

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

BY REPRESENTATIVE HALL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5554(FF), relative to payment of group insurance premiums for retirees  
3 from the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for qualifications for and  
4 payment of certain insurance premiums; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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9 FF.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the  
10 premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense and the first ten  
11 thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section  
12 shall be paid in full by the sheriff of Rapides Parish, from the sheriff's general fund,  
13 for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired from the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office  
14 hired on or after July 1, 2017, who are entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriff's  
15 Pension and Relief Fund, have at least fifteen years of service with the Rapides  
16 Parish Sheriff's Office, and are at least fifty-five years of age.

17 (2) The provisions of Paragraph (G)(1) of this Section shall apply to all  
18 persons hired by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office prior to July 1, 2017.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires retirees of the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office hired on or after July 1, 2017, to have at least 15 years of service with the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office and attained the age of 55 in order to have the premiums for certain health and life insurance benefits paid from the sheriff's general fund.

Present law provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of present law 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.

Present law is applicable only to sheriff's offices in the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, East Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. Bernard, St. James, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, Union, Vermillion, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, and West Feliciana and the sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans, for their respective retirees.

Proposed law retains present law for those persons hired by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office prior to July 1, 2017. Provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expenses, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff hired by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office on or after July 1, 2017 who:

- (1) Is entitled to receive monthly benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.
- (2) Retired from the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office with at least 15 years of service with the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office.
- (3) Is at least 55 years of age.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(F))