

18A: 64G-20.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(College of Medicine & Dentistry -- certain retired hospital employees -- state to pay health insurance premiums)

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LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 1

Bill No. A170

Sponsor(s) Codey

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ASSEMBLY, No. 170

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1978 SESSION

By Assemblyman CODEY

A SUPPLEMENT to the "Medical and Dental Education Act of 1970,"
approved June 16, 1970 (P. L. 1970, c. 102, C. 18A:64G-1 et seq.).

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

1 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20 of the act to
2 which this act is a supplement (C. 18A:64G-20) and section 8 of
3 P. L. 1961, c. 49 (C. 52:14-17.32), any former municipal employee
4 of a hospital which was purchased from a municipality by the
5 College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey pursuant to
6 section 17 of the act to which this act is a supplement
7 (C. 18A:64G-17) who, subsequent to the purchase, continued his
8 employment with the hospital as an employee of the college and
9 who has or shall have retired on or after July 1, 1970 from a
10 municipal retirement system established under P. L. 1954, c. 218
11 (C. 43:13-22.3 et seq.) on a benefit based on 25 years or more of
12 service, shall be entitled to the same continuance of health benefits
13 and the payment of the premium or periodic changes for said
14 benefits by the State as provided in section 8 of P. L. 1961, c. 49
15 (C. 52:14-17.32).

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Under the provisions of P. L. 1970, c. 102, the College of Medicine and Dentistry was authorized to purchase Martland Hospital from the City of Newark. To protect the pension rights of those municipal hospital employees who continued their employment with the College of Medicine and Dentistry, P. L. 1970, c. 102 provided that such employees remain members in the Newark City Employees' Retirement System. Although these hospital employees are em-

ployed by a State agency, their continued membership in the Newark City Employees' Retirement System makes them ineligible upon retirement after 25 or more years of service for continued participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program with the State paying the premiums or periodic charges on their behalf. The provisions of the Health Benefits Program authorize the State to assume the cost of premium payments for State employees who retired since July 1, 1964 and rendered 25 years of service in a State-administered retirement system.

The purpose of this bill is to correct this oversight and thus make certain hospital employees of the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey who have or shall have retired since July 1, 1970 with 25 or more years of service in the Newark City Employees' Retirement System eligible for continued participation in the Health Benefits Program after retirement with the State paying the premiums.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JANUARY 12, 1979

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
KATHLEEN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed the following bills into law:

A-369, sponsored by Assemblyman John Paul (D-Orange), which exempts full length trains which are operated as tourist attractions from the provisions of the Amusement Ride Safety Act.

The three such trains which currently operate in New Jersey are:

--The Great Train Robbery, the Old Morris County Central Railroad, which operates from Newfoundland in Morris County, carrying passengers on a one-hour round trip;

--Turntable Junction, the Black River and Western Railroad, which operates between Flemington and Ringoes carrying passengers and some freight;

--Pine Creek Railroad, operated by the New Jersey State Museum of Transportation out of Farmingdale in Allaire State Park in Monmouth County.

The first two trains are inspected by the Board of Public Utilities and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry, as well as the federal Department of Transportation because their tracks are used in interstate commerce. The Pine Creek Railroad is inspected by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry.

All of the trains are antiques. They were built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, therefore cannot comply with all the safety provisions in the Amusement Ride Safety Act, including seat belts, wider aisles, padding and different lighting.

A-170, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Codey (D-Essex), which supplements the Medical and Dental Education Act of 1970.

The bill provides that any former Newark municipal employee of Martland Hospital -- which was purchased by the College of Medicine and Dentistry from the City of Newark -- who subsequent to the purchase continued his employment at the hospital as an employee of the College, and who retired on or after July 1, 1970 under the Newark City Employees Retirement System on a benefit based on 25 years of more of service, will be entitled to the same continuance of health benefits in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program.

The State will pay the premiums or periodic charges.

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