

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 712

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIM MORRIS

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides relative to group insurance premiums for retirees of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5554(G)(7), relative to sheriffs; to provide relative to retiree health
3 benefits; to provide for the payments of group insurance premiums for retired
4 sheriffs and sheriff deputies of Caddo Parish; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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11 (7)(a) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to the
12 sheriff's office of Caddo Parish, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who are
13 hired prior to July 1, 2018, who meet the eligibility requirements and have the
14 requisite creditable service pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

15 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
16 sheriff of Caddo Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund one hundred
17 percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, dental
18 insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the
19 provisions of this Section for any sheriff and full-time deputy sheriff who was hired
20 on or after July 1, 2018, and retired from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, who is

1 entitled to receive monthly benefits from the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief
 2 Fund, and who has retired from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office with at least twenty
 3 years of creditable service and who is at least fifty-five years of age, or retired with
 4 at least thirty years of service at any age.

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DIGEST

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HB 712 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires the Caddo Parish Sheriff to pay 100% of group insurance premiums for particular retirees hired on or after July 1, 2018.

Present law authorizes the sheriff of each parish to pay the insurance premiums of the sheriff, sheriff deputies, and dependents of sheriff and sheriff deputies. The sheriff may contract with any insurance company authorized to do business in this state for group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense and group disability insurance. Present law also requires the sheriff of certain parishes, including Caddo, to pay these premiums in full for their employees that retire with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age.

Proposed law retains present law for retirees hired prior to July 1, 2018, and requires the Caddo Parish Sheriff to pay the insurance premiums for retired sheriff and sheriff deputies hired on or after July 1, 2018, and retire with at least 20 years of creditable service who are at least 55 years of age, or retire with at least 30 years of service at any age.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(7))