

**Table of Legislation  
Affecting the  
Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program**

| Public Act<br>Or<br>Resolution<br>Number | Congress | Date of Law    | Citation     | Nature   |
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| 598                                      | 83       | Aug 17, 1954   | 68 Stat. 736 | Original Act   |
| 763                                      | 83       | Sept. 1, 1954  | 68 Stat 1116 | Stipulates that official reporters of the proceedings and debates of the Senate and their employees shall be considered employees in the legislative branch for life insurance purposes.   |
| 356                                      | 84       | Aug. 11, 1955  | 68 Stat 676  | Creates the Insurance Fund and provides for the investment of moneys in the Fund, in addition to providing for the Commission's assumption of Beneficial Association Agreements. This law also provides for continuation of insurance during retirement and nonpay status. |
| 541                                      | 84       | May 28, 1956   | 70 Stat. 213 | Provides for continuance of insurance by employees receiving benefits under the Federal employees' compensation law.   |
| 881                                      | 84       | Aug. 1, 1956   | 70 Stat. 882 | Provides that insurance coverage ceases when an employee enters active military service.   |
| 918                                      | 84       | Aug. 2, 1956   | 70 Stat. 934 | Retains life insurance coverage for certain Agriculture Department employees detailed to States.   |
| 935                                      | 84       | Aug. 2, 1956   | 70 Stat. 955 | Grants coverage to employees of Gallaudet College.   |
| 177                                      | 85       | Aug. 28, 1957  | 71 Stat. 452 | Retains life insurance coverage for employees transferring to International Atomic Energy Agency.  |
| 377                                      | 85       | Apr. 11, 1958  | 72 Stat. 87  | Authorizes payment of expenses incurred by the Commission in making Beneficial Association Assumption Agreements and extends the time for these agreements.  |
| 745                                      | 85       | Aug. 25, 1958  | 72 Stat. 838 | Provides for each former President an office staff, and directs that the staff members be considered Federal employees for life insurance purposes.  |
| 795                                      | 85       | Aug. 28, 1958  | 72 Stat. 959 | Retains life insurance coverage for employees transferring to international organizations.   |
| 91                                       | 86       | July 17, 1959  | 73 Stat. 217 | Excludes from life insurance coverage any Federal employment performed by teachers in dependent schools of the Department of Defense in overseas areas in other capacity during a recess period between two school years.  |
| 377                                      | 86       | Sept. 23, 1959 | 73 Stat. 700 | Permits life insurance coverage to continue for nondisability retirees after at least 12 years of service; reduces amount of insurance by 2 percent per month when employee attains age 65 or retires, whichever is later.   |

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| 568 | 86 | July 1, 1960   | 74 Stat. 302  | Provides life insurance coverage for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee employees.   |
| 611 | 87 | Aug. 28, 1962  | 76 Stat. 406  | Provides that the amount of insurance payable will escheat to the credit of the Fund if claim for payment has not been filed within four years after the death of the employee.  |
| 195 | 88 | Dec. 11, 1963  | 77 Stat. 348  | Provides that persons employed on the office staff of Mrs. Jacqueline B. Kennedy shall be considered "Federal employees for life insurance purposes."  |
| 531 | 88 | Aug. 31, 1964  | 78 Stat. 737  | Provides insurance coverage for certain United States Commissioners.   |
| 631 | 88 | Oct. 6, 1964   | 78 Stat. 1007 | Provides insurance coverage for temporary teachers in the District of Columbia if they have been so temporarily employed for a total time of at least two years.   |
| 4   | 89 | Mar. 9, 1965   | 79 Stat. 9    | Authorizes the Commission to contract with the Appalachian Regional Commission for continuance of life insurance coverage held by a Federal employee transferring to a regional commission as a regular employee.  |
| 136 | 89 | Aug. 26, 1965  | 79 Stat. 567  | Authorizes the Commission to contract with regional commissions established under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 for continuance of life insurance coverage held by a Federal employee transferring to a regional commission as a regular employee.   |
| 373 | 89 | Mar. 23, 1966  | 80 Stat. 78   | Specifies that a designation, change, or cancellation of beneficiary in a will or other document not filed with the Commission is invalid.   |
| 379 | 89 | Mar. 30, 1966  | 80 Stat. 94   | Preserves life insurance coverage of Congressional employees receiving certain Congressional staff fellowships.  |
| 206 | 90 | Dec. 16, 1967  | 81 Stat. 646  | Provides for \$10,000 minimum regular insurance, increases maximum amount of regular insurance from \$20,000 to \$32,000, provides for automatic increases in maximum amount of insurance whenever pay assigned to Federal executive pay level II increases, creates a new program of optional insurance, and improves financing of insurance costs. |
| 578 | 90 | Oct. 17, 1968  | 82 Stat. 1107 | Grants insurance coverage to all full-time and part-time United States magistrates and all clerical and secretarial assistants employed in the office of full-time magistrates.  |
| 418 | 91 | Sept. 25, 1970 | 84 Stat. 869  | Extends insurance coverage to noncitizen employees whose duty station is in the Panama Canal Zone.   |
| 529 | 92 | Oct. 21, 1972  | 86 Stat. 1050 | Authorizes the waiver of retroactive salary deductions for Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance purposes upon an employee's restoration to duty following a finding of erroneous removal or suspension.   |

