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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the eligibility for continued state health care
2 coverage upon retirement from the Iowa public employees'
3 retirement system and providing a retroactive applicability
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 509A.13A, subsection 1, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (2), subparagraph subdivision (a), Code 1997, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) Meeting the requirements for receiving retirement
5 benefits pursuant to chapter 97B based upon ~~having-attained-at~~
6 ~~least-sixty-two-years-of-age-and-upon-having-completed-at~~
7 ~~least-thirty-years-of-membership-service~~ retirement at the
8 employee's normal retirement date as provided in section
9 97B.45.

10 Sec. 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act is
11 retroactively applicable to July 1, 1994, and is applicable on
12 and after that date.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill amends the provisions concerning the eligibility
15 of a surviving spouse of a state employee who retired under
16 IPERS and who elected to continue coverage under the state's
17 group health care plan until the employee's death. Currently,
18 to be eligible, the retired state employee had to have retired
19 at age 62 with at least 30 years of service under IPERS. The
20 bill provides that a surviving spouse will be eligible so long
21 as the retired state employee retired upon the employee's
22 normal retirement date. Under current law, the normal
23 retirement date for those retiring on or after July 1, 1997,
24 is defined to include the first month in which the combination
25 of the employee's years of service and age, so long as the
26 member is at least 55 years of age, equals 88.

27 The bill provides that the change is retroactively
28 applicable to July 1, 1994.

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