**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑730, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ACTIVE, FULLTIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEE OF A STATE‑COVERED ENTITY APPROVED FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANS WITH STATE‑PAID PREMIUMS IF THE DISABILITY IS THE RESULT OF AN INJURY ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PERSON’S OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 1‑11‑730 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding a new subsection:

“(D) An active, full‑time permanent employee of a state‑covered entity, who is approved for disability retirement pursuant to Section 9‑1‑1540 or Section 9‑11‑80 is eligible to participate in the plans with state‑paid premiums, regardless of the length of service, if the disability is the result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of the employee’s official duties during his or her state‑covered entity service.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to all individuals meeting the statutory requirements on or after that date, regardless of the date of accident.

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