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"AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A STIPULATED AGREEMENT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN LAID OFF EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDING DEFICIENCY FUNDING FOR THE STATE INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT BOARD AND FOR FIRING SQUADS AT VETERANS' FUNERALS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 5-259d of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) As used in this section, (1) "state employee" or "employee"
6 means any elected official, officer or full-time employee of the
7 Executive, Legislative or Judicial Department, and (2) "part pay" means
8 the difference between the state employee's base rate of pay, plus
9 longevity, in the employee's primary position on the date the
10 employee is called to active service in the armed forces of any state or

11 the United States and the total compensation the employee receives for
12 such active service, as certified to the State Comptroller by the
13 employing state agency in a manner acceptable to the State
14 Comptroller.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
16 public or special act, the state shall continue to provide coverage,
17 under a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan
18 sponsored by the state under section 5-259, for the dependents of any
19 state employee and the state employee who is a member of the armed
20 forces of any state or of any reserve component of the armed forces of
21 the United States and who has been called to active service in the
22 armed forces of any state or the United States for (1) Operation
23 Enduring Freedom, (2) Operation Noble Eagle, (3) a related emergency
24 operation or a military operation whose mission was substantially
25 changed as a result of the attacks of September 11, 2001, or (4) federal
26 action or state action authorized by the Governor in support of the
27 federal Department of Homeland Security's Operation Liberty Shield,
28 military operations that are authorized by the President of the United
29 States that entail military action against Iraq, or federal action or state
30 action authorized by the Governor to combat terrorism within the
31 United States, for the duration of such call-up to active service,
32 provided such state employee and dependents were covered by the
33 insurance plan on the date the state employee was called to active
34 service and the state employee continues to pay any amount that the
35 employee was required to pay for coverage before being called to
36 active service. Any payment required to be made by the employee for
37 coverage under this subsection may be deducted from compensation
38 provided under subsection (c) of this section. The state shall reimburse
39 any state employee who has paid premiums for the continuation of
40 any such group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance
41 plan between the date such state employee was called to active service
42 and November 20, 2001. The reimbursement shall be in the amount of
43 the state's portion of the premiums so paid.

44 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any

45 public or special act, any state employee who is a member of the
46 armed forces of any state or of any reserve component of the armed
47 forces of the United States and who has been called to active service in
48 the armed forces of any state or the United States for (1) Operation
49 Enduring Freedom, (2) Operation Noble Eagle, (3) a related emergency
50 operation or a military operation whose mission was substantially
51 changed as a result of the attacks of September 11, 2001, or (4) federal
52 action or state action authorized by the Governor in support of the
53 federal Department of Homeland Security's Operation Liberty Shield,
54 military operations that are authorized by the President of the United
55 States that entail military action against Iraq, or federal action or state
56 action authorized by the Governor to combat terrorism within the
57 United States, shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay as
58 provided in section 27-33 from the date on which the employee was
59 called to active service. After the expiration of such leave of absence
60 with pay, the state employee shall receive part pay for the duration of
61 such call-up to active service if the compensation received by the state
62 employee for such active service is less than the employee's base rate
63 of pay, plus longevity, in the employee's primary position. The state
64 employee shall not be required to exhaust accrued vacation or sick
65 time in order to be eligible for the paid leave of absence and part pay
66 under this subsection."