

SENATE BILL NO. 613

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

1 AN ACT

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

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

19 **(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person**
20 **who is an employee, as defined in R.S. 42:808(A), who was employed by the**
21 **Office of Community Relations and Rural Development after January 1, 2004,**
22 **who subsequently becomes a state elected official as defined in R.S.**
23 **42:808(11)(b)(ii), and who has participated in the Office of Group Benefits**
24 **continuously during his state employment, shall, upon retirement, be eligible to**
25 **maintain enrollment in the Office of Group Benefits program with a state**
26 **contribution of his premium, as provided in R.S. 42:851(D).**

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____