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2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1124

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR  
10 BENEFITS RELATING TO THE HEALTH CARE OFFSET FOR  
11 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES'  
12 RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO DELCARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-5-125(c)(4), concerning Arkansas State  
27 Highway employees' eligibility to receive an increase in benefits, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 (4) If the member is ~~eligible for an additional monthly benefit~~  
30 receiving retirement benefits as a result of credited service under one (1)  
31 or more of the reciprocal systems, as such systems are enumerated in § 24-2-  
32 401, the board ~~in its discretion may~~ shall prorate the benefits provided  
33 under this section for all members retiring after ~~June 30, 2009~~ the effective  
34 date of this act.  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-5-125 is amended to add an additional



1 subsection to read as follows:

2 (e) Members from a reciprocal system will continue to receive their  
3 current benefits they are receiving under this section.

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5 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
6 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas State Highway  
7 Employees' Retirement System law needs to be amended to provide a more  
8 equitable means of allocating the additional benefit that offsets the cost of  
9 health insurance and health care. Therefore, an emergency is declared to  
10 exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the  
11 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

12 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

13 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
14 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
15 bill; or

16 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
17 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.