

CHAPTER 198

AN ACT concerning a long term care insurance plan for local public employees and retirees and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.52:18-11.2 Long term care insurance plan for local contracting units.

1. a. The State Treasurer shall arrange for a long term care insurance plan for local contracting units subject to the provisions of the "Local Public Contracts Law," P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.), the "Public School Contracts Law," N.J.S.18A:18A-1 et seq., or the "County College Contracts Law," P.L.1982, c.189 (C.18A:64A-25.1 et seq.). The State Treasurer shall negotiate with and arrange for the purchase, on such terms as the State Treasurer deems to be in the best interests of the employees and retirees of the local contracting units, from carriers licensed to operate in the State, contracts providing long term care insurance and shall execute all documents pertaining thereto for and on behalf of local contracting units in the name of the State. The Treasurer shall not enter into a contract under this act, P.L.2005, c.198 (C.52:18-11.2 et al.), unless the benefits are provided through federally qualified long term care insurance as defined by the federal Internal Revenue Code in 26 U.S.C. s.7702B(b).

b. A local contracting unit may elect to offer the long term care insurance plan to its employees and retirees by the adoption of a resolution by its governing body, which would include the name and title of a certifying agent. A certified copy of the resolution shall be filed with the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury.

c. An employee or a retiree of a local contracting unit that has elected to offer the long term care insurance plan may choose such insurance coverage and shall pay the entire cost of the long term care insurance.

d. The certifying agent of each local contracting unit electing to offer the long term care insurance plan shall submit to the Division of Pensions and Benefits such information with respect to each of its employees and retirees as may be required by the division in connection with the plan. The division shall have the power and authority to make such verification of the employment and other records of any electing local contracting unit as the division may deem necessary in connection with the plan.

C.52:14-15.9a1 Deduction from compensation of certain local public employees for long term care insurance.

2. Whenever any person holding public office, position or employment, whose compensation is paid by a local contracting unit subject to the provisions of the "Local Public Contracts Law," P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.), the "Public School Contracts Law," N.J.S.18A:18A-1 et seq., or the "County College Contracts Law," P.L.1982, c.189 (C.18A:64A-25.1 et seq.), shall indicate in writing to the proper disbursing officer the person's choice to have a deduction made from his or her compensation for the payment of insurance premiums for a group plan of long term care insurance pursuant to this act, P.L.2005, c.198 (C.52:18-11.2 et al.), the disbursing officer shall make that deduction from the compensation of the person, and the disbursing officer shall transmit the sum so deducted as directed by the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury. Any such written authorization may be withdrawn by the person holding public office, position or employment at any time upon filing a written notice of withdrawal with the above mentioned disbursing officer.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month after the date of enactment.

Approved August 18, 2005.