

ACT 252

H.B. NO. 1956-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Public Employees Health Fund.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 87-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) The State through the department of budget and finance and the several counties through their respective departments of finance shall pay to the fund a monthly contribution of \$15.98 for each of their respective employee-beneficiaries and \$49.14 for each respective employee-beneficiary with a dependent-beneficiary, except that contributions for those employees specified in section 87-1(5)(A)(ix) who retire after June 30, 1984 with at least five years but fewer than ten years of credited service, excluding sick leave, shall be \$21.70 for each such employee and \$66.70 for each such employee with a dependent-beneficiary, such contributions to be used towards the payment of costs of hospital, medical, and surgical benefits of a health benefits plan; provided that the monthly contributions shall not exceed the actual cost of a health benefits plan. If both husband and wife are employee-beneficiaries, the total contribution by the State or the appropriate county shall not exceed the monthly contribution of a family plan for both of them. The monthly contribution shall be based upon the HMSA regular plan rates which are approved by the board.”

SECTION 2. Section 87-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§87-6 Contributions by an employee-beneficiary. (a) Each employee-beneficiary shall make a monthly contribution to the fund amounting to the difference between the monthly charge of the health benefits plan selected by the employee-beneficiary and the State’s and county’s contributions to the fund.

(b) During the period the health benefits plan selected by an employee-beneficiary is in effect, the employee-beneficiary shall authorize, if allowed under present laws, that his contribution be withheld and transmitted to the fund monthly by the comptroller, county auditor, or finance officer from whom he receives his compensation, pension, or retirement pay. If, however, an employee-beneficiary’s contribution to the fund is not withheld and transmitted to the fund, the employee-beneficiary shall pay his monthly contribution (1) directly to the fund by the tenth day of each month, in the case of an employee-beneficiary who normally receives his compensation from the comptroller of the State, or (2) in the case of all other employee-beneficiaries, to the respective county auditor or finance officer from whom he normally receives his compensation for transmittal to the fund by the tenth day of each month.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the beneficiary of an employee who is killed in the performance of his duty, an employee-beneficiary who [is a retired employee,] retired before July 1, 1984, an employee-beneficiary who retired after June 30, 1984 and who had ten years or more of credited service, excluding sick leave, or upon his death his beneficiary, including employees who retired prior to the establishing of the fund and their beneficiaries, or the beneficiary of any employee-beneficiary, as described in section 87-1(6) shall not be required to make any contribution to the fund. The monthly contribution of the [beneficiary of an employee who is killed in the performance of his duty, an employee-beneficiary who is a retired employee, or upon his death his beneficiary, including employees who retired prior to the establishing of the fund and their beneficiaries, or the beneficiary of any employee-beneficiary as described in section 87-1(6).] persons identified in this subsection shall be financed by the State through the department of budget and finance and the several counties through their respective departments of finance for each of their respective employee-beneficiaries.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1984.

(Approved June 4, 1984.)