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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act permitting public safety employees who receive an  
2 accidental disability retirement to become a member of the  
3 state's group insurance plan.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 97A.14B MEMBERSHIP IN STATE  
2 INSURANCE PLANS.

3 1. A member who is retired for an accidental disability  
4 under this chapter may elect to become a member of a state  
5 group insurance plan for employees of the state established  
6 under chapter 509A subject to the following conditions:

7 a. The member shall be eligible for all state group  
8 insurance plans on the basis of enrollment rules established  
9 for full-time state employees excluded from collective  
10 bargaining as provided in chapter 20.

11 b. The member shall pay the premium for the plan selected  
12 at the member's expense.

13 c. The premium rate shall be the same as the premium rate  
14 paid by the state and a state employee for the plan selected.

15 d. Program and coverage change selections shall be subject  
16 to the enrollment rules established for full-time state  
17 employees excluded from collective bargaining as provided in  
18 chapter 20.

19 2. The member shall remain eligible to be a member of a  
20 state group insurance plan pursuant to this section until the  
21 member no longer is eligible to receive a retirement allowance  
22 for an accidental disability or the member attains sixty-five  
23 years of age, whichever first occurs.

24 3. A member who elects to become a member of a state  
25 health or medical group insurance plan pursuant to this  
26 section shall be exempt from preexisting medical condition  
27 waiting periods.

28 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 97B.50B MEMBERSHIP IN STATE  
29 INSURANCE PLANS FOR SPECIAL SERVICE MEMBERS.

30 1. A special service member who is retired for an in-  
31 service disability pursuant to section 97B.50A may elect to  
32 become a member of a state group insurance plan for employees  
33 of the state established under chapter 509A subject to the  
34 following conditions:

35 a. The special service member shall be eligible for all

1 state group insurance plans on the basis of enrollment rules  
2 established for full-time state employees excluded from  
3 collective bargaining as provided in chapter 20.

4 b. The special service member shall pay the premium for  
5 the plan selected at the member's expense.

6 c. The premium rate shall be the same as the premium rate  
7 paid by the state and a state employee for the plan selected.

8 d. Program and coverage change selections shall be subject  
9 to the enrollment rules established for full-time state  
10 employees excluded from collective bargaining as provided in  
11 chapter 20.

12 2. The special service member shall remain eligible to be  
13 a member of a state group insurance plan pursuant to this  
14 section until the member no longer is eligible to receive a  
15 retirement allowance for an in-service disability or the  
16 member attains sixty-five years of age, whichever first  
17 occurs.

18 3. A special service member who elects to become a member  
19 of a state health or medical group insurance plan pursuant to  
20 this section shall be exempt from preexisting medical  
21 condition waiting periods.

22 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 411.15A MEMBERSHIP IN STATE  
23 INSURANCE PLANS.

24 1. A member who is retired for an accidental disability  
25 under this chapter may elect to become a member of a state  
26 group insurance plan for employees of the state established  
27 under chapter 509A subject to the following conditions:

28 a. The member shall be eligible for all state group  
29 insurance plans on the basis of enrollment rules established  
30 for full-time state employees excluded from collective  
31 bargaining as provided in chapter 20.

32 b. The member shall pay the premium for the plan selected  
33 at the member's expense.

34 c. The premium rate shall be the same as the premium rate  
35 paid by the state and a state employee for the plan selected.

1 d. Program and coverage change selections shall be subject  
2 to the enrollment rules established for full-time state  
3 employees excluded from collective bargaining as provided in  
4 chapter 20.

5 2. The member shall remain eligible to be a member of a  
6 state group insurance plan pursuant to this section until the  
7 member no longer is eligible to receive a retirement allowance  
8 for an accidental disability or the member attains sixty-five  
9 years of age, whichever first occurs.

10 3. A member who elects to become a member of a state  
11 health or medical group insurance plan pursuant to this  
12 section shall be exempt from preexisting medical condition  
13 waiting periods.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides that members of the Iowa department of  
16 public safety peace officers' retirement, accident, and  
17 disability system created in Code chapter 97A, the statewide  
18 fire and police retirement system established in Code chapter  
19 411, and special service members of the Iowa public employees'  
20 retirement system who receive a retirement allowance for a  
21 disability incurred in the line of duty under Code chapter 97B  
22 are eligible to become a member of the state group insurance  
23 plan. The bill provides that the member remains eligible  
24 until the member no longer receives a disability retirement  
25 allowance or the member attains age 65, whichever first  
26 occurs. The bill provides that the same plans available to  
27 noncontract state employees are available but that the member  
28 is required to pay the full premium cost of the plan selected.  
29 The bill also provides that the member electing coverage shall  
30 be exempt from preexisting medical condition waiting periods.

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