

Section 628. Uniform Firearms Act.—\* \* \*

(e.1) Prohibited Conduct.—No person shall carry a firearm, rifle or shotgun upon the public streets or upon any public property during an emergency proclaimed by a municipal or state governmental executive unless that person is:

(1) Actively engaged in a defense of his life or property from peril or threat; or

(2) Licensed to carry firearms under subsection (f) of this section or is exempt from licensing under subsection (e).

(e.2) No person shall carry a firearm, rifle or shotgun at any time upon the public streets or upon any public property in a city of the first class unless:

(1) Such person is licensed to carry a firearm; or

(2) Such person is exempt from licensing under subsection (e).

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Section 2. Subsection (p) of section 628 of the act, amended May 21, 1943 (P. L. 485) is reenacted to read:

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(p) Violation Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000), or undergo imprisonment not exceeding three (3) years, or both.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in five days.

APPROVED—The 30th day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

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No. 229

AN ACT

SB 643

Reenacting and amending the act of September 26, 1961 (P. L. 1661), entitled "An act providing for group life insurance for State employees; establishing a schedule; providing for payment; providing for reduction of insurance upon retirement; authorizing the Secretary of Property and Supplies to act as exclusive agent for the purpose of contracting for insurance; and providing for administration and advisory services by the Department of Property and Supplies," providing for contributions

by the State, increasing the amounts of insurance provided under the schedule, reducing the period of continuous service required for eligibility, deleting the provision relating to insurance coverage for retired employes and consulting services and extending coverage to permanent part-time employes.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of September 26, 1961 (P. L. 1661), entitled "An act providing for group life insurance for State employes; establishing a schedule; providing for payment; providing for reduction of insurance upon retirement; authorizing the Secretary of Property and Supplies to act as exclusive agent for the purpose of contracting for insurance; and providing for administration and advisory services by the Department of Property and Supplies," is reenacted and amended to read:

Section 1. Group Life Insurance for State Employes.—The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, with the advice of the Auditor General, Attorney General and of the Insurance Commissioner, shall procure from one or more life insurance companies, authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a policy or policies of group life insurance covering [full-time] permanent employes of the executive, legislative and judicial branch of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its commissions, boards, departments, and authorities. For the purposes of this act, the term "employes" shall include the members of the General Assembly. Each such employe in active service shall be eligible for insurance under sections 1 to 5, inclusive, provided he shall have completed [six] three months continuous service as such employe. Seasonal and [part-time] temporary employes and any employe insured [on the effective date of this act] under any other group life policy, the premium of which is paid, in whole or in part, by the State or any authority thereof, shall not be eligible.

Section 2. Amount of Insurance.—The [maximum] amount of such life insurance for any insured employe shall be based on the employe's yearly gross compensation [rate] from the State in accordance with the following schedule:

Schedule of Group Life Insurance		
Class	Yearly Gross Compensation	Amount of Life Insurance
1	less than \$2500	\$2500
2	\$2500 [to 3499] <u>and less than 3500</u>	3000
3	3500 [to 4499] <u>and less than 4500</u>	4000
4	4500 [to 5499] <u>and less than 5500</u>	5000
5	5500 [to 6499] <u>and less than 6500</u>	6000

6	6500 [to 7499] <u>and less than 7500</u>	7000
7	7500 [to 8499] <u>and less than 8500</u>	8000
8	8500 [and over] <u>and less than 9500</u>	[10000] <u>9000</u>
9	<u>9500 and less than 10500</u>	10000
10	<u>10500 and less than 11500</u>	11000
11	<u>11500 and less than 12500</u>	12000
12	<u>12500 and less than 13500</u>	<u>13000</u>
13	<u>13500 and less than 14500</u>	<u>14000</u>
14	<u>14500 and less than 15500</u>	15000
15	<u>15500 and less than 16500</u>	<u>16000</u>
16	<u>16500 and less than 17500</u>	17000
17	<u>17500 and less than 18500</u>	18000
18	<u>18500 and less than 19500</u>	19000
19	<u>19500 and over</u>	20000

The amount of such life insurance for any insured employe sixty-five years of age or older shall be one-half the amount of life insurance provided under the above schedule.