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| 437 | 95 | Oct. 10, 1978 | 92 Stat. 1055 | Provides that all employees appointed under the provisions of this Act are eligible under the FEGLI Program.  |
| 454 | 95 | Oct. 13, 1978 | 92 Stat. 1111 | Amends the FEGLI law by striking out "Commission" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "Office". In addition, various technical amendments to Section 8716 and the Federal Employees Part-Time Career Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-437) are effected.   |
| 583 | 95 | Nov. 2, 1978  | 92 Stat. 2481 | Reduces from 12 years to 5 years the length of service requirement for retaining group life insurance coverage into retirement. In addition, provides that for an employee who becomes eligible to continue optional and/or regular life insurance while receiving compensation for a work injury on or after November 2, 1978, the amount of the compensation's insurance will be subject to the same 2 percent monthly reduction as is applied to all other insured persons when they attain age 65 and are retired.  |
| 54  | 96 | Aug. 14, 1979 | 93 Stat. 384  | Redefines "employee" for the purpose of life insurance coverage to exclude the previous reference to a United States Commissioner.  |
| 330 | 96 | Aug. 26, 1980 | 94 Stat. 1035 | Provides that bonuses be included as annual pay for FEGLI for physicians and dentists of the Department of Veterans Affairs.  |
| 427 | 96 | Oct. 10, 1980 | 94 Stat. 1831 | Restructures the "regular insurance" and renames it "basic insurance"; renames "optional insurance" as "standard optional insurance" and creates the "additional optional" and "family optional" insurance. Also provides an age multiplication factor to permit additional amounts of "basic insurance" for younger employees, permits employees who retire on or after December 9, 1980, to elect a lesser reduction in the "basic insurance" after attaining age 65 and requires employees retiring after 1989 to continue to pay premiums for basic coverage until they attain age 65. In addition, this law provides that agencies may waive retroactive collection of premiums under certain circumstances so long as the agency remits the amount due to the Fund. This law also repeals the requirement of maintaining an advisory committee for life insurance, and provides for preemption of conflicting state and local group insurance laws. |
| 499 | 96 | Dec. 5, 1980  | 94 Stat. 2606 | Exempts the premiums received by the office of Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance under the FEGLI Program from state and local premium taxes.  |
| 164 | 97 | April 2, 1982 | 96 Stat. 48   | Amends the FEGLI law by striking out "Court of Claims" and inserts in lieu thereof "United States Claims Court."  |

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| 353 | 98  | July 10, 1984 | 98 Stat. 350            | Allows certain Federal judges to continue their FEGLI coverage as active employees after they retire, and to make an irrevocable assignment of their FEGLI coverage to another person.   |
| 621 | 98  | Nov. 8, 1984  | 98 Stat. 3379           | Allows FEGLI coverage for employees of St. Elizabeths Hospital who went to work for the District of Columbia Government immediately following Federal employment, without any break in service.  |
| 53  | 99  | June 17, 1985 | 99 Stat. 95             | Allows an annuitant whose disability is terminated because of restoration to earning capacity or recovery from disability and whose disability annuity is restored to elect to resume FEGLI coverage held immediately before his or her disability annuity is terminated.  |
| 335 | 99  | June 6, 1986  | 100 Stat. 597           | Ends the availability of FEGLI coverage for the employees of the government of the District of Columbia, beginning with individuals first employed with the District on or after October 1, 1987. Allows an employee who enters the military on active duty or active duty training to continue FEGLI coverage for up to 12 months. Provides for reinstatement of FEGLI coverage for individuals who qualify for an immediate annuity when they leave Federal service but postpone the commencing date of the annuity. Allows FERS annuitants to make direct payment of premiums for their FEGLI coverage when their annuity is too low to cover the insurance premiums. |
| 336 | 99  | June 19, 1986 | 100 Stat. 639           | Clarifies Public Law 98-353 by providing that certain Federal judges who retire on or after January 1, 1982, may continue their basic and optional FEGLI coverage as if they were still in active employment.  |
| 238 | 100 | June 8, 1988  | 100 Stat. 1744          | Authorizes OPM to convert the premium pay of law enforcement officers under FERS to annual pay. Specifies that any provision of law outside of the FEGLI law which confers eligibility for FEGLI coverage shall not apply to individuals commencing employment in these positions on or after October 1, 1988.   |
| 679 | 100 | Nov. 7, 1988  | 102 Stat. 4071          | Provides FEGLI coverage to certain individuals appointed to the staff of a former President or a former Vice President under the Presidential Transition Act of 1963.  |
| 303 | 101 | May 29, 1990  | 104 Stat. 250           | Authorizes the payment of the Government contribution for Basic life insurance coverage for individuals under age 65 who retire, or commence receiving compensation, after December 31, 1989.  |
| 508 | 101 | Nov. 5, 1990  | 104 Stat. 1388<br>[855] | Allows certain employees who retire under a Nonappropriated Fund instrumentality retirement plan to retain FEGLI coverage as annuitants.   |

