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Group life insurance revision.

Sponsored by: JOINT CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT to create W.S. 26-17-127 through 26-17-130; to 2 amend 26-17-101, 26-17-102(a) and (b)(i)(C), W.S. 3 26-17-103(a) introductory paragraph, (i), (ii)(D) and by 4 creating a new subparagraph (E) and (vi)(D) and by creat-5 ing a new subparagraph (E), 26-17-104(a) introductory 6 paragraph, (i), (ii), (iv)(C) and (vii) through (ix), 7 26-17-105(a) introductory paragraph, (i) and (ii)(D), 8 26-17-106(a) introductory paragraph, (ii), (iii) (v)(C), 26-17-108(a) introductory paragraph, (ii) 9 (iii), 26-17-109(a) introductory paragraph, (i) and (ii) 10 11 introductory paragraph, 26-17-110(a) introductory para-12 graph and (i), 26-17-113, 26-17-116, 26-17-117,

- 1 26-17-118(a) introductory paragraph, (ii) and (iii) and by 2 creating a new subsection (b), 26-17-119(a) introductory 3 paragraph and (i), 26-17-120 and 26-17-121; and to repeal 4 W.S. 26-17-102(b)(ii), 26-17-103(a)(iii), (iv), (vi)(A)5 through (C), (vii) and (viii), 26-17-104(a)(iii), (iv)(A) 6 and (B) and (v), 26-17-105(a)(ii)(A) through (C), (iii) 7 and (iv), 26-17-106(a)(iv), (v)(A) and (B), (vi) and 8 (vii), 26-17-107, 26-17-108(a)(i) and (iv) and (b) through 9 (d), 26-17-109(a)(ii)(A) and (B), (iii) and (iv) and 10 26-17-119(a)(ii) relating to group life insurance; con-11 forming the law in part to the NAIC 1988 model act; adding 12 eligible groups; specifying group policy requirements; 13 expanding insurance for dependents; eliminating restric-14 tions as specified; expanding eligibility; prescribing 15 availability and amount of the conversion privilege; 16 requiring notice of compensation as specified; providing 17 for continuation of insurance during disability as speci-18 fied; conforming with the group disability law; specifying 19 applicability of the act; conforming statutes; repealing 20 archaic and inconsistent provisions; and providing for an 21 effective date.
- Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:
- 23 Section 1. W.S. 26-17-127 through 26-17-130 are cre-

- 1 ated to read:
- 2 <u>26-17-127</u>. Additional groups.
- 3 (a) Group life insurance offered to a resident under
- 4 a group life insurance policy issued to a group other than
- 5 one described in W.S. 26-17-103 through 26-17-107 and
- 6 26-17-109 is subject to the following requirements:
- 7 (i) A group life insurance policy shall not be
- 8 delivered in this state unless the commissioner finds
- 9 that:
- 10 (A) The issuance of the group policy is not
- 11 contrary to the best interest of the public;
- 12 (B) The issuance of the group policy would
- 13 result in economies of acquisition or administration;
- 14 (C) The benefits are reasonable in relation
- 15 to the premiums charged;
- 16 (D) The insurer possesses and maintains
- 17 capital and surplus requirements provided by W.S.
- 18 26-3-108.
- 19 (ii) Group life insurance coverage shall not be
- 20 offered in this state by an insurer under a policy issued

- 1 in another state unless the commissioner determines the
- 2 requirements of paragraph (i) of this subsection are met
- 3 and the insurer files with the commissioner:
- 4 (A) A copy of the group master contract;
- 5 (B) A copy of the statute of the state
- 6 where the group policy is issued that authorizes the issu-
- 7 ance of the group policy;
- 8 (C) Evidence of approval of the group pol-
- 9 icy in the state where the group policy is issued; and
- 10 (D) Copies of all supportive material used
- 11 by the insurer to secure approval of the group in the
- 12 state where the group policy is issued.
- 13 (iii) If the commissioner fails to make the
- 14 determination provided by paragraph (ii) of this subsec-
- 15 tion within forty-five (45) days of filing by the insurer
- of the documents required by paragraph (ii) of this sub-
- 17 section, the requirements of paragraph (i) of this subsec-
- 18 tion are deemed to be met;
- 19 (iv) An insurer may exclude or limit the cover-
- 20 age on any person if evidence of individual insurability
- 21 does not satisfy the insurer.

- 1 <u>26-17-128.</u> Insurance for associations.
- 2 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- 3 insured under a policy issued to an association or a trust
- 4 or the trustee of a fund established or adopted for the
- 5 benefit of members of one (1) or more associations. The
- 6 association shall have at the time the policy is first
- 7 issued a minimum of fifty (50) persons eligible for insur-
- 8 ance, shall have been organized and maintained in good
- 9 faith for purposes other than that of obtaining insurance,
- 10 shall have been in active existence for at least one (1)
- 11 year and shall have a constitution and bylaws which pro-
- 12 vide that:
- 13 (i) The association holds regular meetings not
- less than annually to further the members' purposes;
- 15 (ii) Except for credit unions, the association
- 16 collects dues or solicits contributions from members; and
- 17 (iii) The members have voting privileges and
- 18 representation on the governing board and committees.
- 19 (b) The policy allowed by subsection (a) of this sec-
- 20 tion is subject to the following requirements:
- 21 (i) The policy may insure one (1) or more of the

- 1 following or all of any class of the following for the
- 2 benefit of persons other than the employee's employer:
- 3 (A) Members of the association;
- 4 (B) Employees of the association; or
- 5 (C) Employees of members.
- 6 (ii) If the covered person does not pay any part
- 7 of the premium for his insurance, the policy shall insure
- 8 all eligible persons, except those who reject the coverage
- 9 in writing and except as provided in paragraph (iii) of
- 10 this subsection; and
- 11 (iii) An insurer may exclude or limit the cover-
- 12 age on any person if evidence of individual insurability
- does not satisfy the insurer.
- 14 <u>26-17-129.</u> Notice of compensation.
- 15 (a) The insurer shall distribute to prospective
- insureds a written notice that compensation shall or may
- 17 be paid for a program of insurance which if issued on a
- 18 group basis would qualify under W.S. 26-17-127 or
- 19 26-17-128, if compensation of any kind shall or may be
- 20 paid to:

- 1 (i) A policyholder or sponsoring or endorsing
- 2 entity in the case of a group policy; or
- 3 (ii) A sponsoring or endorsing entity in the
- 4 case of individual, blanket or franchise policies marketed
- 5 by means of direct response solicitation.
- 6 (b) Notice required by this section shall be distrib-
- 7 uted:
- 8 (i) Whether compensation is direct or indirect;
- 9 and
- 10 (ii) Whether compensation is:
- 11 (A) Paid to or retained by the policyholder
- or sponsoring or endorsing entity; or
- 13 (B) Paid to or retained by a third party at
- 14 the direction of the policyholder, sponsoring or endorsing
- 15 entity or any entity affiliated by way of ownership, con-
- 16 tract or employment.
- 17 (c) The notice required by this section shall be
- 18 placed on or accompany any application or enrollment form
- 19 provided to prospective insureds.
- 20 (d) As used in this section:

- 1 (i) "Direct response solicitation" means a
- 2 solicitation through a sponsoring or endorsing entity by
- 3 the mails, telephone or other mass communications media;
- 4 and
- 5 (ii) "Sponsoring or endorsing entity" means an
- 6 organization which has arranged for the offering of a pro-
- 7 gram of insurance in a manner which communicates that eli-
- 8 gibility for participation in the program is dependent
- 9 upon affiliation with the organization or that it encour-
- 10 ages participation in the program.

11 <u>26-17-130.</u> Continuation during disability.