Any increase in the amount of life insurance made possible by an increase in compensation shall take effect on the next succeeding policy anniversary, but no reduction in the amount of life insurance shall be required on account of a reduction in compensation but if such reduction is requested the reduction shall take effect on the next succeeding policy anniversary. For the purpose of this section, yearly gross compensation shall not include any mileage reimbursement or overtime pay, and in the case of hourly workers, shall be computed on the basis of scheduled required work hours.

Section 3. Contributions.—Each employe so insured shall pay, either directly or by means of a payroll deduction authorized by the employe, the cost of the insurance [each month for each thousand dollars of the employe's life insurance] in such an amount, as may be determined from time to time on the basis of the actual total costs of the insurance policy or policies contracted for by the State [. Such costs shall reflect and be reduced by any dividends, brokerage fees or commissions or other refunds received in excess of the State's administrative costs.] : Provided, That the employe's contribution shall not exceed twenty cents (20c) bi-weekly for each thousand dollars

(\$1000) of insurance. The contribution of an employe who is paid on other than a bi-weekly basis shall not exceed the equivalent of twenty cents (20c) bi-weekly for each thousand dollars (\$1000) of insurance, adjusted to the nearest cent. There shall be contributed from the respective appropriations or other legislative or executive authorizations which are made available for this purpose an amount equal to the difference between the employe's contribution and the cost of the insurance.

Section 4. [Reduction of Insurance on Retirement] Termination of Employment.—The insurance on any insured employe shall cease on termination of employment, subject to any conversion privilege provided in the group life insurance policy or policies [. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this act, the amount of insurance of insured employes retired in accordance with any retirement plan for State employes shall be one-half of the amount for which the employe was insured immediately before retirement or two thousand dollars (\$2000), whichever is less, provided in neither case shall a retired employe be required to contribute toward the cost of any such insurance.] : Provided, That the insurance may remain in effect during periods of suspension and during continuous periods of leave of absence without pay which do not exceed twelve months.

Section 5. All Employes to Be Automatically Insured.—Any policy of insurance purchased as authorized in this act shall provide that all employes eligible under the terms of this act will be automatically insured thereunder commencing on the date they first became so eligible. Any employe desiring not to be so insured shall, on an appropriate form to be prescribed, give written notice to his employing office that he desires not to be insured. If such notice is received before the employe shall have become insured under such policy, he shall not be so insured; if it is received after he shall have become insured, his insurance under the policy will cease effective with the end of the pay period during which the notice is received by the employing office.

Section 6. Secretary of Property and Supplies to Be Agent.—The Secretary of Property and Supplies is hereby authorized, and his duty shall be to transact all business necessary for the purpose of contracting for insurance under the provisions of this act, and his powers and duties to act in this capacity shall be exclusive.

The life insurance company or companies from whom such insurance is procured shall compute commissions in accordance with their standard practice followed in other similar plans. The said commissions shall be paid to the Secretary of Property and Supplies [to be used

by him] to offset administrative and other expenses incurred in the administration of the insurance plan. [by the Department of Property and Supplies] The residue over and above the amount necessary to offset administrative and other expenses incurred in the administration of the plan shall be used to reduce the cost of such insurance.

[Section 7. Consulting Service.—The Secretary of Property and Supplies shall employ, within the Department of Property and Supplies, trained personnel for the purpose of consulting with and advising State employes concerning the insurance authorized by this act and related problems.]

Section [8.] 7. Applicability of Insurance Laws.—Except as otherwise specifically provided, all insurance contracted under the provisions of this act shall be subject to the laws of this Commonwealth relating to insurance.

Section [9.] 8. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 31st day of July, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

No. 230

AN ACT

SB 1295

Amending the act of June 1, 1959 (P. L. 392), entitled "An act relating to the retirement of State employes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," changing and adding certain definitions, further providing for membership and credited service, contributions, benefits, duties of State employes and the retirement board, and adding and removing certain accounts; redefining civilian employes of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard as State employes for the purposes of membership as members of Class A in the State Employes' Retirement System; requiring employe and employer contributions and authorizing the acceptance of employer contributions from the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force of the United States of America and imposing duties upon the State Employes' Retirement Board.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Subclauses (d) and (f) of clause (6) of section 102, act of June 1, 1959 (P. L. 392), known as the "State Employes' Retirement Code of 1959," subclause (d) amended August 2, 1963 (P. L. 493) and subclause (f) amended July 29, 1965 (P. L. 264), are amended to read:

Section 102. Definitions.—The following words and phrases as