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To: Local and Private  
Legislation; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 826

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF  
2 GULFPORT TO MAKE ANNUAL EXPENDITURES OF CITY FUNDS TO PAY ALL OR A  
3 PORTION OF THE COST OF THE PREMIUMS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS  
4 FOR RETIRED CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE GROUP  
5 HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS PLAN ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** The governing authorities of the City of  
9 Gulfport, Mississippi, in their discretion, may make annual  
10 expenditures from any available funds of the city to pay all or a  
11 portion of the cost of the premiums for health insurance benefits  
12 provided under a group health insurance benefits plan established  
13 by the city under Sections 25-11-101 and 25-11-103, Mississippi  
14 Code of 1972, for retired employees of the city who are retired  
15 under the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) or a  
16 retirement system administered by PERS and who are participating  
17 in the group plan after their retirement.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
19 and after its passage.