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Introduced by Sens. BRESLIN, ADAMS, DILAN, DUANE, HASSELL-THOMPSON,
  KLEIN, KRUGER, MONTGOMERY, ONORATO, OPPENHEIMER, PARKER, SAMPSON,
  SAVINO, SCHNEIDERMAN, SMITH, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered print-
  ed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service
  and Pensions

AN ACT in relation to affecting the health insurance benefits and
  contributions of certain retired public employees

  THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

 1   Section 1. From on and after May 15, 2009 until May 15, 2010, a public
 2 employer shall be prohibited from diminishing the health insurance bene-
 3 fits provided to retirees and their dependents or the contributions such
 4 employer makes for such health insurance coverage below the level of
 5 such benefits or contributions made on behalf of such retirees and their
 6 dependents by such employer unless a corresponding diminution of bene-
 7 fits or contributions is effected from the appropriate level as of May
 8 15, 2009 during this period by such employer from the corresponding
 9 group of active employees for such retirees. For the purpose of this
10 act, "public employer" shall mean the following: (i) the state; (ii) a
11 county, city, town or village; (iii) a school district, board of cooper-
12 ative educational services, vocational education and extension board or
13 a school district as enumerated in section 1 of chapter 566 of the laws
14 of 1967, as amended; (iv) any governmental entity operating a college or
15 university; (v) a public improvement or special district; (vi) a public
16 authority, commission or public benefit corporation; or (vii) any other
17 public corporation, agency, instrumentality or unit of government which
18 exercises governmental power under the laws of this state.
19   S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
20 have been in full force and effect on and after May 15, 2009.

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

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