

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1665.2(G), relative to financial security for survivors of law enforcement
3 officers killed in the line of duty; to provide health insurance coverage for the
4 surviving spouse or child of a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty for
5 a limited time period; to provide for premium payments; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1665.2(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1665.2. Financial security for surviving spouses and children of law enforcement
10 officers in certain cases

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12 G.(1) The employer of a law enforcement officer who suffers death as a
13 result of any injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official
14 duties as an officer, or arising out of any activity while on or off duty in his capacity
15 as a law enforcement officer in the protection of life or property shall provide and
16 pay for health insurance coverage for the law enforcement officer's surviving spouse
17 for two years following the death of the law enforcement officer.

18 (2)(a) The employer of a law enforcement officer who suffers death as a
19 result of any injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official
20 duties as an officer, or arising out of any activity while on or off duty in his capacity
21 as a law enforcement officer in the protection of life or property shall provide and
22 pay for health insurance coverage for the law enforcement officer's child, stepchild,
23 or adopted child who is either:

1 (i) Under the age of eighteen.

2 (ii) Under the age of twenty-three and enrolled in and regularly attending a
3 secondary school or is a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

4 (iii) Physically or mentally disabled.

5 (b) The employer shall provide and pay for the health insurance provided
6 pursuant to this Paragraph for two years following the death of the law enforcement
7 officer or until the child no longer meets the qualifications provided in this
8 Paragraph, whichever comes first.

9 (3) If health insurance coverage is offered by the employer to active
10 members, the health insurance provided to a surviving spouse or child pursuant to
11 this Subsection shall be equal in coverage to that offered to active members.

12 (4)(a) The surviving spouse shall have the option to decline the health
13 insurance coverage provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

14 (b) The surviving parent or legal guardian of each child, stepchild, or
15 adopted child of the deceased law enforcement officer shall have the option to
16 decline the health insurance coverage provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection
17 for the child.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____