

HOUSE BILL No. 2448

By Representative Ward

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1 AN ACT pertaining to the continuation of health insurance for firefighters.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3),
5 whenever a municipality provides for the payment of premiums for any
6 health benefit plan for its firefighters, it shall continue to pay such
7 premiums for the surviving spouse and dependent children of a firefighter
8 who dies in the line of duty.

9 (2) A municipality may not be required to pay the premiums
10 described in paragraph (1) for a surviving spouse:

11 (A) On or after the fifth calendar year commencing after the date of
12 death of the deceased firefighter;

13 (B) upon the remarriage of the deceased firefighter's surviving
14 spouse; or

15 (C) upon the deceased firefighter's surviving spouse reaching the age
16 of 65.

17 (3) An individual is not a dependent child of a deceased firefighter for
18 the purposes of paragraph (1) after such individual reaches the age of 26
19 years unless such individual is a:

20 (A) Full-time student in an accredited high school; or

21 (B) full-time student in a postsecondary educational institution,
22 except that this subparagraph shall not apply to such an individual after the
23 close of the calendar year in which the individual reaches the age of 26 as
24 long as such individual continues to maintain such status as a full-time
25 student.

26 (b) For the purposes of this section:

27 (1) "Firefighter" means an actual member of an organized fire
28 department, of a municipality, whether regular or volunteer.

29 (2) "Health benefit plan" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in
30 K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto.

31 (3) "Municipality" means city, county or township.

32 (4) "Postsecondary educational institution" shall have the meaning
33 ascribed to it in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

34 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.

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