Term Life Insurance

Employee Benefit Booklet

STATE TROOPER LODGE 69

MG17564-0001

Class 1-05

Insurance products issued by Dearborn Life Insurance Company, 701 E. 22nd St. Suite 300, Lombard, IL 60148.

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Dearborn Life Insurance Company

Administrative Office:
701 E. 22nd Street
Lombard IL 60148

(A stock life insurance company, herein called "We" "Us" or "Our")

Having issued Group Policy No. MG17564-0001

(herein called the Policy)

to

STATE TROOPER LODGE 69

(herein called the *Policyholder*)

GROUP INSURANCE CERTIFICATE (MD)

CERTIFIES that *You* are insured, provided that *You* qualify under the ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES provision, become insured and remain insured in accordance with the terms of the Policy. *Your* insurance is subject to all the definitions, limitations and conditions of the Policy, and it takes effect as stated in the ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES provision.

This Certificate describes *Your* eligibility for benefits and the terms and provisions of the Policy. It replaces and cancels any other Certificate previously issued to *You* under the Policy.

If the terms and provisions of the Group Insurance Certificate (issued to *You*) are different from the policy (issued to the *Policyholder*), the Policy will govern. *Your* coverage may be canceled or changed in whole or in part under the terms and provisions of the Policy.

READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY

Signed for Dearborn Life Insurance Company

Secretary

President

Basic Group Term Life Insurance Certificate

Non-Participating

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

POLICYHOLDER:	STATE TROOPER LODGE 69
POLICY NUMBER:	MG17564-0001
EFFECTIVE DATE:	June 1, 1998 - Rewritten: January 1, 2021

ELIGIBILITY: Class 05	All Associate Members in good standing with Lodge 69 who work at least 20 hours per week for the state of Maryland	
Eligibility Waiting Period:	Current *Employees:*	None
	New *Employees:*	First of the month following 30 Days
		A member in good standing with Lodge 69 will be eligible for coverage in the effective date of the policy if a member on that date. Otherwise, a member in good standing with Lodge 69 will become eligible on the 1st day as a member in good standing.
Policyholder Contribution:	Basic Life	100% of premium

GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE

***Employee* Basic Life Benefit Amount**	$1,500
Reduction of Benefits	None.

ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS

Who is eligible for this insurance?

The eligibility for this insurance is as indicated in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

The *Eligibility Waiting Period* is set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

When does Your Noncontributory insurance become effective?

Noncontributory means the *Policyholder* pays 100% of the premium for this insurance.

Current Employees

If *You* are an eligible *Employee* on the *Policy* effective date, *Your Noncontributory* coverage under the *Policy* will become effective on the date indicated in the *Schedule of Benefits*, provided *You* are *Actively at Work* on that day.

New Employees

If *You* become an eligible *Employee* after the *Policy* effective date, *Your Noncontributory* coverage under the *Policy* will become effective on the date indicated in the *Schedule of Benefits*, provided *You* are *Actively at Work* on that day.

If *You* waive all or a portion of *Your Noncontributory* coverage and choose to enroll at a later date, *You* are considered a late applicant and must furnish *Evidence of Insurability* satisfactory to *Us* before coverage can become effective. Coverage will become effective on the date *We* determine that the *Evidence of Insurability* is satisfactory and *We* provide written notice of approval.

You must be *Actively at Work* for coverage under the *Policy* to become effective.

Evidence* of *Insurability means a statement of *Your* medical history which *We* will use to determine if *You* are approved for coverage. *Evidence of Insurability* will be provided at *Your* expense.

If You are not Actively at Work, when does coverage become effective?

If *You* are absent from *Active Work* on the date *Your* coverage would otherwise become effective; and *Your* absence is caused by an *Injury*, illness or layoff,

Your effective date for any initial coverage or increased coverage will be deferred until the first day *You* return to *Active Work.*

However, *You* will be considered *Actively at Work* on any day that is not *Your* regularly scheduled work day (including but not limited to a weekend, vacation or holiday) if *You* were *Actively at Work* on the immediately preceding scheduled work day and *You* were:

1. not *Hospital Confined*; or;
2. disabled due to an *Injury* or *Sickness*.

