

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 613

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM. Provides relative to participation schedules. (6/30/14)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:851(T), relative to group benefits; to provide for premium share; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:851(T) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§851. Authority for employee benefit programs; payroll deduction for payment of premiums

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T. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person who retired on or after May 1, 2013, and on or before May 31, 2013, who participated in health care programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits for more than eighteen years, whose doctor certifies that on the date of his retirement he was medically unable to perform his job duties shall, upon retirement, be eligible to maintain enrollment in the Office of Group Benefits Program with a state contribution of seventy-five percent of his premium, if the sum of his accumulated unused leave on his retirement date plus his years of participation in the Office of Group Benefits Program, rounded to the nearest

1 **year, is twenty years or more.**

2 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2014; if vetoed by the
3 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
4 effective on June 30, 2014, or on the day following such approval by the legislature,
5 whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Laura Gail Sullivan.

DIGEST

Gary Smith (SB 613)

Present law provides a schedule for state contributions of the total premium payable to the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) for retirees. Provides for a maximum state contribution of 75%.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for a 75% state contribution for any person who retired on or after May 1, 2013, and on or before May 31, 2013, who participated in OGB health insurance for more than 18 years, whose doctor certifies that on the date of his retirement he was medically unable to perform his job duties, if the sum of his accumulated unused leave on his retirement date plus his years of participation in OGB, rounded to the nearest year, is 20 years or more.

Effective June 30, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 42:851(T))