

SENATE BILL NO. 88

BY SENATOR FRED MILLS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(G)(2) and (V), relative to the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office group insurance; to provide for payments of life and health insurance premium costs for retirees; to provide for eligibility requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(2) and (V) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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(2) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired before July 1, 2009. The provisions of **Paragraph (1) of Subsection V of this Section shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired on and or after July 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2022. The provisions of Paragraph (2) of Subsection V of this Section shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2022.**

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V.**(1)** Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the sheriff of St. Martin Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy sheriff retired from the St. Martin Parish ~~sheriff's office~~ **Sheriff's Office** with twenty years of creditable service with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund. **The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to sheriffs**

1 and deputy sheriffs hired on or after July 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2022.

2 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the  
3 sheriff of St. Martin Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the  
4 premium costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy  
5 sheriff who retired from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

6 (a) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and  
7 medical expense insurance and ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted  
8 for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff and deputy sheriff retired  
9 in good standing with thirty continuous years or more of creditable full-time  
10 service with the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish and is at least fifty-five  
11 years of age.

12 (b) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and  
13 medical expense insurance and ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted  
14 for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff and deputy sheriff retired  
15 in good standing with twenty continuous years of creditable full-time service  
16 with the sheriff's office of St. Martin Parish and is at least sixty-five years of  
17 age.

18 (c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply only to persons hired or  
19 rehired by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office on or after July 1, 2022, and  
20 who subsequently retire from the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office.

21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022; if vetoed by the governor  
22 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day  
23 following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2022, whichever is later.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_