

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Boudreaux to Reengrossed House Bill No. 467 by Representative Hilferty

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2 and insert:

"To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 7-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 22:1059.6, R.S. 39:1533(A)(3), and R.S. 40:1081.13 and 1668.1, relative to health insurance coverage; to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "plans;" insert "to provide for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers injured in the course and scope of employment; to provide for the duties and powers of the state risk director; to provide for the duties and powers of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 16 and 17 insert:

"Section 2. R.S. 39:1533(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1533. Self-Insurance Fund

A. \* \* \*

(3) Payment for extraordinary medical and dental expenses for law enforcement officers and firemen as provided for in R.S. 40:1668.1 shall be made by the office of risk management on behalf of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board as a result of a specific appropriation received for that purpose.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 17, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, between lines 17 and 18 insert:

"Section 4. The heading of Chapter 7-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1668.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7-C. FIREMEN AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS -  
DISABILITY BENEFITS - EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES

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§1668.1. Payment for extraordinary medical and dental expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers

A. It is hereby declared to be the public policy of this state, under its police power, to provide for certain extraordinary medical and dental expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers determined to be injured as the direct and proximate result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of their official duties.

B. As used in this Section, the following words have the following meanings:

(1) "Board" means the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board created and provided for in R.S. 40:1665.3.

(2) "Extraordinary medical and dental expenses" means any of the following:

(a) Medical expenses of the injured employee not covered by workers' compensation coverage or by the health insurance plan provided by the employer.

(b) Dental expenses of the injured employee not covered by workers' compensation coverage or by the health insurance plan provided by the employer.

(3) "Law enforcement officer" means the following:

(a) All sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in the state employed on a full-time basis.

(b) All members of the state police employed on a full-time basis.

(c) All municipal police officers in the state employed on a full-time basis.

(d) All university and college police officers at state universities and colleges employed on a full-time basis.

(4) "Officer" includes firemen as defined in R.S. 40:1665 and law enforcement officers as defined in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

C. In any case in which an officer is injured as the direct and proximate result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of their official duties, the state risk director shall pay, as provided by R.S. 39:1533(A)(3), on behalf of the officer any extraordinary medical and dental expenses incurred as determined by the board.

D.(1) The board shall hear and decide by unanimous vote all claims for extraordinary medical and dental expenses within sixty days after documentation is received. The board may request any information necessary to make a determination of eligibility for the payment of such expenses.

(2) Within ten days after the board has reached its decision, it shall send notice of its decision to the officer by certified mail. If the board denies the claim, the officer shall have one year from the date of denial to file suit against the state through the board in the parish where the incident that brought about the injury occurred. The date of denial shall be calculated as one year from the date of receipt of the decision from the board.

E. If the board determines the officer qualifies for the benefit payable under this Section, the board shall notify the state risk director.

F. The maximum benefit payable shall be fifty thousand dollars per injury per officer.

G. No benefit shall be payable pursuant to this Section if any of the following applies:

(1) The injury was caused by the intentional misconduct of the officer or by the officer's intention to bring about his death, disability, or injury.

(2) The officer was voluntarily intoxicated at the time of his injury.

(3) The officer was performing his duties in a grossly negligent manner at the time of his injury.

H. The board may adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Section.

I. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to extraordinary medical or dental expenses incurred due to an injury arising out of and in the course of performance of an officer's duties on or after January 1, 2023."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 18, change "Section 3." to "Section 5."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 24, change "Section 4.(A)" to "Section 6.(A)" and change "Sections 1 through 3" to "Sections 1, 3, and 5"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, after line 3, insert:

"Section 7. The provisions of this Section and Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall become effective July 1, 2025."

