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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2 and Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 3, relative to insurance coverage for surviving spouses of retired employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 8-27-211. If a retired employee elected to retain group health and accident insurance under Section 8-27-205 upon retirement, the surviving spouse of such retired employee may continue such group insurance coverage and such coverage shall not be subject to termination on the basis of the retirement option elected by the deceased spouse.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 3, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 8-27-309. If a retired employee elected to retain group health and accident insurance under Section 8-27-205 upon retirement, the surviving spouse of such retired employee may continue such group insurance coverage and such coverage

shall not be subject to termination on the basis of the retirement option elected by the deceased spouse.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be subject to the funding being provided in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.