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3	(By Delegates Rodighiero and Reynolds)
4	[Introduced January 21, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on Banking and Insurance then Finance.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$5-16-23$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to allowing participation in the
12	Public Employees Health Insurance plan by crime watch
13	volunteers.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That $5-16-23$ of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.
18	$\S5-16-23$ . Members of Legislature may be covered, if cost of the
19	entire coverage is paid by such members; <u>coverage for</u>
20	neighborhood crime watch volunteers.
21	Notwithstanding the definition of the term "employee"
22	contained in section two of this article and notwithstanding any
23	other provision of this article to the contrary, <u>the following</u>

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## 1 groups of public servants are eligible for coverage under the West 2 Virginia Public Employees Insurance:

3 (a) Members of the Legislature may participate in and be 4 covered by any insurance plan or plans authorized hereunder for 5 state officers and employees, except that all members of the 6 Legislature who elect to participate in or to be covered by any 7 such plan or plans shall pay their proportionate individual share 8 of the full cost for all group coverage on themselves and their 9 spouses and dependents, so that there will be no cost to the state 10 for the coverage of any such members, spouses and dependents.

11 (b) Volunteer members, who have completed approved training 12 and are actively involved in a Neighborhood Crime Watch Patrol, 13 duly organized under the auspices of the National Crime Prevention 14 Council, shall be eliqible for coverage under the West Virginia 15 Public Employees Insurance health coverage plan and the cost for 16 coverage on themselves and their spouses and dependents will be 17 covered by the state. These members shall also be covered by a 18 §25,000 life insurance policy under the Public Employees Insurance 19 policy with the premium costs paid for by the state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide health and life insurance coverage for Neighborhood Crime Watch Members.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.

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