

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 120

BY SENATOR PERRY

SHERIFFS. Provides relative to premium costs for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office. (7/1/18)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(G)(1) and to enact R.S. 13:5554(II), relative to payment of certain premium costs of retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs; to provide relative to payment of certain premium costs for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs of the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for eligibility for payment of premium costs; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:5554(II) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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G.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least fifteen years of service who are at least fifty-five

1 years of age or retired with at least thirty years of service at any age. The provisions
 2 of this Subsection shall be applicable only to the sheriffs' offices of the parishes of
 3 Bossier, St. Bernard, St. Martin, Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Caddo,
 4 Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, East Feliciana, Grant,
 5 Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston, Morehouse,
 6 Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. James, Tangipahoa, Union,
 7 ~~Vermilion~~, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, and West
 8 Feliciana and the sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans, for their
 9 respective retirees. The provisions of this Subsection shall also apply to the
 10 employees of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and the Louisiana Sheriffs'
 11 Association, which fund and association shall pay the premium costs for their
 12 employees.

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14 **II. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, for**
 15 **persons hired on or before June 30, 2018, and retire on or after July 1, 2018, the**
 16 **Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office shall pay the premium costs of group hospital,**
 17 **surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand**
 18 **dollars of life insurance out of the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and**
 19 **deputy sheriffs who retire with at least fifteen years of full-time continuous and**
 20 **creditable service with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office and are at least**
 21 **fifty-five years of age or who retire with at least thirty years of full-time**
 22 **continuous and creditable service with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office,**
 23 **regardless of age.**

24 **(2) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff hired on or after July 1, 2018, the**
 25 **sheriff of Vermilion Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the**
 26 **premium costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy**
 27 **sheriff who retires from the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:**

28 **(a) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, dental,**
 29 **and medical expense and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance if the**

1 sheriff or deputy sheriff has at least fifteen years of full-time continuous and
 2 creditable service with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office and is at least fifty-
 3 five years of age and is retiring from active service with the Vermilion Parish
 4 Sheriff's Office. A sheriff or deputy sheriff's creditable days of full-time service
 5 shall be determined by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

6 (b) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital,
 7 surgical, dental, and medical expense insurance and the first ten thousand
 8 dollars of life insurance if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has at least thirty years
 9 of full-time continuous and creditable service with the Vermilion Parish
 10 Sheriff's Office, regardless of age. A sheriff or deputy sheriff's creditable days
 11 of full-time service shall be determined by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and
 12 Relief Fund.

13 (3) The Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office shall not be required to pay the
 14 premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental
 15 insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance for any person who
 16 retires on or after July 1, 2018, if such person separates from full-time
 17 continuous and creditable service with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office
 18 before meeting the requirements of Paragraphs (1) or (2) of this Subsection.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley E. Menou.

DIGEST

SB 120 Original

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Present law provides that the sheriff of Vermilion Parish shall pay in full from the sheriff's general fund certain insurance premium costs 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, for persons hired on or before June 30, 2018, and retiring after July 1, 2018, the 15 or 30 years of service must be with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Department and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that for persons hired on or after July 1, 2018, the Vermilion Parish Sheriff shall pay from the general fund premium costs as follows:

- (1) 50% for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with 15 years of full-time continuous and

creditable service with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office that are 55 years of age or older and retiring from active service.

- (2) 100% for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with 30 years of full-time continuous and creditable service with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

Proposed law provides that the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office shall not be required to pay the premium costs for any person who retires on or after July 1, 2018, if such person separates from full-time continuous and creditable service with the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office before meeting the requirements of proposed law.

Effective July 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(G)(1); adds R.S. 13:5554(II))