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.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H4/1/09 H4/3/09		
2	87th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2009		HOUSE BILL 1203	
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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	OFF	ICIALS WHO HAVE RETIRED.		
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:	
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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 participa	te in the health care	
26		lity from which he or she retired i		
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 pe			
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	
36	health care plan of t	the municipality.		

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1	(b) A retired <i>employee or official</i> who participates in a		
2	municipality's health care plan under subsection (a) of this section may		
3	include his or her dependents in the retiree's health care plan if the		
4	retired employee or official pays both the employer and employee contribution		
5	to the health care plan for his or her dependents.		
6	(c) Each municipality may choose to pay any portion of the employer		
7	and employee contributions to the municipality's health care plan so long as		
8	each retired official and each retired employee of the municipality from		
9	which he or she retired is treated equally with regard to the dollar amounts		
10	that are paid by the municipality toward health care coverage of each		
11	retiree.		
12	(d) The retired municipal official or retired municipal employee shall		
13	pay the amount of the health care premium that is not paid by the employer.		
14	(e) Each municipality shall by policy or ordinance establish the		
15	criteria for eligibility as a retiree under this section.		
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