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(County law enforcement officers  
---health insurance)

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	<b>SENATE:</b>	Yes	
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[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 749

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 7, 1992

By Senator RAND

1 AN ACT concerning the payment of health insurance premiums  
2 for certain retired county law enforcement officers <sup>1</sup>[and] <sup>1</sup>,  
3 amending N.J.S.40A:10-23 <sup>1</sup>and supplementing Title 40A of the  
4 New Jersey Statutes<sup>1</sup>.

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the  
7 State of New Jersey:

8 1. N.J.S.40A:10-23 is amended to read as follows:

9 40A:10-23. Payment of premiums after retirement. Retired  
10 employees shall be required to pay for the entire cost of coverage  
11 for themselves and their dependents at rates which are deemed to  
12 be adequate to cover the benefits, as affected by Medicare, of  
13 the retired employees and their dependents on the basis of the  
14 utilization of services which may be reasonably expected of the  
15 older age classification; provided, however, that the total rate  
16 payable by a retired employee for himself and his dependents, for  
17 coverage under the contract and for Part B of Medicare, shall not  
18 exceed by more than 25% the total amount that would have been  
19 required to have been paid by the employee and his employer for  
20 the coverage maintained had he continued in office or active  
21 employment and he and his dependents were not eligible for  
22 Medicare benefits.

23 The employer may, in its discretion, assume the entire cost of  
24 such coverage and pay all of the premiums for employees who  
25 have retired on a disability pension or after 25 years' or more  
26 service with the employer, or have retired and reached the age of  
27 62 or older with at least 15 years of service with the employer,  
28 including the premiums on their dependents, if any, under uniform  
29 conditions as the governing body of the local unit shall prescribe.  
30 The period of time a county law enforcement officer has been  
31 employed by any county or municipal police department, sheriff's  
32 department or county prosecutor's office, may be counted  
33 cumulatively as "service with the employer" for the purpose of  
34 qualifying for payment of health insurance premiums by the  
35 county pursuant to this section.

36 (cf: P.L.1985, c.224, s.1)

37 <sup>1</sup>2. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
38 N.J.S.40A:10-23 or any other law to the contrary, a county of the  
39 second class which has entered into contracts of group  
40 hospitalization, medical surgical, major medical or health  
41 insurance or contracted with a nonprofit hospital service or

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined in this bill was matter  
previously adopted in the Legislature. It has been adopted as follows:  
1. Assembly Act Committee amendments adopted February 22, 1993

1 medical service corporation pursuant to N.J.S.40A:10-17 shall  
2 pay the entire cost of such coverage during retirement for any  
3 policeman, as defined in section 1 of P.L.1944, c.255  
4 (C.43:16A-1), who is enrolled in the Police and Firemen's  
5 Retirement System of New Jersey and who retires from service  
6 with the county after September 30, 1991 and on or before  
7 September 30, 1993 and for the employee's dependents, as well  
8 as the cost of the employee's coverage under Part B of Medicare,  
9 if the employee has a minimum of 25 years of public employment  
10 at least 15 years of which were with the county.

11 Any person who qualifies for the benefit provided pursuant to  
12 this section but who retired prior to the effective date of this act  
13 shall be reimbursed by the county for the cost of coverage  
14 incurred since the date of retirement.<sup>1</sup>

15 <sup>1</sup>[2.] 3.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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21 Concerns employer-paid health insurance for certain county law  
enforcement officers upon retirement.

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26 62 or older with at least 15 years of service with the employer,  
27 including the premiums on their dependents, if any, under uniform  
28 conditions as the governing body of the local unit shall prescribe.  
29 The period of time a county law enforcement officer has been  
30 employed by any county or municipal police department, sheriff's  
31 department or county prosecutor's office, may be counted  
32 cumulatively as "service with the employer" for the purpose of  
33 qualifying for payment of health insurance premiums by the  
34 county pursuant to this section.

35 (cf: P.L.1985, c.224, s.1)

36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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39 STATEMENT  
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41 This bill permits a county to count the time a county law  
42 enforcement officer has spent in employment in any county or  
43 municipal police department, sheriff's department or county

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bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law

Matter underlined here is new matter.

1 prosecutor's office in calculating "service with the employer"  
2 pursuant to N.J.S.40A:10-23.

3 Under that section of law, a local government employer may,  
4 at its discretion, assume the entire cost of health insurance  
5 premiums for employees who have retired after 25 years or more  
6 of service with the employer or who have retired and reached the  
7 age of 62 or older with at least 15 years of service with the  
8 employer, including the premiums on their dependents.

9 Under current law, in order to qualify for the payment of  
10 health insurance premiums upon retirement, all service must be  
11 with the local unit that was the last employer prior to retirement.

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17 Allows county law enforcement officers to receive credit for  
18 time spent with certain other employers to qualify for payment  
of health insurance benefits by county upon retirement.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 749**

with Assembly committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 22, 1993

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate, No. 749.

This bill amends the statute authorizing local government employers to provide their active and retired employees with group health insurance coverage through a private carrier.

Under the statute, the employer may, at its discretion, assume the entire cost of continuing health benefit coverage after retirement for employees and the dependents of employees who retire at any age after 25 years or more of service with the employer, or who retire at age 62 or older with at least 15 years of service with the employer.

Under the bill, a county would be permitted to include as "service with the employer" the time a county law enforcement officer retiring from the county's service has spent in employment in any county or municipal police department, sheriff's department or county prosecutor's office in calculating that service for the purpose of determining eligibility for the paid coverage.

The bill also provides that a county of the second class which covers its active employees for health benefits under a contract with a private carrier shall provide paid post-retirement health benefit coverage to any policeman member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System who retires from service with the county after September 30, 1991 and on or before September 30, 1993 with at least 25 years of public employment, at least 15 years of which shall have been with the county.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee adopted amendments to this bill to incorporate the provision mandating paid post-retirement health benefit coverage for certain policemen retiring from service with a county of the second class.

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 749

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 1992

The Senate Community Affairs Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 749.

Senate Bill No. 749 permits a county to count the time a county law enforcement officer has spent in employment in any county or municipal police department, sheriff's department or county prosecutor's office in calculating "service with the employer" pursuant to N.J.S.40A:10-23.

Under that section of law, a local government employer may, at its discretion, assume the entire cost of health insurance premiums for employees who have retired after 25 years or more of service with the employer or who have retired and reached the age of 62 or older with at least 15 years of service with the employer, including the premiums on their dependents.

Under current law, in order to qualify for the payment of health insurance premiums upon retirement, all service must be with the local unit that was the last employer prior to retirement.