What happens if We are replacing an existing Policy?

If *You* were insured under the *Prior Policy* on the day before the Policy Effective Date, *You* may be covered by the Policy even if *You* do not satisfy the *Actively at Work* requirement as stated in the *When does insurance become effective?* provisions. Subject to the payment of premiums when due, We agree to waive the *Actively at Work* requirement if *You*:

1. were covered on the day immediately preceding the Policy Effective Date; and
2. *You* are on lay-off, non-medical leave of absence, or sabbatical leave; and
3. *You* are covered under an extension of benefits under the *Prior Policy*.

Coverage will continue until the first to occur of:

1. the balance of the extension of benefits under the *Prior Policy*; and
2. 12 months; and
3. the Policy terminates.

Prior Policy means the group term life insurance policy issued to the *Policyholder* whose coverage terminated immediately prior to the Policy Effective Date.

Changes to Your coverage

A change in *Your* coverage may occur if:

1. There is a Policy change; or
2. *You* enter another class and become eligible for a change in benefits; or

If *You* are eligible for additional coverage due to a Policy change, the additional coverage will be effective on the date the Policy change is effective, as requested by the *Policyholder* and agreed upon by *Us*.

Additional coverage for reasons other than a Policy change will be effective as indicated in the ***"When Does Your Non-Contributory insurance become effective?"*** section, or the later of:

1. The date *You* enroll for the additional coverage; or
2. The date *You* become eligible for the additional coverage, if enrollment is not required; or
3. The date *We* approve *Your* coverage if *Evidence of Insurability* is required.

In order for *Your* additional coverage to begin, *You* must be *Actively at Work*.

Eligibility after You Terminate Employment

If *Your* coverage ends due to termination of employment, *You* must meet all the requirements of a new *Employee* if *You* are rehired at a later date.

If *You* converted all or part of *Your* group life insurance when employment terminated, the individual policy must be surrendered upon return to *Active Work.*

TERM LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT

When is a Life Insurance Benefit payable?

We will pay *Your* beneficiary the amount of life insurance in force as of the date of *Your* death provided:

1. *You* are insured under the Policy on the date of death, and
2. *We* receive proof of death within two (2) years after the date of death.

We will determine the amount of insurance payable based upon the Schedule of Benefits.

Who will receive Your Life Insurance Benefits?

Your beneficiary designation must be made on a form which *We* provide or on a form accepted by *Us.* If two or more beneficiaries are named, payment of proceeds will be apportioned equally unless *You* had specified otherwise. The *Policyholder* may not be named as beneficiary. Unless *You* provide otherwise, if a beneficiary dies before *You, We* will divide that beneficiary's share equally between any remaining named beneficiaries.

If a beneficiary is a minor, or is not able to give a valid release for any payment of benefits made, *We* will not make payment until a claim is made by the person or entity which, by court order, has been granted control of the estate of such beneficiary. This provision does not prevent *Us* from making payment to or for the benefit of a minor beneficiary in accordance with the applicable state law.

Facility of Payment

If no named beneficiary survives *You* or if *You* do not name a beneficiary, We will pay the amount of insurance:

1. to *Your* spouse, if living; if not,
2. in equal shares to *Your* then living natural or legally adopted children, if any; if none,
3. in equal shares to *Your* father and mother, if living; if not,
4. in equal shares to *Your* brothers and/or sisters, if living; if not,
5. to *Your* estate.

If any benefits under this provision are to be paid to *Your* estate, *We* may pay an amount not greater than $2,500 to any person *We* consider equitably entitled by reason of having incurred funeral or other expenses incident to *Your* death. Any and all payments made by *Us* shall fully discharge *Us* in the amount of such payment.

