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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to continuation of group health insurance for
2 spouses of certain retired public employees and providing for
3 retroactive applicability.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 509A.13, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 509A.13 CONTINUATION OF GROUP INSURANCE.
1 4 1. a. If a governing body, a county board of supervisors,
1 5 or a city council has procured for its employees accident,
1 6 health, or hospitalization insurance, or a medical service
1 7 plan, or has contracted with a health maintenance organization
1 8 authorized to do business in this state, the governing body,
1 9 county board of supervisors, or city council shall allow its
1 10 employees who retired before attaining sixty-five years of age
1 11 to continue participation in the group plan or under the group
1 12 contract at the employee's own expense until the employee
1 13 attains sixty-five years of age.
1 14 b. This section subsection applies to employees who
1 15 retired on or after January 1, 1981.
1 16 2. a. If an employee who retired before attaining
1 17 sixty-five years of age continues to participate in the group
1 18 plan or under the group contract until the employee attains
1 19 sixty-five years of age as provided in subsection 1, the
1 20 governing body, county board of supervisors, or city council
1 21 may allow the spouse of that employee to elect to continue
1 22 participation as a member in the group plan or under the group
1 23 contract at the spouse's own expense until the spouse attains
1 24 sixty-five years of age. A spouse who makes such an election
1 25 shall pay the total premium for the group plan or contract and
1 26 shall have the same rights to change programs or coverage as
1 27 the retired employee.
1 28 b. This subsection applies to spouses of employees who
1 29 retired on or after January 1, 2005.

1 30 EXPLANATION
1 31 This bill relates to the continuation of group health
1 32 insurance benefits for spouses of certain retired public
1 33 employees.
1 34 The bill provides that if a state, county, or city employee
1 35 who retired before age 65 continues to participate in the
2 1 group health plan or contract until that person reaches age
2 2 65, the state, county, or city may allow the spouse of the
2 3 retired employee to elect to continue to participate as a
2 4 member of the group health plan or contract at the spouse's
2 5 expense until the spouse also reaches age 65. The bill
2 6 applies to spouses of employees who retired on or after
2 7 January 1, 2005.
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