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<u>Proposed law</u> provides health insurance issuers cannot refuse to accept enrollment of a fire employee formerly employed by a municipality, parish, or fire protection district if the health insurance issuer maintains a policy of group health insurance coverage in the location where the fire employee is no longer employed by the municipality, parish, or fire protection district as a result of the fire employee retiring and not yet eligible for Medicare.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides health insurance issuers cannot discriminate between an active fire employee and a retired fire employee on the basis of their active or retired status.

<u>Proposed law provides that proposed law cannot require a health insurance issuer provide coverage</u> for a retired fire employee under circumstances in which an active fire employee could lawfully be denied coverage, and cannot be interpreted to require a health insurance issuer offer terms, rates, or benefits to a retired fire employee that the health insurance issuer is not, by law, required to offer an active fire employee.

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