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 4/9/2014 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Finance** ([Senate Journal‑page 20](file:///H%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C04-09-14.docx))

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 4/30/2014 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 87](file:///H%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C04-30-14.docx))

 4/30/2014 House Referred to Committee on **Ways and Means** ([House Journal‑page 87](file:///H%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2014%5C04-30-14.docx))

 5/28/2014 House Recalled from Committee on **Ways and Means**

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**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑730, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO RETIRES FROM EMPLOYMENT WITH A SOLICITOR’S OFFICE UNDER A STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS BY PAYING THE FULL PREMIUM AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD IF AT LEAST ONE COUNTY IN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COVERED BY THAT SOLICITOR’S OFFICE PARTICIPATES IN THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS AND THE PERSON’S LAST FIVE YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO RETIREMENT ARE CONSECUTIVE AND IN A FULL‑TIME PERMANENT POSITION WITH THAT SOLICITOR’S OFFICE OR ANOTHER ENTITY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS; TO REQUIRE THAT THESE PROVISIONS BE INTERPRETED TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY TO THE EMPLOYEE, RETIREE, AND THEIR ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS; AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2012.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Solicitor**’**s office employees, retirees, eligible dependants**

SECTION 1. Section 1‑11‑730 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 278 of 2012, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

 “( )(1) A person who retires from employment with a solicitor’s office under a state retirement system is eligible to participate in the state health and dental plans by paying the full premium as determined by the board if at least one county in the judicial circuit covered by that solicitor’s office participates in the state health and dental plans and the person’s last five years of employment prior to retirement are consecutive and in a full‑time permanent position with that solicitor’s office or another entity that participates in the state health and dental plans.

 (2) The provisions of this subsection must be interpreted to provide eligibility to the employee, retiree, and their eligible dependents.”

**Time effective, retroactive**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and is retroactive to January 1, 2012.

Ratified the 5th day of June, 2014.

Approved the 6th day of June, 2014.

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