

SEC. 1103. ELECTION OF INSURANCE COVERAGE BY FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY OPERATION.

(a) Automatic Coverage- Section 8702(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended--

- (1) by inserting `an employee who is deployed in support of a contingency operation (as that term is defined in section 101(a)(13) of title 10) or' after `subsection (b),'; and
- (2) by striking `the date of the' and inserting `the date of notification of deployment or'.

(b) Optional Insurance- Section 8714a(b) of such title is amended--

- (1) by designating the text as paragraph (2); and
- (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so designated, the following new paragraph (1):

`(1) An employee who is deployed in support of a contingency operation (as that term is defined in section 101(a)(13) of title 10) or an employee of the Department of Defense who is designated as emergency essential under section 1580 of title 10 shall be insured under the policy of insurance under this section if the employee, within 60 days after the date of notification of deployment or designation, elects to be insured under the policy of insurance. An election under this paragraph shall be effective when provided to the Office in writing, in the form prescribed by the Office, within such 60-day period.'

(c) Additional Optional Life Insurance- Section 8714b(b) of such title is amended--

- (1) by designating the text as paragraph (2); and
- (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so designated, the following new paragraph (1):

`(1) An employee who is deployed in support of a contingency operation (as that term is defined in section 101(a)(13) of title 10) or an employee of the Department of Defense who is designated as emergency essential under section 1580 of title 10 shall be insured under the policy of insurance under this section if the employee, within 60 days after the date of notification of deployment or designation, elects to be insured under the policy of insurance. An election under this paragraph shall be effective when provided to the Office in writing, in the form prescribed by the Office, within such 60-day period.'