2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 401

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides relative to sheriffs' retiree health benefits

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 payment of group insurance premiums for the sheriff and
4	sheriff deputies of East Feliciana 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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9	(7)(a) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to the
10	sheriff's office of East Feliciana Parish, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs
11	who were hired prior to July 1, 2018, who meet the eligibility requirements and have
12	the requisite creditable service pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.
13	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
14	sheriff of East Feliciana Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the
15	premium cost of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and
16	the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of
17	this Section shall be paid for any retired sheriff and sheriff deputy who is hired on
18	or after July 1, 2018, as follows:
19	(i) Fifty percent of the premium cost of group hospital, surgical, medical
20	expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance from

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1	any sheriff and sheriff deputy who retires from the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's
2	Office with fifteen years of creditable service, is at least fifty-five years of age, and
3	is entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.
4	(ii) Seventy-five percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
5	medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life
6	insurance for any sheriff and sheriff deputy who retires from the East Feliciana
7	Parish Sheriff's Office with twenty years of creditable service, is at least fifty-five
8	years of age, and is entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief
9	Fund.
10	(iii) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
11	medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life
12	insurance for any sheriff and sheriff deputy who retires from East Feliciana Parish
13	Sheriff's Office with twenty-five years of service, is at least fifty-five years of age,
14	and is entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.
15	(iv) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
16	medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life
17	insurance for any sheriff and sheriff deputy who retires from East Feliciana Parish
18	Sheriff's Office with thirty years of creditable service and is entitled to receive
19	benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff to pay a certain percentage of group insurance premiums for certain retirees.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the sheriff of each parish to pay for 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.

<u>Present law</u> requires the sheriff of certain parishes, including East Feliciana, to pay these premiums in full for their retirees.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> for those retirees hired prior to July 1, 2018, and requires the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff to pay the insurance premiums for retired sheriff and sheriff deputies hired on or after July 1, 2018, depending on their years of service:

- (1) Retirees with 15 years of service who have reached 55 years of age shall have 50% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (2) Retirees with 20 years of service who have reached 55 years of age shall have 75% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (3) Retirees with 25 years of service who have reached 55 years of age shall have 100% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (4) Retirees with 30 years of service at any age shall have 100% of their insurance premiums paid.

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