May You change Your beneficiary?

You may change *Your* beneficiary at any time by completing a form provided or accepted by *Us*, and sending it to the *Policyholder*. *Your* written request for change of beneficiary will not be effective until it is recorded by the *Policyholder*. After it has been so recorded, it will take effect on the later of the date *You* signed the change request form or the date *You* specifically requested. If *You* die before the change has been recorded, *We* will not alter any payment that *We* have already made. Any prior payment shall fully discharge *Us* from further liability in that amount.

If *You* are approved for continued life coverage under the Waiver of Premium, *You* may be asked to name a beneficiary. A beneficiary designation made in connection with Waiver of Premium, if different from the designation on *Your* enrollment form, shall constitute a change of beneficiary under the Policy. Such change of beneficiary only applies while *You* qualify for continued coverage under the Waiver of Premium provision.

If continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision ceases, and *You* are employed by the *Policyholder*, *You* must make a new beneficiary designation. If *You* do not name a new beneficiary, *We* will pay death benefits in accordance with the Facility of Payment provision.

CONVERSION OF LIFE INSURANCE

How much Life Insurance may You convert if eligibility terminates?

You may convert to an individual policy of life insurance if *Your* life insurance, or a portion of it, ceases because:

1. *You* are no longer employed by the *Policyholder*; or
2. *You* are no longer in a class which is eligible for life insurance.

In either of these situations, *You* may convert all or any portion of *Your* life insurance which was in force on the date *Your* life insurance ceased.

How much Life Insurance may You convert if the policy terminates or is amended?

You may also convert to an individual policy of life insurance if *Your* life insurance ceases because:

1. life insurance benefits under the Policy cease; or
2. the Policy is amended making *You* ineligible for life insurance; however, in either of these situations,

You must have been insured under the Policy, or the Policy it replaced, for at least five (5) years. The amount of insurance converted in either of these situations will be the lesser of:

1. the amount of life insurance in force, less any amount for which *You* become eligible under this or any other group policy within 31 days after the date *Your* life insurance ceased; or
2. $10,000.

How to apply for conversion

We must receive written application and the first premium for the individual life insurance policy within 31 days after life insurance under the Policy ceased. No *Evidence of Insurability* will be required.

The individual policy will be a policy of whole life insurance. It will not contain waiver of premium, accelerated death benefit, disability benefits, accidental death and dismemberment benefits or any other ancillary benefits.

The minimum issue amount of an individual conversion policy is $2,000. The premium for the individual policy will be based on:

1. *Our* current rates based upon *Your* attained age; and
2. the amount of the individual policy.

If application is made for an individual policy, the coverage under the individual policy will be effective on the day following the 31-day period during which *You* could apply for conversion.

If *You* die during a period when *You* would have been entitled to have an individual policy issued to *You* and if *You* die before such an individual policy became effective, whether or not application for the individual policy or payment of the first premium has been made, *We* will pay *Your* beneficiary the greatest amount of group term life insurance for which an individual policy could have been issued, provided:

1. *Your* death occurred during the 31-day period within which *You* could have made application; and
2. *We* receive proof of death within two (2) years of the date of death.

If life insurance benefits are paid under the Policy, payment will not be made under the converted policy, and premiums paid for the converted policy will be refunded.

Notice. If the *Policyholder* fails to notify *You* at least 15 days prior to the date insurance under the Policy would cease, *You* shall have an additional period within which to elect conversion coverage; but nothing herein shall be construed to continue any insurance beyond the period provided for in the Policy. The additional election period shall expire 15 days immediately after the *Policyholder* gives *You* notice, but in no event shall it extend beyond 60 days immediately after the expiration of the 31-day period explained above.

TERMINATION PROVISIONS

Time Effect

The Policy becomes effective and terminates at 12:00 midnight at the place the *Policy* is delivered.

When does Your coverage under the Policy end?

