HOUSE BILL 2427

By Goins

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27 and Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-401(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

- (b) For purposes of this part:
- (1) "County employee" may include, subject to the approval of the county legislative bodies:
 - (A) Retired county employees, officials, and their survivingspouses. Where any county has offered such coverage prior to May 10,1994, no further action by the legislative body shall be required; and
 - (B) Volunteer firefighters who have successfully completed the Tennessee commission on firefighting personnel and standard education certification exam for Firefighter I and practiced as a volunteer firefighter for at least one (1) year from the completion of such exam prior to making application for benefits pursuant to this part; and
- (2) "Volunteer firefighter" means any member or personnel of a fire department, volunteer fire department, rescue squad or volunteer rescue squad, including, but not limited to, a junior member, a board member, or an auxiliary member of the department or squad.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.