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Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18658, sub-§2, ¶D** is enacted to read:

D. Any employee who, during a period of unpaid military leave of absence, does not continue coverage while on unpaid military leave must be reinstated to the levels of coverage in effect immediately prior to the unpaid military leave. A request for reinstatement by the employee must be made within 31 days of the employee's return to work following unpaid military leave. An employee who wants to be reinstated and who does not apply for reinstatement within 31 days of the employee's return to work from unpaid military leave must produce evidence of insurability at the employee's own expense and in accordance with the requirements of the insurance underwriter.

Sec. 3. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to any employee who is on military leave on or after January 1, 2007.’

SUMMARY

This amendment adds employees of participating local districts to those public employees whose group life insurance must be automatically reinstated when returning from unpaid military leave without having to provide evidence of insurability. It also makes the bill retroactive to any employee who is on military leave on or after January 1, 2007.