General Assembly **Substitute Bill No. 757**

January Session, 2003

AN ACT PROTECTING MUNICIPAL RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special act 01-1, no municipality or subdivision of a municipality that provides group health insurance benefits to a retiree of the municipality or subdivision as of the effective date of this section shall diminish or eliminate such retiree's benefits. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit such municipality or subdivision from selecting an alternative insurance carrier to provide such retiree's benefits as long as the benefits provided by the alternative insurance carrier are at least equivalent to the benefits previously provided by such municipality or subdivision to such retiree.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	*from passage*

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*