

1 SB408  
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3 By Senators Whatley and Singleton  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, upon the expiration of  
9 his or her term of office, any member of the  
10 Legislature and the Lieutenant Governor can  
11 continue his or her coverage under the State  
12 Employees' Health Insurance Plan for a maximum of  
13 36 months.

14 This bill would delete the 36-month  
15 limitation and would provide that any member of the  
16 Legislature or a Lieutenant Governor who served at  
17 least two full four-year terms in office would be  
18 eligible for coverage under the State Employees'  
19 Health Insurance Plan after the expiration of his  
20 or her term of office if he or she pays the  
21 premiums for the insurance coverage.

22 This bill would also delete provisions  
23 prohibiting coverage of preexisting conditions for  
24 legislators and the Lieutenant Governor.

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26 A BILL  
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 To amend Section 36-29-15 of the Code of Alabama  
4 1975, relating to the coverage of a member of the Legislature  
5 and the Lieutenant Governor under the State Employees' Health  
6 Insurance Plan upon the expiration of his or her term of  
7 office; to delete the 36-month limitation on continued  
8 coverage; to authorize coverage under the plan if the member  
9 of the Legislature or the Lieutenant Governor has served at  
10 least two full four-year terms and pays the premiums for the  
11 insurance coverage; and to delete certain provisions relating  
12 to coverage for preexisting conditions.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. Section 36-29-15 of the Code of Alabama  
15 1975, is amended to read as follows:

16 "§36-29-15.

17 "(a) Any member of the Legislature and the  
18 Lieutenant Governor, during their term of office, and their  
19 dependents, shall be eligible for coverage under the State  
20 Employees' Health Insurance Plan ~~and upon expiration of their~~  
21 ~~term of office may continue such coverage for a maximum of 36~~  
22 ~~months.~~

23 "(b) ~~Preexisting conditions shall not be covered~~  
24 ~~until the insured has been covered under the plan for a period~~  
25 ~~of 12 months, provided, however, that any legislator enrolling~~  
26 ~~within 30 days of April 23, 1990 or within 30 days of the~~  
27 ~~beginning of any calendar year thereafter shall not be subject~~

1 ~~to this limitation of benefits. A preexisting condition is any~~  
2 ~~condition for which the insured or their covered dependent~~  
3 ~~received medical treatment, advice or consultation or received~~  
4 ~~any prescribed medication within 12 months of the effective~~  
5 ~~date of the insured's coverage under the plan. Any member of~~  
6 ~~the Legislature or a Lieutenant Governor who served at least~~  
7 ~~two full four-year terms in office shall be eligible for~~  
8 ~~coverage upon the expiration of his or her term of office,~~  
9 ~~subject to the terms and conditions prescribed from time to~~  
10 ~~time for group health insurance by the State Employees'~~  
11 ~~Insurance Board.~~

12 "(c) The premiums for the insurance coverage for a  
13 legislator, the Lieutenant Governor, and their dependents  
14 shall be paid by the individual legislator and the Lieutenant  
15 Governor.

16 "(d) The State Employees' Insurance Board shall  
17 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be required for  
18 the effective administration of ~~the provisions of this~~  
19 section."

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on  
21 January 1, 2018, following its passage and approval by the  
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.