

# State of Wisconsin



2009 Senate Bill 520

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## 2009 WISCONSIN ACT 285

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 66.0137 (1); *to amend* 66.0137 (3); and *to create* 66.0137 (1) (b) and 66.0137 (5) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring municipalities to pay health insurance premiums for survivors of a fire fighter who dies, or has died, in the line of duty.

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

**SECTION 1.** 66.0137 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 66.0137 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

66.0137 (1) DEFINITION. (intro.) In this section, ~~“local:~~

(ae) “Local governmental unit” means a ~~city, village, town~~ municipality, county, school district (as enumerated in s. 67.01 (5)), sewerage district, drainage district, and, without limitation because of enumeration, any other political subdivision of the state.

**SECTION 2.** 66.0137 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

66.0137 (1) (b) “Municipality” means any city, village, or town.

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

66.0137 (3) HEALTH INSURANCE FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS. Any ~~city, village, town,~~ municipality or county may purchase health or dental insurance for unemployed persons residing in the ~~city, village, town,~~ municipality or county who are not eligible for medical assistance under s. 49.46, 49.468, 49.47, or 49.471 (4) (a) or (b).

**SECTION 4.** 66.0137 (5) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

66.0137 (5) (c) 1. Except as provided in subds. 2. and 3., if a municipality provides for the payment of premiums for hospital, surgical, and other health insurance for its fire fighters, it shall continue to pay such premiums for the surviving spouse and dependent children of a fire fighter who dies in the line of duty.

2. A municipality may not be required to pay the premiums described in subd. 1. for a surviving spouse upon the remarriage of the surviving spouse or upon the surviving spouse reaching the age of 65.

3. An individual is not a dependent child for the purposes of subd. 1. after the individual reaches the age of 18 unless one of the following applies:

a. The individual is a full-time student in a secondary school.

b. The individual is a full-time or part-time student in an accredited college or university, except that this subd. 3. b. does not apply to such an individual after the close of the calendar year in which the individual reaches the age of 27.

**SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies, retroactively, to a fire fighter

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007–08 : Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

who has died in the line of duty before the effective date  
of this subsection.

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