- 12 (a) Where active employment is a condition of insur-
- ance, the group policy shall contain a provision that an
- insured may continue coverage during the insured's total
- 15 disability as provided in this subsection by timely pay-
- 16 ment to the policyholder of that portion, if any, of the
- 17 premium that would have been required from the insured had
- 18 total disability not occurred. The continuation shall be
- on a premium paying basis for a period not beyond the ear-
- 20 lier of:
- 21 (i) Six (6) months from the date on which the
- 22 total disability started;

- 1 (ii) Approval by the insurer of continuation of
- 2 the coverage under any disability provision contained in
- 3 the group insurance policy; or
- 4 (iii) The discontinuance of the group insurance
- 5 policy.
- 6 Section 2. W.S. 26-17-101, 26-17-102(a) and
- 7 (b)(i)(C), 26-17-103(a) introductory paragraph, (i),
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- and (v)(C), 26-17-108(a) introductory paragraph and (ii)
- 14 and (iii), 26-17-109(a) introductory paragraph, (i) and
- 15 (ii) introductory paragraph, 26-17-110(a) introductory
- 16 paragraph and (i), 26-17-113, 26-17-116, 26-17-117,
- 17 26-17-118(a) introductory paragraph, (ii) and (iii) and by
- 18 creating a new subsection (b), 26-17-119(a) introductory
- 19 paragraph and (i), 26-17-120 and 26-17-121 are amended to
- 20 read:
- 21 26-17-101. Applicability of chapter; short title.
- 22 This chapter applies only to group life insurance and

- 1 employee-life-insurance and is known and may be cited as
- 2 the "Group Life Insurance Law".
- 3 <u>26-17-102</u>. Group contracts must meet group require-
- 4 ments; inapplicability of section; old contracts saved.
- 5 (a) No life insurance policy shall be delivered or
- 6 issued for delivery in this state insuring the lives of
- 7 more than one (1) individual unless to one (1) of the
- 8 groups specified in W-S--26-17-103-through-26-17-109 THIS
- 9 CHAPTER and unless in compliance with the ether-applicable
- 10 provisions of this chapter.
- 11 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to
- 12 life insurance policies:
- 13 (i) Insuring only individuals:
- 14 (C) Otherwise having an insurable interest
- in each other's lives. 7-er
- 16 <u>26-17-103</u>. Employee groups.
- 17 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- insured under a policy issued to an employer, or to-the
- 19 trustees of a fund established OR ADOPTED by an employer,
- 20 which employer or trustees-are TRUSTEE IS deemed the poli-

- 1 cyholder, te--insure INSURING THE EMPLOYER'S employees of
- 2 the-employer for the benefit of persons other than the
- 3 employer, subject to the following requirements:
- 4 (i) All of-an-employer's employees are-eligible
- 5 for-insurance-under-the-policy, or all--of any classes
- 6 CLASS of employees determined-by-conditions-pertaining-to
- 7 their-employment ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE UNDER THE
- 8 TERMS OF THE POLICY;
- 9 (ii) The policy may define "employees" to
- 10 include:
- 11 (D) Retired OR FORMER employees;
- 12 (E) DIRECTORS OF A CORPORATE EMPLOYER.
- 13 (vi) Policy premiums shall be paid by the poli-
- 14 cyholder subject to the following requirements:
- 15 (A)--They--shall-be-paid,-either-wholly-from
- 16 the-employer's-funds-or-funds-he-contributes,--or-partly
- 17 from-those-funds-and-partly-from-funds-the-insured-employ-
- 18 ees-contribute;
- 19 (D) A--pelicy--en--which--ne IF THE INSURED
- 20 EMPLOYEE DOES NOT PAY ANY part of the premium is--te--be

- 1 derived--from--funds--the-insured-employees-contribute FOR
- 2 HIS INSURANCE, THE POLICY shall insure all eligible
- 3 employees, er-all except those net-presenting-evidence--ef
- 4 individual--insurability--satisfactory-to-the-insurer. WHO
- 5 REJECT THE COVERAGE IN WRITING AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
- 6 SUBPARAGRAPH (E) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;
- 7 (E) AN INSURER MAY EXCLUDE OR LIMIT THE
- 8 COVERAGE ON ANY PERSON IF EVIDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL INSUR-
- 9 ABILITY DOES NOT SATISFY THE INSURER.
- 10 <u>26-17-104</u>. Debtor groups for benefit of creditor.
- 11 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- 12 insured under a policy issued to a creditor, whe A
- 13 CREDITOR'S PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR A TRUSTEE OR AGENT
- 14 DESIGNATED BY TWO (2) OR MORE CREDITORS, WHICH CREDITOR,
- 15 HOLDING COMPANY, AFFILIATE, TRUSTEE OR AGENT is deemed the
- 16 policyholder, to insure debtors of the creditor CONCERNING
- 17 THEIR INDEBTEDNESS, subject to the following requirements:
- 18 (i) The ALL debtors OR ANY CLASS OF DEBTORS OF
- 19 THE CREDITOR ARE eligible for insurance under the TERMS OF
- 20 THE policy; are-all-of-the-debters-of-the--ereditor--whose
- 21 indebtedness-is-repayable-either-in-installments-or-in-one
- 22 (1)-sum-at-the-end-of-a-period-not-exceeding-eighteen-(18)

- 1 months--from-the-initial-date-of-debty-or-all-of-any-clas-
- 2 ses-of-debtors-of-the-creditor--determined--by--conditions
- 3 pertaining--te--the-indebtedness-or-te-the-purchase-giving
- 4 rise-te-the-indebtedness;
- 5 (ii) The policy may define PROVIDE THAT THE TERM
- 6 "debtors" to SHALL include:
- 7 (A) BORROWERS OF MONEY OR PURCHASERS OR
- 8 LESSEES OF GOODS, SERVICES OR PROPERTY FOR WHICH PAYMENT
- 9 IS ARRANGED THROUGH A CREDIT TRANSACTION;
- 10 (B) The debtors of one (1) or more subsid-
- 11 iary corporations; and
- 12 (C) The debtors of one (1) or more affili-
- 13 ated corporations, proprietors or partnerships if the
- 14 business of the policyholder and of the affiliated corpo-
- 15 rations, proprietors or partnerships is under common con-
- 16 trol. through-steek-ownership,-contract-or-otherwise,
- 17 (iv) Policy premiums shall be paid by the poli-
- cyholder, subject to the following requirements:
- 19 (C) A-pelicy-on-which-ne IF THE INSURED
- 20 DEBTOR DOES NOT PAY ANY part of the premium is-te-be
- 21 derived-from-the-collection-of--identifiable--charges FOR

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- 1 HIS INSURANCE, THE POLICY shall insure all eligible debt-
- 2 ors, er-all except those WHO REJECT THE COVERAGE IN WRIT-
- 3 ING AND THOSE WHO DO not presenting PRESENT evidence of
- 4 individual insurability satisfactory to the insurer.
- 5 (vii) The TOTAL amount of the insurance en-the 6 tife-ef-any-debter PAYABLE FOR AN INDEBTEDNESS shall at-ne 7 time NOT exceed the GREATER OF THE SCHEDULED OR ACTUAL 8 amount of the unpaid indebtedness,-and-if-the-indebtedness 9 is-repayable-in-ene-{l}-sum to the creditor, the-insurance 10 on--the--life--of--any--debtor--shall-in-no-instance-be-in 11 effect-for-a-period-in-excess--of--eighteen--(18)--months, 12 except--that--the--insurance-may-be-continued-for-an-addi-13 tional-period-not-exceeding-six-(6)-months-in-the-case--of 14 default, -- extension -- or -- recasting - of - the - loan EXCEPT THAT 15 INSURANCE WRITTEN CONCERNING OPEN-END CREDIT HAVING A 16 CREDIT LIMIT EXCEEDING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) MAY BE IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE CREDIT LIMIT; 17
 - (viii) The insurance is MAY BE payable to the pelicyhelder, -- and -- the CREDITOR OR ANY SUCCESSOR TO THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE CREDITOR. THE payment shall reduce or extinguish the unpaid indebtedness of the debtor to the extent of the payment AND ANY EXCESS OF THE INSURANCE IS PAYABLE TO THE INSURED OR THE ESTATE OF THE

- 1 INSURED;
- 2 (ix) Notwithstanding paragraphs (i) through
- 3 (viii) of this subsection, insurance on agricultural
- 4 credit transaction commitments net-exceeding-two-(2)-years
- 5 in--duration may be written up to the amount of the loan
- 6 commitment on a nondecreasing or level term plan. 7--and
- 7 Insurance on educational credit transaction commitments
- 8 may be written up to the amount of the loan commitment
- 9 less the amount of any repayments made on the loan.
- 10 <u>26-17-105</u>. Labor union groups.
- 11 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- insured under a policy issued to a labor union, OR SIMILAR
- 13 EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION which UNION OR ORGANIZATION is
- 14 deemed the policyholder, to insure members of the union OR
- ORGANIZATION for the benefit of persons other than the
- union OR ORGANIZATION or any of its officials, representa-
- 17 tives or agents, subject to the following requirements:
- 18 (i) The-members-eligible-for-insurance-under-the
- 19 pelicy--are All ef-the members OR ANY CLASS OF MEMBERS of
- 20 the union 7-er-all-ef-any-elasses--thereef--determined--by
- 21 cenditiens--pertaining--te-their-employment,-or-te-member-
- 22 ship-in-the-union,-er-both OR ORGANIZATION ARE ELIGIBLE

