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## DIGEST

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HB 285 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides medical benefits for volunteer reserve police officers and deputies who may become injured while the volunteer member is in the line of duty.

Present law provides that a volunteer reserve officer or deputy shall be covered under their own insurance policy.

Proposed law provides that any reserve police officer or deputy who volunteers for a municipal or parish law enforcement agency, may be entitled to medical benefits pursuant to present law if injured during the line of duty.

Proposed law provides that the public entity may elect to provide coverage for volunteer reserve police officers or deputies by using its own funds and at their own discretion.

Proposed law provides that the injured reserve police officer or reserve deputy shall not be compensated for injuries occurring within the course of, or arising out of, the volunteer reserve officer's or deputy's other employment.

Proposed law provides that the injured volunteer reserve officer or reserve deputy shall not be entitled to be compensated for lost wages.

Proposed law defines the term "volunteer reserve officer" to mean an individual who is carried on the membership list of the municipal organization as an active participant in the normal functions of the law enforcement organization.

Proposed law defines the term "volunteer reserve deputy" as an individual who is a part-time, non-salaried, fully-commissioned law enforcement officer who volunteers with the parish organization.

(Adds R.S. 23:1036.1)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill:

1. Specify that medical benefits shall be given to volunteer reserve officers or deputies if the municipality, parish, or public entity elects to provide such benefits.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Specify that a public entity may provide coverage to volunteer reserve police officers or deputies at their discretion and by using their own funds to provide such coverage.