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Dear Mr. Leeke:

Thank you for your letter of November 1, 1973, concerning whether or not the hospital within your agency can purchase insurance under the provisions of Act 371 passed during the 1973 Session. The Act states in part  
The State Budget and Control Board, through the Division of General Services, is authorized to provide insurance for personnel employed at the various medical institutions eligible to be insured through the State insurance program so as to protect the personnel against tort liability.

In the published handbook entitled 'Group Insurance Benefits For Employees of the State of South Carolina' a definition of who is eligible for insurance is given on page two which states

All full-time employees of the State of South Carolina who receive compensation from a department, agency or institution of the State are eligible. An employee is to be considered as 'full-time' if he works more than twenty hours per week for more than 5 months per year.

Therefore, if the person employed is eligible under this standard for State insurance he would also be eligible to participate in the insurance program established by Act No. 371.

Sincerely,

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Staff Attorney

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