- 1 FOR INSURANCE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE POLICY;
- 2 (ii) Policy premiums shall be paid by the poli-
- 3 cyholder, subject to the following requirements:
- 4 (D) A-pelicy-on-which-ne IF THE INSURED
- 5 MEMBER DOES NOT PAY ANY part of the premium is-to-be
- 6 derived-from-funds-contributed-by-the-insured-members-spe-
- 7 eifically for their HIS insurance, THE POLICY shall insure
- 8 all eligible members, er-all except those WHO REJECT THE
- 9 COVERAGE IN WRITING AND THOSE WHO DO not presenting PRES-
- 10 ENT evidence of individual insurability satisfactory to
- 11 the insurer.
- 12 <u>26-17-106</u>. Trustee groups.
- 13 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- 14 insured under a policy issued to A TRUST OR the trustees
- of a fund established OR ADOPTED by two (2) or more
- 16 employers, in-the-same-industry-or-in--related--industries
- 17 er by one (1) or more labor unions OR SIMILAR EMPLOYEE
- ORGANIZATIONS, or by one (1) or more employers and one (1)
- or more labor unions OR SIMILAR EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS,
- 20 which TRUST OR trustees are deemed the policyholder, to
- 21 insure employees of the employers or members of the unions
- OR ORGANIZATIONS, for the benefit of persons other than

- 1 the employers, er-the unions OR ORGANIZATIONS, subject to
- 2 the following requirements:
- 3 (ii) The-persons-eligible-for-insurance-are All
- 4 ef--the employees of the employers, er-all-ef-the members
- of the unions OR ORGANIZATIONS, or all--of any classes
- 6 thereof--determined--by--conditions--pertaining--to--their
- 7 employment, --er-to-membership-in OF the unions, -er-to-both
- 8 EMPLOYERS, UNION MEMBERS OR ORGANIZATION MEMBERS ARE ELI-
- 9 GIBLE FOR INSURANCE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE POLICY;
- 10 (iii) The policy may define "employees" to
- 11 include:
- 12 (A) Retired OR FORMER employees;
- 13 (B) The individual proprietor or partners,
- 14 if an employer is an individual proprietor or a partner-
- ship; 7-except-that-ne-individual-proprietor-or-partner-is
- 16 eligible-for-insurance--under--the--policy--unless--he--is
- 17 actively--engaged-in-and-devotes-a-substantial-part-of-his
- 18 time-to-the-conduct-of-the-proprietor-or-partnership-busi-
- 19 ness;
- 20 (C) The trustees, er--their TRUSTEES'
- 21 employees, or both, if their duties are principally con-

- nected with the trusteeship;=
- 2 (D) EMPLOYEES OF ONE (1) OR MORE SUBSIDIARY
- 3 CORPORATIONS AND THE EMPLOYEES, INDIVIDUAL PROPRIETORS AND
- 4 PARTNERS OF ONE (1) OR MORE AFFILIATED CORPORATIONS,
- 5 PROPRIETORSHIPS OR PARTNERSHIPS IF THE BUSINESS OF THE
- 6 EMPLOYER AND OF THE AFFILIATED CORPORATIONS,
- 7 PROPRIETORSHIPS OR PARTNERSHIPS IS UNDER COMMON CONTROL;
- 8 <u>(E)</u> Directors of a corporate employer.
- 9 (v) Policy premiums shall be paid by the
- 10 trustees subject to the following requirements:
- 11 (A)--They-shall-be-paid--wholly--from--funds
- 12 contributed-by-the-employer-of-the-insured-persons,--or-by
- 13 the--union; --er--by--beth--er--partly-frem-these-funds-and
- 14 partly-from-funds-the-insured-persons-contribute;
- 15 (C) A-pelicy-en-which-ne IF THE COVERED
- 16 PERSON DOES NOT PAY ANY part of the premium is-te-be
- derived-from-funds-the-insured-persons-contribute-specifi-
- 18 eally for their HIS insurance, THE POLICY shall insure all
- 19 eligible persons, er-all except those WHO REJECT THE COV-
- 20 ERAGE IN WRITING AND THOSE WHO DO not presenting PRESENT
- 21 evidence of individual insurability satisfactory to the

- l insurer.
- 2 26-17-108. Dependents' coverage.
- 3 (a) Insurance under any group life insurance policy 4 issued pursuant to W.S. 26-17-103, and 26-17-105, through 5 26-17-107,--if--seventy-five--percent--(75%)--of--the-then 6 insured-employees-or-members-elect 26-17-106, 26-17-109, 7 <u>26-17-127</u> OR 26-17-128 may be extended to insure the 8 dependents; -or-any-elasses-of-dependents; -of-each--insured 9 employee--er-member-who-so-elects-in-amounts-in-accordance 10 with-a-plan-which-precludes-individual-selection-and-shall 11 net-exceed EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS OR ANY CLASS OF EMPLOYEES 12 OR MEMBERS AGAINST LOSS DUE TO THE DEATH OF THEIR SPOUSES 13 AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN:
- 14 (i)--Fifty-percent-(50%)-of-the-insurance-on--the
 15 life-of-the-employee-or-member;
- (ii) Two--thousand--dollars-(\$2,000.00)-upon-the

 life-of-a-spouse IF THE EMPLOYER OR MEMBER DOES NOT PAY

 ANY PART OF THE PREMIUM FOR THE SPOUSE'S OR DEPENDENT

 CHILD'S COVERAGE, THE POLICY SHALL INSURE ALL ELIGIBLE

 EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR SPOUSES AND

 DEPENDENT CHILDREN OR ANY CLASS OF EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS

 EXCEPT THAT AN INSURER MAY EXCLUDE OR LIMIT THE COVERAGE

- 1 ON ANY SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD IF EVIDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL
- 2 INSURABILITY DOES NOT SATISFY THE INSURER;
- 3 (iii) One-thousand-dellars-(\$1,000:00)-upon--the
- 4 life--ef--a-ehild; THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE FOR ANY COVERED
- 5 SPOUSE or DEPENDENT CHILD UNDER THE POLICY SHALL NOT
- 6 EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE FOR
- 7 WHICH THE EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER IS INSURED.
- 8 26-17-109. Credit union group.
- 9 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- 10 insured under a policy issued to a credit union OR A
- 11 TRUSTEE OR AGENT DESIGNATED BY TWO (2) OR MORE CREDIT
- 12 UNIONS, which is CREDIT UNION, TRUSTEE OR AGENT IS deemed
- the policyholder, to insure eligible members of the credit
- 14 union for the benefit of persons other than the credit
- 15 union, TRUSTEE, AGENT or its ANY OF THEIR officials, sub-
- ject to the following requirements:
- 17 (i) The ALL members OR ALL OF ANY CLASS OF MEM-
- 18 BERS OF THE CREDIT UNION ARE eligible for insurance under
- 19 the TERMS OF THE policy; are-all-of--the--members--of--the
- 20 eredit--union;-er-all-except-these-net-presenting-evidence
- 21 of-individual-insurability-satisfactory-to-the-insurer,-or
- 22 all-ef-any-elasses-ef-eredit-union-members--determined--by

- 1 conditions--pertaining--to--their-age-or-membership-in-the
- 2 eredit-union,-or-both;
- 3 (ii) Policy premiums shall be paid by the poli-
- 4 cyholder, -- subject-to-the-following-requirements. FROM THE
- 5 CREDIT UNION'S FUNDS AND SHALL INSURE ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS
- 6 EXCEPT THAT AN INSURER MAY EXCLUDE OR LIMIT THE COVERAGE
- 7 ON ANY MEMBER IF EVIDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL INSURABILITY DOES
- 8 NOT SATISFY THE INSURER.
- 9 <u>26-17-110</u>. Provisions required in group contracts;
- 10 exceptions.
- 11 (a) No group life insurance policy shall be delivered
- in this state unless it contains provisions conforming in
- substance to the provisions set forth in W.S. 26-17-110
- through 26-17-121 AND 26-17-130 or provisions which in the
- 15 commissioner's opinion are more favorable to the persons
- insured, or at least as favorable to the persons insured
- and more favorable to the policyholder, except that:
- 18 (i) W.S. 26-17-116 through 26-17-120 AND
- 26-17-130 do not apply to policies issued to a creditor to
- 20 insure debtors of that creditor;
- 21 26-17-113. Application; statements are representa-

- 1 tions. A copy of the policyholder's application, if any,
- 2 shall be attached to the policy when issued and is a part
- 3 of the contract. Any statements the policyholder or the
- 4 persons insured make are representations and not warran-
- 5 ties, and no statement any person insured makes shall be
- 6 used in any contest unless a copy of the instrument con-
- 7 taining the statement is OR HAS BEEN furnished to the per-
- 8 son or. IN THE EVENT OF DEATH OR INCAPACITY OF THE INSURED
- 9 PERSON, to his beneficiary OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

10 <u>26-17-116</u>. Payment of benefits.

