

1 SENATE BILL NO. 240

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO LEGISLATOR
5 BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTION 5-2-303, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A
6 RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 5-2-303, MCA, is amended to read:11 **"5-2-303. Participation in state benefits group -- employer contribution made to other plan. (1)**

12 Individual members of the senate and the house of representatives may enroll in the state employees benefits
13 group during the terms to which they have been elected. The provider of benefits shall enroll and collect
14 employee contributions directly from those legislators. The employer contribution must be paid from funds
15 appropriated for that purpose.

16 (2) (a) If a member ~~does not enroll or terminates enrollment~~ elects to waive coverage under the state
17 employees benefits group plan and is insured under a plan providing disability insurance, as defined in 33-1-207,
18 the department of administration, upon request of the member, shall pay to the ~~member's insurer~~ member an
19 amount equal to the premium required to be paid by the member for coverage of the member and any
20 dependents under the disability insurance plan, subject to the limitation contained in subsection (2)(b) less any
21 required tax withholding.

22 (b) A payment made under subsection (2)(a) may not exceed the amount of the employer contribution
23 for group benefits for members of the legislature as provided for in 2-18-703.

24 (c) To the extent allowed under federal law, a member may be reimbursed for premiums for:

25 (i) a plan offered as an individual major medical policy or a medicare supplement plan; or

26 (ii) coverage under medicare plans.

27 ~~(e)(d)~~ Unused employer contributions must be transferred to an account as provided in 2-18-703 for a
28 legislator who is a state employee and who has contributions paid for by another agency when the legislature is
29 not in session."

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