

SENATE FILE 156
BY CONNOLLY

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for continuation of group insurance for certain
2 retired employees of the general assembly, and providing an
3 applicability date.

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

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SF 156 STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 509A.13, Code 2003, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 509A.13 CONTINUATION OF GROUP INSURANCE.

4 1. If a governing body, a county board of supervisors, or
5 a city council has procured for its employees accident,
6 health, or hospitalization insurance, or a medical service
7 plan, or 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.

14 ~~This section applies to employees who retired on or after~~
15 ~~January 17, 1981.~~

16 2. Employees of the general assembly who have worked
17 through at least fifteen legislative sessions or more and who
18 retire after attaining age fifty-five but prior to attaining
19 age sixty-five shall be eligible to continue group health
20 benefits pursuant to the provisions of this section.

21 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to employees of
22 the general assembly who retire on or after July 1, 2003.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill amends Code section 509A.13, regarding
25 continuation of group insurance for public employees. The
26 bill amends the Code section to provide expressly for the
27 continuation of group insurance until age 65, at the
28 employee's expense, for legislative employees who retire at
29 age 55 after working at least 15 or more legislative sessions.

30 The bill contains an applicability provision that makes the
31 changes in Code section 509A.13 applicable to employees
32 retiring on or after July 1, 2003.

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