- 11 (a) Any sum due by reason of the death of the person
- 12 insured is payable to the beneficiary designated by the
- person insured, EXCEPT THAT IF THE POLICY REFERS TO FAMILY
- 14 STATUS AND DOES NOT SPECIFY FAMILY MEMBERS BY NAME, THE
- 15 BENEFICIARY MAY BE THE FAMILY MEMBER SPECIFIED BY STATUS
- 16 IN THE POLICY, subject to:
- 17 (i) The provisions of the policy AS TO ALL OR
- 18 ANY PART OF THE SUM in case there is no designated benefi-
- 19 ciary living at the time of the insured's death; and
- 20 (ii) Any right the insurer reserved in the pol-
- 21 icy and set forth in the certificate to pay at its option
- 22 a part of the sum not exceeding five-hundred TWO THOUSAND

- dollars (\$500-00) (\$2,000.00) to any person appearing to
- 2 the insurer to be equitably entitled thereto by reason of
- 3 having incurred funeral or other expenses incident to the
- 4 last illness or death of the person insured.
- 5 <u>26-17-117</u>. Certificate of policyholders. The insurer
- 6 shall issue to the policyholder for delivery to each per-
- 7 son insured an individual certificate setting--forth--a
- 8 statement--as--te WITH STATEMENTS DESCRIBING the insurance
- 9 protection to which he is entitled, to whom the insurance
- 10 benefits are payable, ANY DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE INCLUDED IN
- 11 THE CERTIFICATE, and the rights and conditions set forth
- in W.S. 26-17-118 through 26-17-120 AND 26-17-130.
- 13 <u>26-17-118</u>. Conversion on termination of eligibility.
- 14 (a) If the insurance, or any portion of it, on a per-
- 15 son OR DEPENDENT OF A PERSON covered under the policy
- 16 ceases because of termination of employment or of member-
- 17 ship in any of the classes eligible for coverage under the
- 18 policy, the-person-is-entitled-to-have the insurer SHALL
- 19 OFFER TO issue to him, without evidence of insurability,
- 20 an individual life insurance policy without disability or
- 21 other supplementary benefits, provided:
- 22 (ii) The policy, at the person's option, shall

- 1 be on any one (1) of the forms, -- except--term--insurance,
- 2 them customarily issued by the insurer at the age and for
- 3 the amount applied for, EXCEPT THAT THE GROUP POLICY MAY
- 4 EXCLUDE THE OPTION TO ELECT TERM INSURANCE;
- 5 (iii) The policy shall be in an amount not
- 6 exceeding the amount of life insurance which ceases
- 7 because of the termination less the amount of any life
- 8 insurance for which the person is OR BECOMES eligible
- 9 under the same or any group policy within thirty-one (31)
- 10 days after the termination, provided that any amount of
- insurance which matures on or before the date of such ter-
- 12 mination as an endowment payable to the person insured,
- whether in one (1) sum, in installments or in the form of
- an annuity, for the purposes of this provision, shall not
- 15 be included in the amount which is considered to cease
- 16 because of the termination; and
- 17 (b) SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION
- 18 (a) OF THIS SECTION, THE CONVERSION PRIVILEGE IS AVAIL-
- 19 ABLE:
- 20 (i) TO A SURVIVING DEPENDENT, IF ANY, AT THE
- 21 DEATH OF THE EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER CONCERNING THE COVERAGE
- 22 UNDER THE GROUP POLICY WHICH TERMINATES BY REASON OF THE

- 1 DEATH; AND
- 2 (ii) TO THE DEPENDENT OF THE EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER
- 3 UPON TERMINATION OF THE DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE IF THE
- 4 EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER REMAINS INSURED UNDER THE GROUP POLICY
- 5 AND IF THE DEPENDENT CEASES TO BE A QUALIFIED FAMILY MEM-
- 6 BER UNDER THE GROUP POLICY.
- 7 <u>26-17-119</u>. Conversion on termination of policy.
- 8 If the group policy terminates or is amended se 9 as to terminate the insurance of any class of insured per-10 sons, any person insured thereunder at the date of the 11 termination whose insurance terminates, and INCLUDING THE 12 INSURED DEPENDENT OF A COVERED PERSON, who WHICH INSURED 13 OR INSURED DEPENDENT has been so insured for at least five 14 (5) THREE (3) years prior to the termination date is enti-15 tled to have issued to him by the insurer an individual 16 life insurance policy, subject to the same conditions pro-17 vided by W.S. 26-17-118, except that the group policy may 18 SHALL provide that the amount of the individual policy 19 shall-not-exceed-the-smaller-of:-(i) IS the amount of the 20 person's life insurance protection ceasing because of the 21 termination or amendment of the group policy, less the 22 amount of any life insurance for which he is OR BECOMES

- 1 eligible under any group policy issued or reinstated by
- 2 the same or another insurer within thirty-one (31) days
- 3 after the termination. 7-and
- 4 (ii)--Two-thousand-dollars-(52,000,00)-

the first premium therefor has been made.

- 26-17-120. Death pending conversion. If a person 5 insured under the GROUP policy, OR THE INSURED DEPENDENT 6 7 OF A COVERED PERSON, dies during the period within which he would have been entitled to have an individual policy 8 9 issued to him in accordance with W.S. 26-17-118 or 10 26-17-119 and before the individual policy is effective, 11 the amount of life insurance to which he would have been 12 entitled TO HAVE ISSUED under the individual policy is 13 payable as a claim under the group policy, whether or not 14 application for the individual policy or the payment of 15
- 16 26-17-121. Information to debtor insured under 17 creditor's policy. A policy issued to a creditor to insure 18 debtors of the creditor shall contain a provision that the 19 insurer shall furnish to the policyholder for delivery to 20 each debtor insured under the policy a form which shall 21 contain a statement that the life of the debtor is insured 22 under the policy and that any death benefit paid thereun-

- der by reason of his death shall FIRST be applied to
- 2 reduce or extinguish an THE indebtedness.
- 3 Section 3. W.S. 26-17-102(b)(ii), 26-17-103(a)(iii),
- 4 (iv), (vi)(A) through (C), (vii) and (viii),
- 5 26-17-104(a)(iii), (iv)(A) and (B) and (v),
- 6 26-17-105(a)(ii)(A) through (C), (iii) and (iv),
- 7 26-17-106(a)(iv), (v)(A) and (B), (vi) and (vii),
- 8 26-17-107, 26-17-108(a)(i) and (iv) and (b) through (d),
- 9 26-17-109(a)(ii)(A) and (B), (iii) and (iv) and
- 10 26-17-119(a)(ii) are repealed.
- 11 Section 4. This act shall apply to all group life
- insurance policies issued, renewed or reinstated after the
- 13 effective date of this act.
- Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 1990.
- 15 (END)

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Sponsored by: JOINT CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS AND

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT to create W.S. 26-17-127 through 26-17-130; to 2 amend W.S. 26-17-101, 26-17-102(a) and (b)(i)(C), 26-17-103(a) introductory paragraph, (i), (ii)(D) and by 3 4 creating a new subparagraph (E) and (vi)(D) and by creat-5 ing a new subparagraph (E), 26-17-104(a) introductory 6 paragraph, (i), (ii), (iv)(C) and (vii) through (ix), 7 26-17-105(a) introductory paragraph, (i) and (ii)(D), 8 26-17-106(a) introductory paragraph, (ii), (iii) 9 (v)(C), 26-17-108(a) introductory paragraph, (ii) and 10 (iii), 26-17-109(a) introductory paragraph, (i) and (ii) 11 introductory paragraph, 26-17-110(a) introductory para-12 graph and (i), 26-17-113, 26-17-116, 26-17-117,

