

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 221

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT AND SENATOR WARD

SHERIFFS: Provides relative to payment of group insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the West Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5554(G)(3), relative to the payment of group insurance premium costs; to  
3 provide for eligibility for payment of such costs for retired sheriffs and retired deputy  
4 sheriffs of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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12 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, in the  
13 parish of West Baton Rouge, one hundred percent of the premium costs of group  
14 hospital, surgical, medical expense and insurance and the first ten thousand dollars  
15 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section shall be paid in  
16 full from the sheriff's general fund for any sheriff and full-time deputy sheriff who  
17 has retired from the West Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office and who is entitled to receive  
18 monthly benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and who has either of  
19 the following:

1           (a) At least twelve years of full-time creditable service with the West Baton  
2           Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and who was hired before June 30, 2008, and is at least  
3           fifty-five years of age.

4           (b) At least thirty years of full-time service with the West Baton Rouge  
5           Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

6           (c) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall apply for any  
7           sheriff, deputy sheriff, and all persons hired by the West Baton Rouge Parish  
8           Sheriff's Office on or after July 1, 2008.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the payment of group insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and employees hired prior to June 30, 2008, for West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired 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 provides that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, vision and dental insurance, and life insurance shall be paid by the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for all sheriffs and employees who retire with 12 years of service with the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and who are at least 55 years of age.

Proposed law provides that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, vision and dental insurance, and life insurance shall be paid by the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for all sheriffs and employees who retire with 30 years or more of service with the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

Proposed law applies to persons hired by the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office before June 30, 2008. Premium costs for persons hired on or after July 1, 2008, shall be paid pursuant to present law.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(3))