

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

ACT 695 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1399

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5 By: Representative Vess  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SURVIVING SPOUSES AND SURVIVING  
10 DEPENDENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE  
11 RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUNDS  
12 MAY CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUNICIPALITY'S HEALTH  
13 INSURANCE PLAN WHEN THEY ARE ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES; AND  
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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17 "TO ALLOW SURVIVING SPOUSES AND  
18 DEPENDENTS UNDER THE POLICE AND FIRE  
19 RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION FUNDS TO  
20 CONTINUE WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE  
21 PLAN."  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. (a) When a municipal employee who is vested in a municipal  
26 retirement system under the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System,  
27 Arkansas Code §§ 24-10-101, et seq., or under a local police pension and  
28 relief fund, Arkansas Code §§ 24-11-401, et seq., or under a fire pension and  
29 relief fund, Arkansas Code §§ 24-11-801, et seq., is killed or dies in the  
30 course of his employment and is survived by a spouse, or has surviving  
31 dependents actively drawing a benefit from those municipal retirement systems,  
32 then the surviving spouse or surviving dependents may continue to participate  
33 in the municipality's health care plan as long as the surviving spouse or  
34 surviving dependents pays both employer and employee contributions to the  
35 health care plan.

36 (b) Provided, however, a surviving spouse or surviving dependent may

1 qualify to continue on the health care plan only so long as they remain an  
2 eligible beneficiary under the retirement system.

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4 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
5 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
6 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
11 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
12 act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
15 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. Vess*

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