

ADOPTED SENATE

1 Senators Hill of the 4th and Williams of the 19th offered the following amendment:

2 *Amend the substitute to HB 1372 (LC 28 3060S) by inserting after "employers;" on line 3 on*
 3 *page 1 the following:*

4 to provide an exemption from the eight-year service requirement for correctional officers
 5 injured by inmate violence when five years or less from becoming eligible for medicare
 6 medical coverage;

7 *By inserting a new section between lines 18 and 19 on page 9 to read as follows:*

SECTION 10.

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 9 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new subsection (c) to Code Section 45-18-10,
 10 relating to the right of continuation of insurance benefits for former state employees, to read
 11 as follows:

12 "(c) Any other provision of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, any employee who
 13 is injured by an act of inmate violence while he or she is employed as a correctional officer
 14 in a correctional facility in this state and is five years or less from becoming eligible for
 15 medicare medical coverage shall be exempt from the eight or more years of service
 16 requirement and shall be entitled to continue full coverage and participation, including
 17 coverage for his or her spouse and dependent children, in the health insurance plan upon
 18 the payment of the monthly premium fixed by the board for active state employees. The
 19 first monthly premium provided for in this subsection must be paid within 30 days
 20 following receipt of a notice of premium to be sent to such person by the commissioner.
 21 If such premium is not paid within such time limit, such insurance coverage shall be
 22 canceled and such person shall not again be eligible to participate in such plan."

23 *By renumbering Sections 10 through 13 as Sections 11 through 14, respectively.*