

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Military Code of Illinois is amended by
5 adding Article XVI-A as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1805/Art. XVI-A heading new)

7 ARTICLE XVI-A. ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD
8 STATE-SPONSORED LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM

9 (20 ILCS 1805/91.1 new)

10 Sec. 91.1. State-sponsored life insurance program.

11 (a) The General Assembly finds:

12 (1) It is desirable for members of the Illinois
13 National Guard to have access to low-cost life insurance in
14 addition to the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance
15 program currently offered to all service members.

16 (2) The U.S. Congress has provided in 37 U.S.C. 707
17 that the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air
18 Force, as the case may be, may allow a member of the
19 National Guard to make allotments from his or her pay for
20 the payment of premiums under a group life insurance
21 program sponsored by the military department of the state
22 in which such member holds his or her National Guard

1 membership or by the National Guard Association of such
2 state.

3 (3) The U.S. Secretary of Defense has provided by
4 regulation in Section 3-209 of the Department of Defense
5 Directive 5500.07-R that offering group life insurance
6 programs sponsored by a state military department, to the
7 same extent and similar manner as the offering of the
8 Servicemembers Group Life Insurance program, is not an
9 endorsement of a non-federal entity in violation of said
10 regulation.

11 It is hereby the policy of the State of Illinois that
12 members of the Illinois National Guard should be provided with
13 the opportunity to purchase the Illinois National Guard
14 State-Sponsored Life Insurance Program products as provided
15 for in this Section and that the members be allowed to make an
16 allotment for the payment of premiums using the U.S. Defense
17 Finance and Accounting Service military pay allotment
18 procedures in force at the time the allotment is requested.

19 (b) It is hereby established that the National Guard
20 Association of Illinois shall be the designated provider of
21 State-sponsored life insurance products for military members
22 and dependents of the Illinois National Guard. The life
23 insurance products provided by the National Guard Association
24 of Illinois through its membership in the Militia Insurance
25 Trust shall be known as the Illinois National Guard
26 State-Sponsored Life Insurance Program.

1 (c) The Department of Military Affairs, through the
2 Adjutant General, is hereby designated as the official
3 departmental sponsor of the Illinois National Guard
4 State-Sponsored Life Insurance Program, shall allow,
5 facilitate, and coordinate all efforts to make the Program
6 available to all members of the Illinois National Guard, and
7 shall allow, facilitate, and coordinate requested allotments
8 with the appropriate United States Property and Fiscal Office.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.