

Introduced by Senator Price

February 9, 2011

An act to amend Section 10203.4 of the Insurance Code, relating to insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 220, as amended, Price. Life insurance: group policies.

Existing law provides that coverage for unmarried dependent children under a group life insurance policy may continue through 20 years of age, or through 24 years of age if the dependent child is attending an educational institution, *or may continue for a child 21 years of age or older who is both incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap.*

This bill would provide that coverage for dependent children under a group life insurance policy may continue until 26 years of age, regardless of the child's marital status or whether the child is attending an educational institution, *and would provide for that coverage to continue for a child 26 years of age or older who is both incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap, as specified.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 10203.4 of the Insurance Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1 10203.4. (a) Insurance under any group life insurance policy
2 issued pursuant to Sections 10202, 10202.8, 10203, 10203.1, and
3 10203.7 may be extended to insure the dependents, or any class
4 or classes thereof, of each insured employee who so elects, in
5 amounts in accordance with some plan that precludes individual
6 selection and that shall not be in excess of 100 percent of the
7 insurance on the life of the insured employee.
8 (b) “Dependent” includes the member’s spouse and all children
9 from birth until 26 years of age, or a child ~~24~~ 26 years of age or
10 older who is both incapable of self-sustaining employment by
11 reason of mental retardation or physical handicap and chiefly
12 dependent upon the employee for support and maintenance if proof
13 of the incapacity and dependency is furnished to the insurer by the
14 employee within 31 days of the child’s attainment of the limiting
15 age and subsequently as may be required by the insurer, but not
16 more frequently than annually after the two-year period following
17 the child’s attainment of the limiting age.
18 (c) The premiums for the insurance on the dependents may be
19 paid by the employer, the employee, or the employer and the
20 employee jointly.