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H.B. No. 2407

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to participation in the group benefits program by certain
3 retired state employees and their dependents.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1551.102, Insurance Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

7 (j) Subject to Section 1551.323, an individual is eligible
8 to participate in the group benefits program as provided by
9 Subsection (a), regardless of whether the individual is eligible to
10 receive an annuity, if the individual retires and has at least 10
11 years of eligible service credit.

12 SECTION 2. Section 1551.323, Insurance Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 Sec. 1551.323. COST OF CERTAIN ANNUITANTS. (a) An
15 annuitant eligible to participate under Section 1551.102(i),
16 1551.102(j), 1551.111(e), or 1551.112(c) is, except as provided by
17 this subsection, required to pay the total cost, as determined by
18 the board, attributable to the participation of that individual and
19 the dependents of that individual until the date the individual is
20 65 years of age. If the General Appropriations Act or other similar
21 legislation addresses the payment of those costs, those costs shall
22 be paid in the manner specified by that legislation.

23 (b) This section applies only to an individual who is
24 eligible to participate as an annuitant under Section 1551.102(i),

1 1551.102(j), 1551.111(e), or 1551.112(c) and who is not eligible to
2 participate under another provision of Section 1551.102, 1551.111,
3 or 1551.112.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.