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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the continuation of group health care coverage
2 by retired governmental employees.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 509A.13, Code 1999, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 509A.13 CONTINUATION OF GROUP INSURANCE.

4 If a governing body, a county board of supervisors, or a
5 city council has procured for its employees accident, health,
6 or hospitalization insurance, or a medical service plan, or
7 has contracted with a health maintenance organization
8 authorized to do business in this state, the governing body,
9 county board of supervisors, or city council shall allow its
10 employees who retired before attaining sixty-five years of age
11 to continue participation in the group plan or under the group
12 contract at the employee's own expense until the employee
13 attains sixty-five years of age. For purposes of this
14 section, "retired" means an employee who receives a retirement
15 benefit as a result of the employee's employment with the
16 applicable governing body, county board of supervisors, or
17 city council.

18 This section applies to employees who retired on or after
19 January 1, 1981.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill defines a retired employee for purposes of
22 eligibility for the continuation of group insurance under the
23 health plan of the governmental entity that employed the
24 person prior to retirement. The bill defines a retired
25 employee as an employee who is receiving a retirement benefit
26 as a result of the governmental employment.

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