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To enact section 145.585 of the Revised Code regarding health care coverage for law enforcement and public safety officers who have retired under the Public Employees Retirement System.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 145.585 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 145.585. As used in this section, "retired PERS law enforcement or public safety officer" means an individual who has retired under division (A)(1) or (2), (B)(1)(a) or (b), or (C)(1) or (2) of section 145.332 of the Revised Code.

Notwithstanding the requirement of section 145.58 of the Revised Code that eligibility for health care coverage provided under that section be based on years and types of service credit in accordance with rules adopted by the public employees retirement board, if the board provides health care coverage under that section, a retired PERS law enforcement or public safety officer is eligible for the coverage regardless of whether the retired officer meets the requirements of the rules.
Health care coverage provided to a retired PERS law enforcement or public safety officer as described in this section shall be provided on the same terms and at the same cost to the retired officer as to an individual determined eligible for health care coverage in accordance with the board's rules.