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| 509 | 101 | Nov. 5, 1990  | 104 Stat. 1432 | Provides that interim geographic adjustments and locality-based comparability payments be included in annual pay for FEGLI.  |
| 513 | 101 | Nov. 5, 1990  | 104 Stat. 2064 | Extends coverage under the FEGLI Program to U.S. hostages in Iraq, Kuwait, and Lebanon while they are in hostage status and for 12 months thereafter.  |
| 66  | 103 | Aug. 10, 1993 | 107 Stat. 312  | Provides that premium pay for overtime inspectional service be included as annual pay for FEGLI for customs officers.  |
| 336 | 103 | Oct. 3, 1994  | 108 Stat. 2661 | Allows all insured individuals to make an irrevocable assignment of their Basic, Option A, and Option B coverage to an individual, corporation, or trustee.  |
| 409 | 103 | Oct. 25, 1994 | 108 Stat. 4230 | Allows insured employees and annuitants to elect to receive their Basic insurance as a living benefit if they are terminally ill with a life expectancy of 9 months or less.   |
| 134 | 104 | Apr. 26, 1996 | 110 Stat. 1321 | Allows employees of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority to elect to be considered Federal employees for purposes of FEGLI.   |
| 33  | 105 | Aug. 5, 1997  | 11 Stat. 251   | Allows judicial and nonjudicial employees of the District of Columbia Courts; the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee; the District of Columbia Pretrial Services, Defense Services, Parole, Adult Probation, and Offender Supervision Trustee; and employees of these trustees to be considered Federal employees for purposes of FEGLI.   |
| 205 | 105 | Jul. 22, 1998 | 112 Stat. 683  | Provides that certain court orders supersede the order of precedence for the payment of life insurance benefits.   |
| 274 | 105 | Oct. 21, 1998 | 112 Stat. 2419 | Makes technical corrections to Pub. L. 105-33, extends FEGLI to employees of the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, and allows certain former DC Government employees who work for the Federal Government to continue their DC Government insurance.   |
| 311 | 105 | Oct. 30, 1998 | 112 Stat. 2950 | Eliminates the maximums on Basic and Option B; allows coverage of foster children under Option C; makes erroneous coverage valid, if it has been in effect for at least 2 years and the individual has paid the applicable premiums; allows direct payment of premiums for any employee, annuitant, or compensationner whose pay is too small to make withholdings; allows retiring employees to elect unreduced Options B and C; allows certain employees whose coverage terminates to port Option B (3-year demonstration project); and increases Option C coverage to 1-5 multiples of the current amounts. |

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| 113 | 106 | Nov. 29, 1999 | 113 Stat. 1501 | Amends title 28 to require the Judiciary to pay on behalf of Justices and judges of the United States any increases in FEGLI premiums imposed after April 24, 1999.                     |
| 398 | 106 | Oct. 30, 2000 | 114 Stat. 1654 | Allows Department of Defense employees who waived or cancelled Basic insurance to elect it within 60 days of being designated emergency essential under section 1580 of title 10 U.S.C. |
| 522 | 106 | Nov. 22, 2000 | 114 Stat. 2440 | Allows the Court Services and Offender Supervision Trustee and the trustee's employees to be treated as Federal employees for the purpose of FEGLI.                                     |