

SENATE BILL No. 388

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-12

1 AN ACT concerning the continuation of health insurance for certain
2 emergency personnel.

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

5 Section 1. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), whenever a
6 municipality provides for the payment of premiums for any health benefit
7 plan for its emergency personnel, it shall pay premiums for the
8 continuation of coverage under COBRA for the surviving spouse and
9 eligible dependent children under the age of 26 years of any emergency
10 personnel who dies in the line of duty. Premiums for continuation of
11 coverage under COBRA shall be paid for 18 months.

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

14 (A) On or after the end of the 18th calendar month after the date of
15 death of the deceased emergency personnel;

16 (B) upon the remarriage of the deceased emergency personnel's
17 surviving spouse; or

18 (C) upon the deceased emergency personnel's surviving spouse
19 reaching the age of 65.

20 (b) For the purposes of this section:

21 (1) "Emergency personnel" means an attendant as such term is
22 defined in K.S.A. 65-6112, and amendments thereto.

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

25 (3) "Municipality" means a city or county.

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