- 1 26-17-118(a) introductory paragraph, (ii) and (iii) and by creating a new subsection (b), 26-17-119(a) introductory 2 paragraph and (i), 26-17-120 and 26-17-121; and to repeal 3 4 W.S. 26-17-102(b)(ii), 26-17-103(a)(iii), (iv), (vi)(A)5 through (C), (vii) and (viii), 26-17-104(a)(iii), (iv)(A) 6 and (B) and (v), 26-17-105(a)(ii)(A) through (C), (iii) 7 and (iv), 26-17-106(a)(iv), (v)(A) and (B), (vi) and 8 (vii), 26-17-107, 26-17-108(a)(i) and (iv) and (b) through 9 (d), 26-17-109(a)(ii)(A) and (B), (iii) and (iv) and 10 26-17-119(a)(ii) relating to group life insurance; con-11 forming the law in part to the NAIC 1988 model act; adding 12 eligible groups; specifying group policy requirements; 13 expanding insurance for dependents; eliminating restric-14 tions as specified; expanding eligibility; prescribing 15 availability and amount of the conversion privilege; requiring notice of compensation as specified; providing 16 17 for continuation of insurance during disability as speci-18 fied; conforming with the group disability law; specifying 19 applicability of the act; conforming statutes; repealing 20 archaic and inconsistent provisions; and providing for an 21 effective date.
- Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:
- 23 Section 1. W.S. 26-17-127 through 26-17-130 are cre-

- 1 ated to read:
- 2 <u>26-17-127</u>. Additional groups.
- 3 (a) Group life insurance offered to a resident under
- 4 a group life insurance policy issued to a group other than
- 5 one described in W.S. 26-17-103 through 26-17-107 and
- 6 26-17-109 is subject to the following requirements:
- 7 (i) A group life insurance policy shall not be
- 8 delivered in this state unless the commissioner finds
- 9 that:
- 10 (A) The issuance of the group policy is not
- 11 contrary to the best interest of the public;
- 12 (B) The issuance of the group policy would
- result in economies of acquisition or administration;
- 14 (C) The benefits are reasonable in relation
- 15 to the premiums charged;
- 16 (D) The insurer possesses and maintains
- 17 capital and surplus requirements provided by W.S.
- 18 26-3-108.
- 19 (ii) Group life insurance coverage shall not be
- 20 offered in this state by an insurer under a policy issued

- 1 in another state unless the commissioner determines the
- 2 requirements of paragraph (i) of this subsection are met
- 3 and the insurer files with the commissioner:
- 4 (A) A copy of the group master contract;
- 5 (B) A copy of the statute of the state
- 6 where the group policy is issued that authorizes the issu-
- 7 ance of the group policy;
- 8 (C) Evidence of approval of the group pol-
- 9 icy in the state where the group policy is issued; and
- 10 (D) Copies of all supportive material used
- 11 by the insurer to secure approval of the group in the
- 12 state where the group policy is issued.
- 13 (iii) If the commissioner fails to make the
- 14 determination provided by paragraph (ii) of this subsec-
- 15 tion within forty-five (45) days of filing by the insurer
- 16 of the documents required by paragraph (ii) of this sub-
- 17 section, the requirements of paragraph (i) of this subsec-
- 18 tion are deemed to be met;
- 19 (iv) An insurer may exclude or limit the cover-
- 20 age on any person if evidence of individual insurability
- 21 does not satisfy the insurer.

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vide that:

- 1 26-17-128. Insurance for associations.
- 2 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be 3 insured under a policy issued to an association or a trust 4 or the trustee of a fund established or adopted for the 5 benefit of members of one (1) or more associations. The association shall have at the time the policy is first 6 7 issued a minimum of fifty (50) persons eligible for insur-8 ance, shall have been organized and maintained in good 9 faith for purposes other than that of obtaining insurance, shall have been in active existence for at least one (1) 10 year and shall have a constitution and bylaws which pro-11
- 13 (i) The association holds regular meetings not 14 less than annually to further the members' purposes;
- (ii) Except for credit unions, the association collects dues or solicits contributions from members; and
- 17 (iii) The members have voting privileges and 18 representation on the governing board and committees.
- 19 (b) The policy allowed by subsection (a) of this sec-20 tion is subject to the following requirements:
- 21 (i) The policy may insure one (1) or more of the

- 1 following or all of any class of the following for the
- 2 benefit of persons other than the employee's employer:
- 3 (A) Members of the association;
- 4 (B) Employees of the association; or
- 5 (C) Employees of members.
- 6 (ii) If the covered person does not pay any part
- 7 of the premium for his insurance, the policy shall insure
- 8 all eligible persons, except those who reject the coverage
- 9 in writing and except as provided in paragraph (iii) of
- 10 this subsection; and
- 11 (iii) An insurer may exclude or limit the cover-
- 12 age on any person if evidence of individual insurability
- 13 does not satisfy the insurer.
- 14 26-17-129. Notice of compensation.
- 15 (a) The insurer shall distribute to prospective
- insureds a written notice that compensation shall or may
- 17 be paid for a program of insurance which if issued on a
- 18 group basis would qualify under W.S. 26-17-127 or
- 19 26-17-128, if compensation of any kind shall or may be
- 20 paid to:

- 1 (i) A policyholder or sponsoring or endorsing
- 2 entity in the case of a group policy; or
- 3 (ii) A sponsoring or endorsing entity in the
- 4 case of individual, blanket or franchise policies marketed
- 5 by means of direct response solicitation.
- 6 (b) Notice required by this section shall be distrib-
- 7 uted:
- 8 (i) Whether compensation is direct or indirect;
- 9 and
- 10 (ii) Whether compensation is:
- 11 (A) Paid to or retained by the policyholder
- or sponsoring or endorsing entity; or
- 13 (B) Paid to or retained by a third party at
- 14 the direction of the policyholder, sponsoring or endorsing
- 15 entity or any entity affiliated by way of ownership, con-
- 16 tract or employment.
- 17 (c) The notice required by this section shall be
- 18 placed on or accompany any application or enrollment form
- 19 provided to prospective insureds.
- 20 (d) As used in this section:

- 1 (i) "Direct response solicitation" means a
- 2 solicitation through a sponsoring or endorsing entity by
- 3 the mails, telephone or other mass communications media;
- 4 and
- 5 (ii) "Sponsoring or endorsing entity" means an
- 6 organization which has arranged for the offering of a pro-
- 7 gram of insurance in a manner which communicates that eli-
- 8 gibility for participation in the program is dependent
- 9 upon affiliation with the organization or that it encour-
- 10 ages participation in the program.

11 <u>26-17-130</u>. Continuation during disability.

- 12 (a) Where active employment is a condition of insur-
- ance, the group policy shall contain a provision that an
- insured may continue coverage during the insured's total
- 15 disability as provided in this subsection by timely pay-
- 16 ment to the policyholder of that portion, if any, of the
- 17 premium that would have been required from the insured had
- 18 total disability not occurred. The continuation shall be
- on a premium paying basis for a period not beyond the ear-
- 20 lier of:
- 21 (i) Six (6) months from the date on which the
- 22 total disability started;

- 1 (ii) Approval by the insurer of continuation of
- 2 the coverage under any disability provision contained in
- 3 the group insurance policy; or
- 4 (iii) The discontinuance of the group insurance
- 5 policy.
- 6 Section 2. W.S. 26-17-101, 26-17-102(a) and
- 7 (b)(i)(C), 26-17-103(a) introductory paragraph, (i),
- 8 (ii)(D) and by creating a new subparagraph (E) and (vi)(D)
- 9 and by creating a new subparagraph (E), 26-17-104(a)
- introductory paragraph, (i), (ii), (iv)(C) and (vii)
- 11 through (ix), 26-17-105(a) introductory paragraph, (i) and
- 12 (ii)(D), 26-17-106(a) introductory paragraph, (ii), (iii)
- and (v)(C), 26-17-108(a) introductory paragraph and (ii)
- 14 and (iii), 26-17-109(a) introductory paragraph, (i) and
- 15 (ii) introductory paragraph, 26-17-110(a) introductory
- 16 paragraph and (i), 26-17-113, 26-17-116, 26-17-117,
- 17 26-17-118(a) introductory paragraph, (ii) and (iii) and by
- 18 creating a new subsection (b), 26-17-119(a) introductory
- 19 paragraph and (i), 26-17-120 and 26-17-121 are amended to
- 20 read:
- 21 26-17-101. Applicability of chapter; short title.
- 22 This chapter applies only to group life insurance and

