ARKANSAS SENATE

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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 30 "TO ALLOW PUBLIC RETIREES TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE IF THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY COVERED UNDER A SPOUSE'S OR DEPENDENT'S HEALTH INSURANCE." Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 30. Amend Senate Bill No. 30 as originally introduced: Page 2, line 22, add a new Section 2 as follows: "SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Plan does not provide retirees on other health insurance plans with the option to return to coverage under the state's plan after retirement; that providing this option to state employees and state retirees will provide extra motivation and work incentives for Arkansas public employees; that providing this option will not cost the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Plan since there are no associated employer costs with this coverage; and that providing this option is immediately needed for retirees who may suffer financially if insurance coverage is not extended. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."

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