welfare plan or trust that arose out of certain collective bargaining agreements or under certain federal laws.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 287.0205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

287.0205 1. A public officer or employee of any county, school district, municipal corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other local governmental agency of the State of Nevada who has retired pursuant to NRS 1A.350 or 1A.480, or 286.510 or 286.620, or is enrolled in a retirement program provided pursuant to NRS 286.802, or the surviving spouse of such a retired public officer or employee who is deceased, may, ***except as otherwise provided in NRS 287.0475***, in any even-numbered year, reinstate any insurance, except life insurance, that, at the time of reinstatement, is provided by the last public employer of the retired



public officer or employee to the active officers and employees and their dependents of that public employer:

(a) Pursuant to NRS 287.010, 287.015, 287.020 or paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 287.025; or

(b) Under the Public Employees' Benefits Program, if the last public employer of the retired officer or employee participates in the Public Employees' Benefits Program pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 287.025.

2. Reinstatement pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be requested by:

(a) Giving written notice of the intent of the public officer or employee or surviving spouse to reinstate the insurance to the last public employer of the public officer or employee not later than January 31 of an even-numbered year;

(b) Accepting the public employer's current program or plan of insurance and any subsequent changes thereto; and

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of NRS 287.023, paying any portion of the premiums or contributions of the public employer's program or plan of insurance, in the manner set forth in NRS 1A.470 or 286.615, which is due from the date of reinstatement and not paid by the public employer.

↳ The last public employer shall give the insurer notice of the reinstatement not later than March 31 of the year in which the public officer or employee or surviving spouse gives notice of the intent to reinstate the insurance.

3. Reinstatement pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be requested pursuant to NRS 287.0475.

4. Reinstatement of insurance pursuant to subsection 1 excludes claims for expenses for any condition for which medical advice, treatment or consultation was rendered within 12 months before reinstatement unless the reinstated insurance has been in effect more than 12 consecutive months.

5. The last public employer of a retired officer or employee who reinstates insurance, except life insurance, which was provided to the retired officer or employee and the retired officer's or employee's dependents at the time of retirement pursuant to NRS 287.010, 287.015, 287.020 or paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 287.025 shall, for the purpose of establishing actuarial data to determine rates and coverage for such persons, commingle the claims experience of such persons with the claims experience of active and retired officers and employees and their dependents who



participate in that group insurance, plan of benefits or medical and hospital service.

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. NRS 287.0475 is hereby amended to read as follows:

287.0475 1. ~~[A]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a* retired public officer or employee or the surviving spouse of a retired public officer or employee who is deceased may ~~[, in any even-numbered year,]~~ reinstate any insurance under the Program, except life insurance, that, at the time of reinstatement, is provided by the Program if the retired public officer or employee : ~~[retired:]~~

(a) *Retired:*

(1) Pursuant to NRS 1A.350 or 1A.480, or 286.510 or 286.620, from a participating state agency or was enrolled in a retirement program provided pursuant to NRS 286.802; or

~~[(b)]~~ *(2) Pursuant to NRS 1A.350 or 1A.480, or 286.510 or 286.620, from employment with a county, school district, municipal corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other local governmental agency of the State which is a participating local governmental agency at the time of the request for reinstatement* ~~[(b)]~~ ; and

(b) Did not have more than one period during which the retired public officer or employee was not covered by insurance under the Program on or after October 1, 2011, or on or after the date of retirement of the public officer or employee, whichever is later.

2. Reinstatement pursuant to subsection 1 must be requested by:

(a) Giving written notice to the Program of the intent of the public officer or employee or surviving spouse to reinstate the insurance not later than ~~[March 15 of an even-numbered]~~ *31 days before the commencement of the plan* year;

(b) Accepting the Program's current plan of insurance and any subsequent changes thereto; and

(c) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 287.046, paying any portion of the premiums or contributions for coverage under the Program, in the manner set forth in NRS 1A.470 or 286.615, which are due from the date of reinstatement and not paid by the public employer.

3. Reinstatement of insurance excludes claims for expenses for any condition for which medical advice, treatment or consultation was rendered within 12 months before reinstatement unless the reinstated insurance has been in effect more than 12 consecutive months.



4. If a retired public officer or employee retired pursuant to NRS 1A.350 or 1A.480, or 286.510 or 286.620, from employment with a county, school district, municipal corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other local governmental agency, the retired public officer or employee, or the surviving spouse of such a retired public officer or employee who is deceased, may not reinstate health insurance pursuant to subsection 1 if he or she is excluded from participation in the Program pursuant to sub-subparagraph (III) of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (h) of subsection 2 of NRS 287.043.

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. (Deleted by amendment.)

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