- 1 employee-life-insurance and is known and may be cited as
- 2 the "Group Life Insurance Law".
- 3 <u>26-17-102</u>. Group contracts must meet group require-
- 4 ments; inapplicability of section; old contracts saved.
- 5 (a) No life insurance policy shall be delivered or
- 6 issued for delivery in this state insuring the lives of
- 7 more than one (1) individual unless to one (1) of the
- 8 groups specified in W-S--26-17-103-through-26-17-109 THIS
- 9 CHAPTER and unless in compliance with the ether-applicable
- 10 provisions of this chapter.
- 11 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to
- 12 life insurance policies:
- 13 (i) Insuring only individuals:
- 14 (C) Otherwise having an insurable interest
- in each other's lives. 7-er
- 16 <u>26-17-103</u>. Employee groups.
- 17 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- insured under a policy issued to an employer, or to-the
- 19 trustees of a fund established OR ADOPTED by an employer,
- 20 which employer or trustees-are TRUSTEE IS deemed the poli-

- 1 cyholder, to--insure INSURING THE EMPLOYER'S employees of
- 2 the-employer for the benefit of persons other than the
- 3 employer, subject to the following requirements:
- 4 (i) All of-an-employer's employees are-eligible
- 5 fer-insurance-under-the-pelicy, or all--ef any classes
- 6 CLASS of employees determined-by-conditions-pertaining-to
- 7 their-employment ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE UNDER THE
- 8 TERMS OF THE POLICY;
- 9 (ii) The policy may define "employees" to
- 10 include:
- 11 (D) Retired OR FORMER employees;
- 12 (E) DIRECTORS OF A CORPORATE EMPLOYER.
- 13 (vi) Policy premiums shall be paid by the poli-
- 14 cyholder subject to the following requirements:
- 15 (A)--They--shall-be-paid,-either-wholly-from
- the-employer's-funds-or-funds-he-contributes, -- or -- partly
- 17 from-those-funds-and-partly-from-funds-the-insured-employ-
- 18 ees-centribute;
- 19 (D) A--pelicy--en--which--ne IF THE INSURED
- 20 EMPLOYEE DOES NOT PAY ANY part of the premium is--te--be

- 1 derived--from--funds--the-insured-employees-contribute FOR
- 2 HIS INSURANCE, THE POLICY shall insure all eligible
- 3 employees, er-all except those net-presenting-evidence--ef
- 4 individual--insurability--satisfactory-to-the-insurer: WHO
- 5 REJECT THE COVERAGE IN WRITING AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
- 6 SUBPARAGRAPH (E) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;
- 7 (E) AN INSURER MAY EXCLUDE OR LIMIT THE
- 8 COVERAGE ON ANY PERSON IF EVIDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL INSUR-
- 9 ABILITY DOES NOT SATISFY THE INSURER.

10 <u>26-17-104</u>. Debtor groups for benefit of creditor.

- 11 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
 12 insured under a policy issued to a creditor, who A
 13 CREDITOR'S PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR A TRUSTEE OR AGENT
- DESIGNATED BY TWO (2) OR MORE CREDITORS, WHICH CREDITOR,
- 15 HOLDING COMPANY, AFFILIATE, TRUSTEE OR AGENT is deemed the
- 16 policyholder, to insure debtors of the creditor CONCERNING
- 17 THEIR INDEBTEDNESS, subject to the following requirements:
- 18 (i) The ALL debtors OR ANY CLASS OF DEBTORS OF
- 19 THE CREDITOR ARE eligible for insurance under the TERMS OF
- 20 THE policy; are-all-of-the-debtors-of-the--ereditor--whose
- 21 indebtedness-is-repayable-either-in-installments-er-in-ene
- 22 (1)-sum-at-the-end-of-a-period-not-exceeding-eighteen-(18)

- 1 months--from-the-initial-date-of-debt,-or-all-of-any-clas-
- 2 ses-of-debtors-of-the-ereditor--determined--by--conditions
- 3 pertaining--te--the-indebtedness-er-te-the-purchase-giving
- 4 rise-te-the-indebtedness;
- 5 (ii) The policy may define PROVIDE THAT THE TERM
- 6 "debtors" to SHALL include:
- 7 (A) BORROWERS OF MONEY OR PURCHASERS OR
- 8 LESSEES OF GOODS, SERVICES OR PROPERTY FOR WHICH PAYMENT
- 9 IS ARRANGED THROUGH A CREDIT TRANSACTION;
- 10 (B) The debtors of one (1) or more subsid-
- 11 iary corporations; and
- 12 (C) The debtors of one (1) or more affili-
- 13 ated corporations, proprietors or partnerships if the
- 14 business of the policyholder and of the affiliated corpo-
- 15 rations, proprietors or partnerships is under common con-
- 16 trol. through-steek-ownership;-contract-or-otherwise;
- 17 (iv) Policy premiums shall be paid by the poli-
- 18 cyholder, subject to the following requirements:
- 19 (C) A-policy-on-which-no IF THE INSURED
- 20 DEBTOR DOES NOT PAY ANY part of the premium is-te-be
- 21 derived-from-the-collection-of--identifiable--charges FOR

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- 1 HIS INSURANCE, THE POLICY shall insure all eligible debt-
- 2 ors, er-all except those WHO REJECT THE COVERAGE IN WRIT-
- 3 ING AND THOSE WHO DO not presenting PRESENT evidence of
- 4 individual insurability satisfactory to the insurer.
- 5 (vii) The TOTAL amount of the insurance en-the 6 life-of-any-debtor PAYABLE FOR AN INDEBTEDNESS shall at-no 7 time NOT exceed the GREATER OF THE SCHEDULED OR ACTUAL amount of the unpaid indebtedness; -and-if-the-indebtedness 8 9 is-repayable-in-one-(1)-sum to the creditor, the-insurance 10 on--the--life--ef--any--debtor--shall-in-no-instance-be-in 11 effect-for-a-period-in-excess--of--eighteen-- (18)--months; 12 except -- that -- the -- insurance - may - be - continued - for - an - addi -13 tional-period-not-exceeding-six-(6)-months-in-the-case--of 14 default, -- extension -- or -- recasting - of -the-loan EXCEPT THAT 15 INSURANCE WRITTEN CONCERNING OPEN-END CREDIT HAVING A CREDIT LIMIT EXCEEDING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) 16 MAY BE IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE CREDIT LIMIT; 17
 - (viii) The insurance is MAY BE payable to the pelicyhelder, --and--the CREDITOR OR ANY SUCCESSOR TO THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE CREDITOR. THE payment shall reduce or extinguish the unpaid indebtedness of the debtor to the extent of the payment AND ANY EXCESS OF THE INSURANCE IS PAYABLE TO THE INSURED OR THE ESTATE OF THE

- 1 INSURED;
- 2 (ix) Notwithstanding paragraphs (i) through
- 3 (viii) of this subsection, insurance on agricultural
- 4 credit transaction commitments not-exceeding-two-{2}-years
- 5 in--duration may be written up to the amount of the loan
- 6 commitment on a nondecreasing or level term plan. 7--and
- 7 Insurance on educational credit transaction commitments
- 8 may be written up to the amount of the loan commitment
- 9 less the amount of any repayments made on the loan.
- 10 <u>26-17-105</u>. Labor union groups.
- 11 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- insured under a policy issued to a labor union, OR SIMILAR
- 13 EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION which UNION OR ORGANIZATION is
- deemed the policyholder, to insure members of the union OR
- 15 ORGANIZATION for the benefit of persons other than the
- 16 union OR ORGANIZATION or any of its officials, representa-
- 17 tives or agents, subject to the following requirements:
- 18 (i) The-members-eligible-for-insurance-under-the
- 19 pelicy--are All ef-the members OR ANY CLASS OF MEMBERS of
- the union --er-all-ef-any-classes--thereef--determined--by
- 21 conditions--pertaining--to-their-employment,-or-to-member-
- 22 ship-in-the-union,-or-both OR ORGANIZATION ARE ELIGIBLE