Your coverage will terminate on the earliest of the following dates. Termination will not affect *Your* claim for a covered *Loss* which occurred while the coverage was in force.

1. the date on which the Policy is terminated;
2. the date *You* stop making any required contribution toward payment of premiums;
3. the effective date of an amendment to the Policy which terminates insurance for the class to which *You* belong; or
4. the date *You*:
    a. are no longer a member of a class eligible for this insurance,
    b. request termination of coverage under the Policy,
    c. are retired or pensioned, or
    d. are no longer *Actively at Work* as a result of a disability, layoff, leave of absence, or military leave. However, *You* may continue to be eligible for group insurance coverage, as follows:

Disability	Until the end of the twelfth month following the month in which the disability began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.
Layoff	Until the end of the month following the month during which the layoff began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.
Leave of Absence	Until the end of the month following the month during which the leave of absence began, or, the period of time in accordance with the FMLA provision below, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.
Military Leave	Until the end of the twelfth month following the month in which the military leave began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

For the purposes of this Termination Provision only, ***Disability*** means *You* are unable to perform all of the *Material* and *Substantial Duties* of *Your Regular Occupation.*

Will coverage be continued if You are eligible for leave under FMLA?

In the event *You* are eligible for and the *Policyholder* approves a leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), or any applicable state family and medical leave law (State FML), provided the required premium continues to be paid, the Policy is in force and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier, *Your* insurance will continue for a period of up to the later of:

1. the leave period permitted by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and any amendments; or
2. the leave period permitted by applicable state law.

You are eligible for leave under this Act in order to provide care:

1. After the birth of a child; or
2. After the legal adoption of a child; or
3. After the placement of a foster child in *Your* home; or
4. To a spouse, child or parent due to their serious illness; or
5. For *Your* own serious health condition.

While granted a Family or Medical Leave of Absence:

1. The *Policyholder* must remit the required premium according to the terms of the Policy; and
2. coverage will terminate if *You* do not return to work as scheduled according to the terms of *Your* agreement with the *Policyholder*.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Entire Contract; Changes

The Policy, the *Policyholder's Application*, the *Employee's* Certificate of coverage, and *Your* application, if any, and any other attached papers, form the entire contract between the parties. Coverage under the Policy can be amended by mutual consent between the *Policyholder* and *Us*. No change in the Policy is valid unless approved in writing by one of *Our* officers and the change is endorsed on, or attached to, the Policy. No agent has the right to change the Policy or to waive any of its provisions.

Statements on the Application

In the absence of fraud, all statements made in any signed application are considered representations and not warranties (absolute guarantees). No representation by:

1. the *Policyholder* in applying for the Policy will make it void unless the representation is contained in his signed *Application*; or
2. any *Employee* in applying for insurance under the Policy will be used to reduce or deny a claim unless a copy of the application for insurance, signed by the *Employee*, is or has been given to the *Employee.*

Legal Actions

Unless otherwise provided by federal law, no legal action of any kind may be filed against *Us*:

1. until 60 days after proof of claim has been given; or
2. more than 3 years after proof of *Loss* must be filed, unless the law in the state where *You* live allows a longer period of time.

Clerical Error

Clerical error or omission by *Us* to the *Policyholder* will not:

1. Prevent *You* from receiving coverage, if *You* are entitled to coverage under the terms of the Policy; or
2. Cause coverage to begin or coverage to continue for *You* when the coverage would not otherwise be effective.

If the *Policyholder* gives *Us* information about *You* that is incorrect, *We* will:

1. Use the facts to decide whether *You* have coverage under the Policy and in what amounts; and
2. Make a fair adjustment of the premium.

Contestability of Coverage

The Policy may not be contested, except for the nonpayment of premiums, after it has been in force for 2 years from its date of issue.

A statement made by any person under the Policy relating to insurability may not be used in contesting the validity of the insurance with respect to which the statement was made after the insurance has been in force before the contest for a period of 2 years during the person's lifetime.

