

1 SB137
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3 By Senator Shelnutt
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a member of the
9 Legislature is eligible for coverage under the
10 State Employees' Health Insurance Plan for 36
11 months after expiration of his or her term of
12 office.

13 This bill would increase to 60 months the
14 period during which a former legislator is eligible
15 for state health insurance coverage after his or
16 her term expires.

18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to members of the Legislature; to amend
23 Section 36-29-15, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the time
24 period during which a legislator is eligible for coverage
25 under the State Employees' Health Insurance Plan after
26 expiration of his or her term of office.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 36-29-15, Code of Alabama 1975,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 "§36-29-15.

4 "(a) Any member of the Legislature and the
5 Lieutenant Governor, during their term of office, and their
6 dependents, shall be eligible for coverage under the State
7 Employees' Health Insurance Plan and upon expiration of their
8 term of office may continue ~~such~~ the coverage for a maximum of
9 ~~36~~ 60 months.

10 "(b) Preexisting conditions shall not be covered
11 until the insured has been covered under the plan for a period
12 of 12 months, provided, however, that any legislator enrolling
13 within 30 days of April 23, 1990 or within 30 days of the
14 beginning of any calendar year thereafter shall not be subject
15 to this limitation of benefits. A preexisting condition is any
16 condition for which the insured or their covered dependent
17 received medical treatment, advice, or consultation or
18 received any prescribed medication within 12 months of the
19 effective date of the insured's coverage under the plan.

20 "(c) The premiums for the insurance coverage for a
21 legislator, the Lieutenant Governor, and their dependents
22 shall be paid by the individual legislator and the Lieutenant
23 Governor.

24 "(d) The State Employees' Insurance Board shall
25 ~~promulgate such rules and regulations~~ adopt rules as may be
26 required for the effective administration of ~~the provisions of~~
27 this section."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.