

(7) Commercial paper: PROVIDED, That the treasurer shall adhere to the investment policies and procedures adopted by the state investment board.

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CHAPTER 149

[Senate Bill No. 3795]

HEALTH CARE SERVICES CONTRACTS—PREMIUM PAYMENTS DURING LABOR DISPUTE

AN ACT Relating to health care services; and amending section 3, chapter 117, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 48.44.250.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 117, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 48.44.250 are each amended to read as follows:

Any employee whose compensation includes a health care services contract providing health care services expenses, the premiums for which are paid in full or in part by an employer including the state of Washington, its political subdivisions, or municipal corporations, or paid by payroll deduction, may pay the premiums as they become due directly to the ~~((health care service contractor))~~ contract holder whenever the employee's compensation is suspended or terminated directly or indirectly as the result of a strike, lockout, or other labor dispute, for a period not exceeding six months and at the rate and coverages as the health care services contract provides. During that period of time such contract may not be altered or changed. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to impair the right of the ~~((insurer))~~ health care service contractor to make normal decreases or increases of the premium rate upon expiration and renewal of the ~~((policy))~~ contract, in accordance with the provisions of the ~~((policy))~~ contract. Thereafter, if such health care services coverage is no longer available, then the employee shall be given the opportunity to purchase an individual health care services contract at a rate consistent with rates filed by the health care service contractor with the commissioner. When the employee's compensation is so suspended or terminated, the employee shall be notified immediately by the contract holder in writing, by mail addressed to the address last of record with the contract holder, that the employee may pay the premiums to the ~~((health care service contractor))~~ contract holder as they become due as provided in this section.

Payment of the premiums must be made when due or the coverage may be terminated by the health care service contractor.

The provisions of any health care services contract contrary to provisions of this section are void and unenforceable after May 29, 1975.

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CHAPTER 150

[Senate Bill No. 4493]

JUSTICE COURTS—JURISDICTION

AN ACT Relating to justice court jurisdiction; and amending section 117, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 and RCW 3.66.060.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 117, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 and RCW 3.66.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The justice court shall have jurisdiction: (1) Concurrent with the superior court of all misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors committed in their respective counties and of all violations of city ordinances: PROVIDED, That it shall in no event impose a greater punishment than a fine of (~~five hundred~~) one thousand dollars, or imprisonment for (~~six months~~) one year in the county or city jail as the case may be, or both such fine and imprisonment, unless otherwise expressly provided by statute; and it may suspend and revoke vehicle operator's licenses in the cases provided by law; (2) to sit as committing magistrates and conduct preliminary hearings in cases provided by law; (3) concurrent with the superior court of a proceeding to keep the peace in their respective counties.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1982.

Passed the House March 6, 1982.

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CHAPTER 151

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4701]

HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS—SURETY BOND, SECURITIES DEPOSIT, FUNDED RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

AN ACT Relating to health maintenance organizations; amending section 3, chapter 290, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 48.46.020; adding new sections to chapter 48.46 RCW; and prescribing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 290, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 48.46.020 are each amended to read as follows: