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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 103, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to secondary health insurance coverage for public officials.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 103, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 103.180, to read as follows:

**103.180. 1. Beginning January 1, 2003, the state shall pay the costs for secondary health insurance coverage to all public officials who are sixty-five years of age or older.**

**2. Public officials, age sixty-five or older, who are participants in the program of medical benefits coverage provided by sections 103.003 to 103.175 who are eligible for Medicare benefits and who are not eligible for the program of medical benefits coverage provided by sections 103.003 to 103.175 to be their primary plan of coverage shall have the costs of the program of medical benefits coverage provided by sections 103.003 to 103.175 paid in full by the state without any portion of the costs to be shared by the public official.**

**3. Any public official who is age sixty-five years or older who does not elect coverage provided by sections 103.003 to 103.175 and who is eligible for Medicare benefits may elect a Medicare supplement policy, as defined in section 376.854, to be his or her secondary health insurance coverage. The cost of such policy shall be paid by the state without any contribution by the public official.**

**4. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

**(1) "Public official", any member or member-elect of the general assembly, judge**

**or judicial officer, or other person holding an elective office of state government. The term shall also include any member of the general assembly, judge or judicial officer, or other person holding an elective office of state government who is eligible for coverage by a state-sponsored retirement system;**

**(2) "Secondary health insurance coverage":**

**(a) Coverage issued as a supplement to the public official's primary health insurance coverage which provides payment or reimbursement for health care benefits, including prescription drug coverage, not provided by the public official's primary coverage; or**

**(b) Other similar coverage issued to the public official under which benefits for medical care are secondary or incidental to the public official's primary insurance benefits.**

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