

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1203

5 By: Representative Hoyt
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTH BENEFITS FOR*
10 *MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS WHO HAVE*
11 *RETIRED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*
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13 **Subtitle**

14 *AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTH*
15 *BENEFITS FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND*
16 *OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RETIRED.*
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 24, Chapter 12, Subchapter 1 is amended*
22 *to add a new section to read as follows:*

23 *24-12-132. Health benefits for retired municipal employees and*
24 *officials.*

25 *(a) A retired employee or official may participate in the health care*
26 *plan of the municipality from which he or she retired if he or she:*

27 *(1) Is receiving a retirement benefit from the Arkansas Local*
28 *Police and Fire Retirement System, Arkansas Public Employees Retirement*
29 *System, or a local pension fund;*

30 *(2) Pays both the employer and the employee contribution to the*
31 *health care plan;*

32 *(3) Is not covered at any time during retirement by another*
33 *health care plan; and*

34 *(4) Notifies his or her employer within thirty (30) days after*
35 *the official date of retirement of his or her intent to participate in the*



1 health care plan of the municipality.

2 (b) A retired employee or official who participates in a
3 municipality's health care plan under subsection (a) of this section may
4 include his or her dependents in the retiree's health care plan if the
5 retired employee or official pays both the employer and employee contribution
6 to the health care plan for his or her dependents.

7 (c) Each municipality may choose to pay any portion of the employer
8 and employee contributions to the municipality's health care plan so long as
9 each retired official and each retired employee of the municipality from
10 which he or she retired is treated equally with regard to the dollar amounts
11 that are paid by the municipality toward health care coverage of each
12 retiree.

13 (d) The retired municipal official or retired municipal employee shall
14 pay the amount of the health care premium that is not paid by the employer.

15 (e) Each municipality shall by policy or ordinance establish the
16 criteria for eligibility as a retiree under this section.

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20 /s/ Hoyt

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