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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 1

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to health insurance coverage for surviving spouses or domestic partners of members of the New York city fire department

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 2 of subdivision b of
2 section 12-126 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as
3 amended by chapter 430 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (ii) Where [~~a~~] an active or retired member of the fire department dies
6 and is enrolled in a health insurance plan, the surviving spouse or
7 domestic partner shall be afforded the right to such health insurance
8 coverage and health insurance coverage which is predicated on the
9 insured's enrollment in the hospital and medical program for the aged
10 and disabled under the social security act as is provided for retirees
11 and their dependents as set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph,
12 provided such surviving spouse or domestic partner pays one hundred two
13 percent of the group rate for such coverage, with two percent intended
14 to cover administrative costs incurred, provided such spouse or domestic
15 partner elects such health insurance coverage within one year of the
16 death of his or her spouse or domestic partner. For purposes of this
17 subparagraph, "retired member of the fire department" shall include
18 persons who, immediately prior to retirement, were employed by the fire
19 department of the city of New York in a title whose duties are those of
20 an emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician
21 (as those terms are defined in section three thousand one of the public
22 health law), or whose duties required the direct supervision of employ-
23 ees whose duties are those of an emergency medical technician or
24 advanced emergency medical technician (as those terms are defined in
25 section three thousand one of the public health law).

26 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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