**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑730, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RETIREE ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR RETIREES ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PLANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A STATE EMPLOYEE OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE RETIRES ON DISABILITY UNDER A STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE RETIREE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS WHILE RETIRED, THEN THE TRUST FUND SHALL PAY ONE‑HALF OF THE RETIREE’S EMPLOYEE PREMIUM.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1‑11‑730 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 195 of 2008, is further amended by adding a new subsection at the end to read:

“(D) Notwithstanding another provision of this section, if a state employee or public school district employee retires on disability under a state retirement system, and the retiree is eligible to participate in the state health and dental insurance plans while retired, then in addition to any other trust fund paid premiums, the trust fund shall pay one‑half of the retiree’s employee premium.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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