- 1 FOR INSURANCE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE POLICY;
- 2 (ii) Policy premiums shall be paid by the poli-
- 3 cyholder, subject to the following requirements:
- 4 (D) A-pelicy-en-which-ne IF THE INSURED
- 5 MEMBER DOES NOT PAY ANY part of the premium is-te-be
- 6 derived-from-funds-contributed-by-the-insured-members-spe-
- 7 eifically for their HIS insurance, THE POLICY shall insure
- 8 all eligible members, er-all except those WHO REJECT THE
- 9 COVERAGE IN WRITING AND THOSE WHO DO not presenting PRES-
- 10 ENT evidence of individual insurability satisfactory to
- 11 the insurer.
- 12 <u>26-17-106</u>. Trustee groups.
- 13 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- insured under a policy issued to A TRUST OR the trustees
- of a fund established OR ADOPTED by two (2) or more
- 16 employers, in-the-same-industry-or-in--related--industries
- 17 er by one (1) or more labor unions OR SIMILAR EMPLOYEE
- ORGANIZATIONS, or by one (1) or more employers and one (1)
- or more labor unions OR SIMILAR EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS,
- 20 which TRUST OR trustees are deemed the policyholder, to
- 21 insure employees of the employers or members of the unions
- OR ORGANIZATIONS, for the benefit of persons other than

- 1 the employers, er-the unions OR ORGANIZATIONS, subject to
- 2 the following requirements:
- 3 (ii) The-persons-eligible-for-insurance-are All
- 4 ef--the employees of the employers, er-all-ef-the members
- of the unions OR ORGANIZATIONS, or all--of any classes
- 6 thereof--determined--by--conditions--pertaining--to--their
- 7 employment, --er-to-membership-in OF the unions, -er-to-both
- 8 EMPLOYERS, UNION MEMBERS OR ORGANIZATION MEMBERS ARE ELI-
- 9 GIBLE FOR INSURANCE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE POLICY;
- 10 (iii) The policy may define "employees" to
- 11 include:
- 12 (A) Retired OR FORMER employees;
- 13 (B) The individual proprietor or partners,
- 14 if an employer is an individual proprietor or a partner-
- ship; 7-except-that-ne-individual-preprieter-er-partner-is
- 16 eligible-for-insurance--under--the--policy--unless--he--is
- 17 actively--engaged-in-and-devotes-a-substantial-part-of-his
- 18 time-to-the-conduct-of-the-proprietor-or-partnership-busi-
- 19 ness;
- 20 (C) The trustees, er--their TRUSTEES'
- 21 employees, or both, if their duties are principally con-

- nected with the trusteeship;=
- 2 (D) EMPLOYEES OF ONE (1) OR MORE SUBSIDIARY
- 3 CORPORATIONS AND THE EMPLOYEES, INDIVIDUAL PROPRIETORS AND
- 4 PARTNERS OF ONE (1) OR MORE AFFILIATED CORPORATIONS,
- 5 PROPRIETORSHIPS OR PARTNERSHIPS IF THE BUSINESS OF THE
- 6 EMPLOYER AND OF THE AFFILIATED CORPORATIONS,
- 7 PROPRIETORSHIPS OR PARTNERSHIPS IS UNDER COMMON CONTROL;
- 8 <u>(E)</u> Directors of a corporate employer.
- 9 (v) Policy premiums shall be paid by the
- 10 trustees subject to the following requirements:
- 11 (A)--They-shall-be-paid--whelly--from--funds
- 12 contributed-by-the-employer-of-the-insured-persons,--or-by
- 13 the--union,--er--by--both--er--partly-from-these-funds-and
- 14 partly-from-funds-the-insured-persons-contribute;
- 15 (C) A-peliey-en-which-ne IF THE COVERED
- 16 PERSON DOES NOT PAY ANY part of the premium is-te-be
- 17 derived-from-funds-the-insured-persons-contribute-specifi-
- 18 eally for their HIS insurance, THE POLICY shall insure all
- 19 eligible persons, er-all except those WHO REJECT THE COV-
- 20 ERAGE IN WRITING AND THOSE WHO DO not presenting PRESENT
- 21 evidence of individual insurability satisfactory to the

- 1 insurer.
- 2 <u>26-17-108</u>. Dependents' coverage.
- 3 Insurance under any group life insurance policy 4 issued pursuant to W.S. 26-17-103, and 26-17-105, through 5 26-17-107,--if--seventy-five--percent--(75%)--ef--the-then 6 insured-employees-or-members-elect 26-17-106, 26-17-109, 7 <u>26-17-127</u> OR <u>26-17-128</u> may be extended to insure the 8 dependents; -or-any-elasses-of-dependents; -of-each--insured 9 employee--er-member-whe-se-elects-in-amounts-in-accordance 10 with-a-plan-which-precludes-individual-selection-and-shall 11 not-exceed EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS OR ANY CLASS OF EMPLOYEES 12 OR MEMBERS AGAINST LOSS DUE TO THE DEATH OF THEIR SPOUSES 13 AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN:
- 14 (i)--Fifty-percent-(50%)-of-the-insurance-on--the
 15 life-of-the-employee-or-member;
- (ii) Twe--thousand--dellars-(\$2,000.00)-upon-the

 life-of-a-spouse IF THE EMPLOYER OR MEMBER DOES NOT PAY

 ANY PART OF THE PREMIUM FOR THE SPOUSE'S OR DEPENDENT

 CHILD'S COVERAGE, THE POLICY SHALL INSURE ALL ELIGIBLE

 EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR SPOUSES AND

 DEPENDENT CHILDREN OR ANY CLASS OF EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS

 EXCEPT THAT AN INSURER MAY EXCLUDE OR LIMIT THE COVERAGE

- 1 ON ANY SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD IF EVIDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL
- 2 INSURABILITY DOES NOT SATISFY THE INSURER;
- 3 (iii) One-thousand-dollars-(\$1,000.00)-upon--the
- 4 life--ef--a-ehild, THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE FOR ANY COVERED
- 5 SPOUSE or DEPENDENT CHILD UNDER THE POLICY SHALL NOT
- 6 EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE FOR
- 7 WHICH THE EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER IS INSURED.
- 8 <u>26-17-109</u>. Credit union group.
- 9 (a) The lives of a group of individuals may be
- 10 insured under a policy issued to a credit union OR A
- 11 TRUSTEE OR AGENT DESIGNATED BY TWO (2) OR MORE CREDIT
- 12 UNIONS, which is CREDIT UNION, TRUSTEE OR AGENT IS deemed
- the policyholder, to insure eligible members of the credit
- 14 union for the benefit of persons other than the credit
- union, TRUSTEE, AGENT or its ANY OF THEIR officials, sub-
- ject to the following requirements:
- 17 (i) The ALL members OR ALL OF ANY CLASS OF MEM-
- 18 BERS OF THE CREDIT UNION ARE eligible for insurance under
- 19 the TERMS OF THE policy; are-all-of--the--members--of--the
- 20 credit--union,-or-all-except-those-not-presenting-evidence
- 21 of-individual-insurability-satisfactory-to-the-insurer,-or
- 22 all-of-any-elasses-of-eredit-union-members--determined--by

- 1 conditions--pertaining--to--their-age-or-membership-in-the
- 2 credit-union,-or-both;
- 3 (ii) Policy premiums shall be paid by the poli-
- 4 cyholder, -- subject-to-the-following-requirements: FROM THE
- 5 CREDIT UNION'S FUNDS AND SHALL INSURE ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS
- 6 EXCEPT THAT AN INSURER MAY EXCLUDE OR LIMIT THE COVERAGE
- 7 ON ANY MEMBER IF EVIDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL INSURABILITY DOES
- 8 NOT SATISFY THE INSURER.
- 9 <u>26-17-110</u>. Provisions required in group contracts;
- 10 exceptions.
- 11 (a) No group life insurance policy shall be delivered
- in this state unless it contains provisions conforming in
- substance to the provisions set forth in W.S. 26-17-110
- 14 through 26-17-121 AND 26-17-130 or provisions which in the
- 15 commissioner's opinion are more favorable to the persons
- insured, or at least as favorable to the persons insured
- and more favorable to the policyholder, except that:
- 18 (i) W.S. 26-17-116 through 26-17-120 AND
- 19 26-17-130 do not apply to policies issued to a creditor to
- 20 insure debtors of that creditor;
- 21 <u>26-17-113</u>. Application; statements are representa-

- 1 tions. A copy of the policyholder's application, if any,
- 2 shall be attached to the policy when issued and is a part
- 3 of the contract. Any statements the policyholder or the
- 4 persons insured make are representations and not warran-
- 5 ties, and no statement any person insured makes shall be
- 6 used in any contest unless a copy of the instrument con-
- 7 taining the statement is OR HAS BEEN furnished to the per-
- 8 son or, IN THE EVENT OF DEATH OR INCAPACITY OF THE INSURED
- 9 PERSON, to his beneficiary OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

10 <u>26-17-116</u>. Payment of benefits.

