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## DIGEST

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HB 532 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits a health insurance issuer from refusing enrollment of retired fire employees based solely on retirement status.

Proposed law prohibits a health insurance issuer's refusal to enroll a fire employee formerly employed by a municipality, parish, or fire protection district with which the health insurance issuer maintains a policy of group health insurance coverage, where the fire employee is no longer employed due to retirement, and the fire employee is not yet eligible for Medicare.

Proposed law prohibits a health insurance issuer from discriminating between active and retired fire employees on the basis of active or retired status.

Proposed law does not require a health insurance issuer to provide coverage for a retired fire employee under circumstances in which an active fire employee could lawfully be denied coverage nor requires an issuer to offer terms, rates, or benefits to a retired fire employee that are not lawfully required for offer to an active fire employee.

Proposed law defines "fire employee".

(Adds R.S. 22:36)