Absent fraud, each statement made by a Policyholder or *Employee* is considered to be a representation and not a warrant.

A statement made to effectuate insurance may not be used to avoid the insurance or reduce benefits under the Policy unless:

1. the statement is contained in a written instrument signed by the Policyholder or *Employee* and;
2. a copy of the statement is given to the Policyholder, *Employee* or beneficiary of the *Employee.*

Premium Provisions

Premiums are payable in United States dollars on or before their due dates.

Premium charges for increases in insurance amounts becoming effective during a policy month will begin on the next premium due date. Premium charges for insurance terminating during a policy month will cease at the end of the month in which such insurance terminates. This method of charging premium is for accounting purposes only. It will not extend any insurance coverage beyond the date it would otherwise have terminated.

Misstatement of Age

If *You* have misstated *Your* age, the true age will be used to determine:

1. the effective date or termination date of insurance; and
2. the amount of insurance; and
3. any other rights or benefits.

Premiums will be adjusted to reflect the premiums that would have been paid if the true age had been known.

Conformity with State Statutes and Regulations

If any provision of the Policy conflicts with the statutes and regulations of the state in which the Policy was issued or delivered, it is automatically changed to meet the minimum requirements of the statute.

Assignment

You may assign any incident of ownership *You* may possess of the life insurance benefits provided under the Policy to anyone other than the *Policyholder*. We are not responsible for the validity or legal effect of any assignment. Collateral assignments, by whatever name called, are not permitted.

Retention of Discretion

We shall have the exclusive right to interpret the terms of the Certificate, Schedule of Benefits, Riders and Endorsements. The decision about whether to pay any claim, in whole or in part, is within *Our* sole discretion.

DEFINITIONS

This section tells *You* the meaning of special words and phrases used in this Certificate. To help *You* recognize these special words and phrases, the first letter of each word, or each word in the phrase, is capitalized wherever it appears.

Actively at Work or ***Active Work*** means that *You* must:

1. work for the *Policyholder* on a full-time active basis; or
2. work at least the minimum number of hours set forth in the Schedule of Benefits: and either:
   a. work at the *Policyholder*'s usual place of business; or
   b. work at a location to which the *Policyholder*'s business requires *You* to travel;
3. be paid regular earnings by the *Policyholder*, and
4. not be a temporary or seasonal *Employee*.

You will be considered *Actively at Work* while not Disabled if *You* were:

1. *Actively at Work* on the last preceding working day before the day of absence; and
2. *You* were not Hospital Confined or disabled due to an *Injury* or *Sickness.*

Activities of Daily Living means:

1. Eating – Feeding oneself by getting food into the body from a receptacle (such as a plate, cup or table) or by a feeding tube or intravenously.
2. Toileting – Getting to and from the toilet, getting on and off the toilet and performing associated personal hygiene.
3. Transferring – Moving into or out of a bed, chair or wheelchair.
4. Bathing – Washing oneself by sponge bath; or in either a tub or shower, including the task of getting into or out of the tub or shower.
5. Dressing – Putting on and taking off all items of clothing and any necessary braces, fasteners or artificial limbs.
6. Continence – Ability to maintain control of bowel and bladder function; or when unable to maintain control of bowel or bladder function, the ability to perform associated personal hygiene (including caring for catheter or colostomy bag).

Application means the document which sets forth the eligible classes, the amounts of insurance, and other relevant information pertaining to the plan of insurance for which the *Policyholder* applied.

Dependent or Eligible Dependent means:

1. *Your* lawful *Spouse*; and/or
2. *Your* unmarried child who is within the age limits set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, and who is not in active military service.

Eligible Dependents include:

1. *Your* natural or step child.
2. a child placed with *You* for adoption from the date of placement or the date *You* are party in a suit in which *You* seek the adoption of the child. Eligibility will continue unless the child is removed from placement.
3. a child of *Your* child who is *Your* dependent for federal income tax purposes at the time application for coverage of the child of *Your* child is made.