- 11 (a) Any sum due by reason of the death of the person
- 12 insured is payable to the beneficiary designated by the
- person insured, EXCEPT THAT IF THE POLICY REFERS TO FAMILY
- 14 STATUS AND DOES NOT SPECIFY FAMILY MEMBERS BY NAME, THE
- 15 BENEFICIARY MAY BE THE FAMILY MEMBER SPECIFIED BY STATUS
- 16 IN THE POLICY, subject to:
- 17 (i) The provisions of the policy AS TO ALL OR
- ANY PART OF THE SUM in case there is no designated benefi-
- 19 ciary living at the time of the insured's death; and
- 20 (ii) Any right the insurer reserved in the pol-
- 21 icy and set forth in the certificate to pay at its option
- 22 a part of the sum not exceeding five-hundred TWO THOUSAND

- dollars (\$500.00) (\$2,000.00) to any person appearing to
- 2 the insurer to be equitably entitled thereto by reason of
- 3 having incurred funeral or other expenses incident to the
- 4 last illness or death of the person insured.
- 5 26-17-117. Certificate of policyholders. The insurer
- 6 shall issue to the policyholder for delivery to each per-
- 7 son insured an individual certificate setting--forth--a
- 8 statement--as--te WITH STATEMENTS DESCRIBING the insurance
- 9 protection to which he is entitled, to whom the insurance
- 10 benefits are payable, ANY DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE INCLUDED IN
- 11 THE CERTIFICATE, and the rights and conditions set forth
- in W.S. 26-17-118 through 26-17-120 AND 26-17-130.
- 26-17-118. Conversion on termination of eligibility.
- 14 (a) If the insurance, or any portion of it, on a per-
- son OR DEPENDENT OF A PERSON covered under the policy
- 16 ceases because of termination of employment or of member-
- ship in any of the classes eligible for coverage under the
- 18 policy, the-person-is-entitled-te-have the insurer SHALL
- 19 OFFER TO issue to him, without evidence of insurability,
- 20 an individual life insurance policy without disability or
- 21 other supplementary benefits, provided:
- 22 (ii) The policy, at the person's option, shall

- 1 be on any one (1) of the forms,--except--term--insurance,
- 2 them customarily issued by the insurer at the age and for
- 3 the amount applied for, EXCEPT THAT THE GROUP POLICY MAY
- 4 EXCLUDE THE OPTION TO ELECT TERM INSURANCE:
- 5 (iii) The policy shall be in an amount not
- 6 exceeding the amount of life insurance which ceases
- 7 because of the termination less the amount of any life
- 8 insurance for which the person is OR BECOMES eligible
- 9 under the same or any group policy within thirty-one (31)
- 10 days after the termination, provided that any amount of
- insurance which matures on or before the date of such ter-
- 12 mination as an endowment payable to the person insured,
- whether in one (1) sum, in installments or in the form of
- 14 an annuity, for the purposes of this provision, shall not
- 15 be included in the amount which is considered to cease
- 16 because of the termination; and
- 17 (b) SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION
- 18 (a) OF THIS SECTION, THE CONVERSION PRIVILEGE IS AVAIL-
- 19 ABLE:
- 20 (i) TO A SURVIVING DEPENDENT, IF ANY, AT THE
- 21 DEATH OF THE EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER CONCERNING THE COVERAGE
- 22 UNDER THE GROUP POLICY WHICH TERMINATES BY REASON OF THE

- 1 DEATH; AND
- 2 (ii) TO THE DEPENDENT OF THE EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER
- 3 UPON TERMINATION OF THE DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE THE
- 4 EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER REMAINS INSURED UNDER THE GROUP POLICY
- 5 AND IF THE DEPENDENT CEASES TO BE A QUALIFIED FAMILY MEM-
- 6 BER UNDER THE GROUP POLICY.
- 7 26-17-119. Conversion on termination of policy.
- 8 If the group policy terminates or is amended se as to terminate the insurance of any class of insured per-9 10 sons, any person insured thereunder at the date of the 11 termination whose insurance terminates, and INCLUDING THE 12 INSURED DEPENDENT OF A COVERED PERSON, who WHICH INSURED 13 OR INSURED DEPENDENT has been so insured for at least five 14 (5)--years ONE (1) YEAR prior to the termination date is 15 entitled to have issued to him by the insurer an individ-16 ual life insurance policy, subject to the same conditions 17 provided by W.S. 26-17-118, except that the group policy 18 may SHALL provide that the amount of the individual policy 19 shall--net-exceed-the-smaller-ef:-(i) IS the amount of the person's life insurance protection ceasing because of the 20 21 termination or amendment of the group policy, less the 22 amount of any life insurance for which he is OR BECOMES

- 1 eligible under any group policy issued or reinstated by
- 2 the same or another insurer within thirty-one (31) days
- 3 after the termination. 7-and
- 4 (ii) -- Two-thousand-dollars-(\$2,000:00):
- 5 26-17-120. Death pending conversion. If a person insured under the GROUP policy, OR THE INSURED DEPENDENT 6 7 OF A COVERED PERSON, dies during the period within which 8 he would have been entitled to have an individual policy 9 issued to him in accordance with W.S. 26-17-118 or 10 26-17-119 and before the individual policy is effective, 11 amount of life insurance to which he would have been 12 entitled TO HAVE ISSUED under the individual policy is 13 payable as a claim under the group policy, whether or not 14 application for the individual policy or the payment of 15 the first premium therefor has been made.
- 26-17-121. Information to debtor insured under

 17 creditor's policy. A policy issued to a creditor to insure

 18 debtors of the creditor shall contain a provision that the

 19 insurer shall furnish to the policyholder for delivery to

 20 each debtor insured under the policy a form which shall

 21 contain a statement that the life of the debtor is insured

 22 under the policy and that any death benefit paid thereun-

- der by reason of his death shall FIRST be applied to
- 2 reduce or extinguish an THE indebtedness.
- 3 Section 3. W.S. 26-17-102(b)(ii), 26-17-103(a)(iii),
- 4 (iv), (vi)(A) through (C), (vii) and (viii),
- 5 26-17-104(a)(iii), (iv)(A) and (B) and (v),
- 6 26-17-105(a)(ii)(A) through (C), (iii) and (iv),
- 7 26-17-106(a)(iv), (v)(A) and (B), (vi) and (vii),
- 8 26-17-107, 26-17-108(a)(i) and (iv) and (b) through (d),
- 9 26-17-109(a)(ii)(A) and (B), (iii) and (iv) and
- 10 26-17-119(a)(ii) are repealed.
- 11 Section 4. This act shall apply to all group life
- insurance policies issued, renewed or reinstated after the
- 13 effective date of this act.
- Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 1990.
- 15 (END)

Group life insurance revision.

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FISCAL NOTE

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TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE _			
Anticipated COST to:	FY 1991	FY 1992	FY 1993
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- 1. According to a spokesman for the Insurance Department, passage of this measure will have little or no fiscal impact.
- 2. No apparent fiscal or personnel impact at state level.

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Page 25-line 14 After stricken "(5)" insert "THREE (3)"; reinsert stricken "years"; delete "ONE (1) YEAR". SCOTT, CHAIRMAN

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING

Senate

	Cheyenne,February 20	1990
Mr. President:	CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS AND	
Your Committee No7	on POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	***************************************
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AYES: Senators Scott, Burnett, Herbst, Maldonado and Sullivan

Charles K. Scott,

Chairman/

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House of Representatives

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