

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 1228

5 By: Representative Hardwick
6 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PERMIT A RETIRED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE TO
11 CONTINUE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO PERMIT A RETIRED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE
15 TO CONTINUE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.
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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 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 23-79-154. Continuation of health insurance for retired municipal
24 employees.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1)(A) "Health care plan" means an individual, blanket, or group
27 plan, policy, or contract for health care services issued or delivered by a
28 health carrier in this state, including indemnity and managed care plans.

29 (B) "Health care plan" does not include a plan, policy, or
30 contract that provides coverage only for:

31 (i) A specified accident or accident-only coverage;

32 (ii) Long-term care insurance under the Long-Term
33 Care Insurance Act of 2005, § 23-97-301 et seq.;

34 (iii) A Medicare supplement policy of insurance;

35 (iv) Coverage under a plan through Medicare,
36 Medicaid, or the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program; or



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(v) Coverage and supplemental coverage issued:

(a) Under Chapter 55 of Title 10 of the United States Code; or

(b) To provide liability insurance, coverage for workers' compensation claims, or similar insurance; and

(2) "Health carrier" means any of the following entities issuing or delivering health care plans in this state:

(A) An accident and health insurance company;

(B) A disability insurance company;

(C) A hospital or medical services corporation; or

(D) A health maintenance organization.

(b)(1) A health carrier shall permit a retired municipal employee to continue coverage under the health carrier's health care plan.

(2) Subdivision (b)(1) of this section does not require a municipality to contribute funding to a retired municipal employee's health care coverage.