Doctor means a person legally licensed to practice medicine, psychiatry, psychology or psychotherapy, who is neither *You* nor a member of *Your* immediate family. A licensed medical practitioner is a *Doctor* if applicable state law requires that such practitioners be recognized for purposes of certification of *Total Disability, Terminal Condition* or covered *Loss*, and the treatment provided by the practitioner is within the scope of his or her license.

Employee means an *Actively at Work* full-time employee whose principal employment is with the *Policyholder*, at the *Policyholder's* usual place of business or such place(s) that the *Policyholder's* normal course of business may require, who is *Actively at Work* for the minimum hours per week as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits and is reported on the *Policyholder*'s records for Social Security and withholding tax purposes.

Gainful Occupation means any work or employment in which the insured *Employee*:

1. is or could reasonably become qualified, considering his or her education, training, experience, and mental or physical abilities;
2. could reasonably find work or employment, considering the demand in the national labor force; and
3. could earn (or reasonably expect to earn) a before-tax income at least equal to 60% of his or her Pre-disability Income.

Hospital Confined means that, upon the recommendation of a *Doctor, You* are registered as an inpatient in a hospital, nursing home or other medical facility which provides skilled medical care or as an outpatient in a hospital because of surgery. *You* are not *Hospital Confined* if *You* are receiving emergency treatment or if *You* are hospitalized solely because of non-surgical medical or diagnostic test.

Injury means bodily injury resulting directly from an Accident and independently of all other causes.

Insured means an *Employee* covered under the Policy.

Male Pronoun whenever used includes the female.

Material and Substantial Duties means duties that are normally required for the performance of *Your Regular Occupation* and cannot be reasonably omitted or modified.

Non-Contributory means the *Policyholder* pays 100% of the premium for this insurance.

Policy means this contract between the *Policyholder* and Us including the attached *Application*, which provides group insurance benefits.

Policyholder means the person, firm, or institution to whom the Policy was issued. *Policyholder* also means any covered subsidiaries or affiliates set forth on the face of the Policy. If the *Policyholder* is an association, the term *Participating Employer* shall be substituted for *Policyholder*.

Proof under the Accelerated Death Benefit means evidence satisfactory to *Us* that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*. *We* reserve the right to determine, at our sole discretion, if Proof is acceptable.

Regular Occupation means the occupation that *You* are routinely performing when *Your* life insurance terminates due to *Disability*. *We* will look at *Your* occupation as it is normally performed in the national economy, instead of how the work tasks are performed for a specific *Policyholder* or at a specific location.

Sickness means illness, disease, pregnancy or complications of pregnancy resulting in *Disability* which begins while *You* are covered under the Policy.

We, Our and ***Us*** means Dearborn Life Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois.

You, Your and ***Yours*** means the eligible *Employee* to whom this Certificate is issued and whose insurance is in force under the terms of the Policy.

NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY MARYLAND LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY CORPORATION

This notice provides a brief summary of the Maryland Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation (the Corporation) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Maryland law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Corporation is not a department or unit of the State of Maryland and the liabilities or debts of the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation are not liabilities or debts of the State of Maryland.

The Corporation was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, annuity, or health insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its Insurance Department. If this should happen, the Corporation will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Maryland law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies.

The basic protections provided by the Corporation are:

- Life Insurance

  $300,000 in death benefits

  $100,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values
- Health Insurance
- $500,000 for basic hospital, medical, and surgical insurance or major medical insurance provided by health benefit plans
- $300,000 for disability insurance
- $300,000 for long-term care insurance
- $100,000 for a type of health insurance not listed above, including any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values under the types of health insurance listed above
- Annuities
- $250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash withdrawal values and net cash surrender values
- With respect to each payee under a structured settlement annuity, or beneficiary of the payee, $250,000 in present value annuity benefits, in the aggregate, including any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is:

- $300,000 in aggregate for all types of coverage listed above, with the exception of basic hospital, medical, and surgical insurance or major medical insurance
- $500,000 in aggregate for basic hospital, medical, and surgical insurance or major medical insurance

NOTE: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Maryland law.

