

House Bill 854

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Fleming of the 117th, and Burmeister of the 119th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to provide that certain officials of Columbia County who have served at
2 least 15 years in office may, upon leaving office, continue to participate in the county health
3 insurance program by paying the total cost of such participation, approved May 17, 2004
4 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4472), so as to clarify that such Act applies to health insurance coverage for
5 the officials as well as their spouses and dependents; to provide for related matters; to
6 provide for intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act to provide that certain officials of Columbia County who have served at least 15
10 years in office may, upon leaving office, continue to participate in the county health
11 insurance program by paying the total cost of such participation, approved May 17, 2004
12 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4472), is amended by striking Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof a new
13 Section 1 to read as follows:

14 "SECTION 1.

15 Members of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County; the Clerk of the Superior
16 Court of Columbia County; the Judge of the Probate Court of Columbia County; the Sheriff
17 of Columbia County; the Tax Receiver, Tax Collector, and Tax Commissioner of Columbia
18 County; the Coroner of Columbia County; and the Chief Magistrate of Columbia County
19 shall be entitled after leaving office to continue to participate in and be covered by the
20 health insurance plan provided by the county for county officers and employees, provided
21 that such officer must have served at least 15 years in such office and provided, further,
22 that such officer pays the total costs of such participation including both the employee and
23 employer premiums associated with such participation. Such participation in the health
24 insurance plan shall include coverage for the officer leaving office as well as the officer's
25 spouse and dependents."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act is declaratory of existing law and is only intended to clarify such law. The passage
3 of this Act shall not create any implication that any change in existing law is effected.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.