

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 1-2, 1991**

**Resolution No. 24: Reaffirmation of The American Legion Life Insurance Plan Preemption  
Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions  
Submitted by: Subcommittee on Resolutions**

WHEREAS, The American Legion by action of the National Executive Committee, established in 1958 and improved in 1986, The American Legion Life Insurance Plan whereby it offered to its membership an opportunity to purchase low-cost term life insurance as members of a large national organization which program has through the years been managed and directed by The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, reporting through the National Finance Commission; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has consistently refrained from offering non life insurance plans to its membership, after considerable study by special committees, even though it has been urged at various times to offer hospital indemnity insurance, medical insurance, dental insurance and other company insurance plans, feeling that it had preempted the Legion life insurance field by offering its official national programs and that the various departments could offer other insurance plans as they deemed advisable; and

WHEREAS, It appears that several departments are presently being requested by insurance companies to sponsor and to offer certain life insurance plans which will be in direct competition with our official and nationally approved American Legion Life Insurance Plan, which will create confusion among our membership as to the approved national plan, and which will weaken the promotional efforts of our national organization to the detriment of our national image; and

WHEREAS, This preemption of life insurance was first announced by the National Executive Committee in Resolution No. 27, adopted May 3-4, 1972, and reaffirmed in Resolution No. 38 adopted by the National Executive Committee May 4-5, 1988; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 1-2, 1991, That:**

- A. The national organization declare that it has preempted the field of life insurance; and**
- B. All departments refrain from offering or sponsoring any life insurance plan or program other than the nationally approved American Legion Life Insurance Plans; and**
- C. Any department which has been offered such plan or plans to phase out and discontinue immediately its sponsorship of same; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the national organization is hereby authorized to deny any department attempting to continue or establish a life insurance plan the right to use the emblem and name of The American Legion; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the National Commander be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three (3) members of the National Executive Committee to receive information and evidence from the National Adjutant and legal advice from the National Judge Advocate concerning any department which may be violating the aforementioned preemption, which committee shall make recommendations to the National Executive Committee for discipline up to and including revocation of the department charter, of any department found to be violating the aforementioned preemption in accordance with Article XI, Discipline of the National Constitution; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That this resolution be circularized annually by the National Adjutant to all departments.**