To learn more about the above protections, please visit the Corporation's website at www.mdlifega.org, or contact:

Maryland Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corporation
8817 Belair Road, Suite 208
Perry Hall, Maryland 21236
410-248-0407

Or,

Maryland Insurance Administration
200 St. Paul Place, Suite 2700
Baltimore, Maryland.21202
1-800-492-6116, ext. 2170

Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by Maryland law to use the existence of the Corporation or its coverage to encourage you to purchase any form of insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on

Corporation coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and Maryland law, then Maryland law will control.

END OF CERTIFICATE

STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

As a participant in the Plan You are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. §1001, *et seq.*, as amended ("ERISA"). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

1. Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits

   a. Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefit Administration.

   b. Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

   c. Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

2. Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

   In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Employee benefit plan. The people who operate Your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of You and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including Your employer, Your union, or any other person, may fire You or otherwise discriminate against You in any way to prevent You from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising Your rights under ERISA.

3. Enforce Your Rights

   If Your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, You have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

   Under ERISA, there are steps You can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if You request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, You may file suit in federal court. In such case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay You up to $110 a day until You receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator.

   If You have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, You may file suit in a state or federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if You are discriminated against for asserting Your rights, You may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or You may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If You are successful the court may order the person You have sued to pay these costs and fees. If You lose, the court may order You to pay these costs and fees if, for example, it finds Your claims are frivolous.

4. Assistance with Your Questions

   If You have any questions about Your Plan, You should contact the Plan Administrator. If You have questions about this statement or about rights under ERISA, or if You need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, You should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefit Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in Your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20210. You may obtain certain publications about Your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publication hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

ERISA INFORMATION STATEMENT

The benefits described in your certificate are insured by an Insurance Policy ("Policy") issued by Dearborn Life Insurance Company (“We” or "Insurer"), pursuant to an "employee welfare benefit plan" (“the Plan”) as defined in Section 3(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1002(1), established by your employer, or where applicable, employee organization (the “Policyholder").

Every employee welfare benefit plan must be established and maintained pursuant to a written instrument that provides for a Plan Administrator. Your Plan Administrator has delegated the authority to administer claims under the Policy to the Insurer. As claims administrator, We will make decisions concerning eligibility and benefit determinations in accordance with the Policy provisions.

A. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

The Plan Administrator is the person or entity responsible for the administration of the Plan. The Plan Administrator has full discretionary authority and control over the Plan. This authority provides the Plan Administrator with the power necessary to operate, manage and administer the Plan. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the power to interpret the Plan and determine who is eligible to participate, to determine the amount of benefits that may be paid to a participant or his or her beneficiary, and the status and rights of participants and beneficiaries. The Plan Administrator also has the authority to prescribe the rules and procedures under which the Plan shall operate, to request information, and to employ or appoint persons to aid the Plan Administrator in the administration of the Plan.

Failure by the Plan or the Plan Administrator to insist upon compliance with any provisions of the Plan at any time or under any set of circumstances shall not operate to waive or modify the provision or in any manner render it unenforceable as to any other time or as to any other occurrence, whether the circumstances are or are not the same. No waiver of any term or condition of the Plan shall be valid unless contained in a written memorandum expressing the waiver and signed by the person authorized by the Plan Administrator to sign the waiver.

The Plan may be amended, terminated or suspended in whole or in part, at any time without the consent of the Employees or beneficiaries. Any amendment, termination or suspension shall be in writing, and attached to the Plan. Any amendment, termination or suspension shall be executed according to the Employer's authorized procedures. Any such authorization may be specific to the Plan or persons authorized to act on behalf of the Employer or may be general as to duties of such person. Except for termination or suspensions, any amendments affecting the Policy and/or Certificate must also be approved in writing by an officer of the Insurer and shall be effective as of the date agreed to, in writing by the Plan Sponsor and the Insurer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this document, the Policy shall terminate according to the provisions in the Policy.

