

SENATE BILL NO. 261

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1668(C) and (F) and to repeal R.S. 40:1668(G)(4), relative to insurance benefits for firemen and officers who suffer a catastrophic injury resulting in permanent and total disability in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1668(C) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1668. Benefits for disabled firemen and law enforcement officers in certain cases

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C.(1) In any case in which an officer is determined by the board or a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to Paragraph (E)(2) of this Section to be permanently and totally disabled as the direct and proximate result of a catastrophic injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of the officer's official duties, the following shall be paid by the state risk ~~manager out of the Self-Insurance Fund~~ **director pursuant to R.S. 39:1533(A)(2)** on behalf of the officer from the date of the catastrophic injury as long as the officer is permanently and totally disabled:

(a)(i) Premiums due from the officer for the amount and type of life, health, accident, accidental death and dismemberment, hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance covering the officer and maintained by the officer through the officer's employer at the time of the catastrophic injury.

**(ii) If the injured officer no longer qualifies under Item (i) of this Subparagraph, premiums due for insurance that provides for life, health, accident, accidental death, and dismemberment, hospitals, surgical, and medical expense insurance similar to that maintained by the officer through his employer at the time of the catastrophic injury.**

