

## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 612

November 6, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives LASSA, MUSSER, ALBERS, GUNDERSON and MILLER, cosponsored by Senator SHIBILSKI. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 66.0137 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing a local  
2 governmental unit to provide health insurance to its retired officers.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the state or a local governmental unit (includes a city, village, town, county, school district, sewerage district, and drainage district) may pay the premiums for hospital, surgical, and other health and accident insurance and life insurance for employees and officers and their spouses and dependent children. A local governmental unit may also pay the premiums for hospital and surgical care for its retired employees. Also under current law, 1st class cities (presently only Milwaukee) may pay the premiums for general hospital, surgical, and group insurance for both active and retired city officers and city employees and their respective dependents.

This bill authorizes a local governmental unit to pay the premiums for hospital and surgical care for its retired officers.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3 SECTION 1. 66.0137 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 612****SECTION 1**

1           66.0137 (5) HOSPITAL, ACCIDENT AND LIFE INSURANCE. The state or a local  
2 governmental unit may provide for the payment of premiums for hospital, surgical  
3 and other health and accident insurance and life insurance for employees and  
4 officers and their spouses and dependent children. A local governmental unit may  
5 also provide for the payment of premiums for hospital and surgical care for its retired  
6 employees and officers. In addition, a local governmental unit may, by ordinance or  
7 resolution, elect to offer to all of its employees a health care coverage plan through  
8 a program offered by the group insurance board under ch. 40. A local governmental  
9 unit that elects to participate under s. 40.51 (7) is subject to the applicable sections  
10 of ch. 40 instead of this subsection.

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