

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 23:1036.1, relative to benefits for volunteer reserve police officers and
3 deputies; to provide medical benefits for injured reserve police officers and deputies
4 under certain circumstances; to provide definitions; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 23:1036.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1036.1. Reserve police officers and deputies; coverage

9 A. Any reserve police officer or reserve deputy who volunteers for a law
10 enforcement agency, municipal or parish, and performs law enforcement activities
11 and protective services and is injured in the line of duty may be entitled to medical
12 benefits pursuant to R.S. 23:1203 if the municipality, parish, or public entity, in its
13 own discretion and by using its own funds, elects to provide such coverage. Such
14 benefits shall not be subject to a copayment, deductible, or any other method to shift
15 the cost of compensable medical care to the injured volunteer reserve officer or
16 deputy.

17 B. No law enforcement agency shall provide indemnity benefits for the
18 volunteer reserve police officer or deputy.

19 C. No law enforcement agency shall be liable for benefits under this Section
20 for injuries occurring within the course of, or arising out of, the volunteer reserve
21 officer's or deputy's other employment.

22 D. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms have the meaning
23 ascribed to them:

1 (1) "Volunteer reserve police officer" means an individual who is carried on
 2 the membership list of the municipal organization as an active participant in the
 3 normal functions of the law enforcement organization and who receives nominal or
 4 no remuneration for his services.

5 (2) "Volunteer reserve deputy" means an individual who is a part-time, non-
 6 salaried, fully-commissioned law enforcement officer who is a volunteer of the
 7 parish organization.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____