

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0136

Volunteer first responder health insurance-revisions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Byron, Banks, Brown, L,
Davis, Williams and Wylie and Senator(s)
Crago, Dockstader, Gierau, Nethercott and
Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to compensation and benefits; excluding the
2 Affordable Care Act from government sponsored health care
3 programs that would disqualify a volunteer first responder
4 from participating in the state employees' and officials'
5 group insurance plan; authorizing first responder
6 departments to contribute to first responder group
7 insurance premiums; requiring voluntary first responders to
8 provide proof of their volunteer status on an annual basis;
9 and providing for an effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-220(a)(ii), (b) and (c) is
14 amended to read:

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2 **9-3-220. Volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency**
3 **medical technicians and volunteer search and rescue persons**
4 **participation in the state employees' and officials' group**
5 **insurance plan; requirements.**

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7 (a) Volunteer firefighters, emergency medical
8 technicians and volunteer search and rescue persons may
9 elect to participate in the state employees' and officials'
10 group insurance plan as defined by W.S. 9-3-203(a)(v) and
11 implemented under W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-219. These
12 volunteers are eligible to enroll in the group insurance
13 plan within the first thirty-one (31) days of the enactment
14 of this section or after initially volunteering for ninety
15 (90) days. After the ninety (90) day period is over, the
16 volunteer shall have thirty-one (31) days to enroll in the
17 group insurance plan. Eligible volunteers who elect not to
18 become enrolled within the time prescribed in this
19 subsection may be enrolled at a later date upon conditions
20 the department may impose. Continued participation in the
21 program is limited to a volunteer who:

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1 (ii) Is not eligible for health insurance
2 coverage under a government sponsored health care program
3 excluding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,
4 P.L. 111-148, marketplace exchange; and

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6 (b) Volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency
7 medical technicians and volunteer search and rescue persons
8 participating in the state employees' and officials' group
9 insurance plan shall ~~pay their group insurance~~ be
10 responsible for submitting their monthly premiums ~~in their~~
11 ~~entirety and shall not benefit from~~ to the department. An
12 employer, ~~contributions to cover a portion of the cost of~~
13 ~~their premiums. Volunteers shall submit their monthly~~
14 ~~premiums to the~~ fire department, emergency medical service
15 department or search and rescue department may elect to
16 contribute a portion of the cost of a volunteer's premium.

17 The procedure for submittal of premiums shall be
18 established by the department.

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20 (c) Volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency
21 medical technicians and volunteer search and rescue persons
22 participating in the state employees' and officials' group
23 insurance plan shall submit ~~monthly~~ annual verification of

1 their continued volunteer status to the department. The
2 verification shall be reviewed and signed by their
3 supervisor.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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