The Plan has other fiduciaries, advisors and service providers. The Plan Administrator may allocate fiduciary responsibility among the Plan's fiduciaries and may delegate responsibilities to others. Any allocation or delegation must be done in writing and kept with the records of the Plan. As stated above, the Plan's benefits are provided to you pursuant to an insurance Policy issued to the Company. The Insurer shall, with respect to the Policy:

- resolve all matters when a review pursuant to the claims procedures has been requested;
- interpret, establish and enforce rules and procedures for the administration of the Policy and any claim under it; and
- determine eligibility of Employees and dependents for benefits and their entitlement to and the amount of benefits.

Each fiduciary is solely responsible for its own improper acts or omissions. Except to the extent required by ERISA, no fiduciary has the duty to question whether any other fiduciary is fulfilling all of the responsibilities imposed upon the other fiduciary by law. Nor is a fiduciary liable for a breach of fiduciary duty committed before it became, or after it stopped being, a fiduciary. However, a fiduciary may be liable for a breach of fiduciary responsibility of any Plan fiduciary, to the extent provided in ERISA Section 405(a), 29 U.S.C. §1105(a). The Employer makes no promise to continue these benefits in the future and rights to future benefits will never vest. Retirement does not give any retiree any vested right to continue to participate or receive Plan benefits, except as provided in the Plan.

B. CLAIMS PROCEDURE FOR LIFE:

When You or Your Beneficiary are eligible to receive benefits, You or Your Beneficiary, or Your authorized representative (collectively, "You") must follow the claim procedures described in Your Group Insurance Certificate by submitting the proper form in writing to the Insurer at:

Claims Department

Dearborn Life Insurance Company

701 E. 22nd Street

Lombard, IL. 60148

1-800-721-7987

For the purpose of this Section, the terms "written" and "in writing" include "electronic." Any action required to be "written" or "in writing," may be done electronically, where available. If the Insurer uses electronic notices, it will do so in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.104b-1c(i), (iii) and (iv).

Insurance Plans

We will give You a decision no more than 90 days after receipt of due proof of loss, except in special circumstances (such as the need to obtain further information), but in no case more than 180 days after the due proof of loss is received.

If the claim is denied, in whole or in part, We will provide You with a written notice giving the following:

- the reasons for the adverse benefit determination;
- reference to the specific Policy provisions on which the determination is based;
- a description of any additional material or information necessary for You to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- a statement that You are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to your claim; and
- a description of the Plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of Your rights to bring a civil action under ERISA §502(a), 29 U.S.C. §1132(a) following an adverse benefit determination on review.

Any denied claim may be appealed to the Insurer by You or Your authorized representative, at the address specified in the claim denial, for a full and fair review. The review will be conducted by a person different from the person who made the initial decision and the reviewer will not review the merits of the claim with the original examiner nor be the original examiner's subordinate. The claimant may:

a) request a review upon written application within 60 days of receipt of claim denial;

b) upon request and free of charge, review pertinent documents, records and other information relevant to the claim and receive copies of same; and

c) submit issues, comments, records, and other information in writing.

A decision will be made by the Insurer no more than 60 days after receipt of the request for review, except in special circumstances (such as the need to obtain additional evidence), but in no case more than 120 days after the request for review is received. We will notify You in writing if an extension is needed. If We need information from You and You deliver that information within the time specified, the extension will begin after You provide the information. If You do not provide the information in that time period, We may decide Your appeal without that information. The written decision will include specific reasons for the decision and specific references to the Plan provisions on which the decision is based. The decision will advise You of any other appeal rights You have under the Plan, as well as Your right to bring an action under Section 502(a) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(a).

Administrative Office:

701 E. 22nd Street • Lombard, Illinois 60148