

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(X), relative to the premium costs of group hospital and  
3 health insurance for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs in DeSoto Parish; to  
4 provide for eligibility of premium costs; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(X) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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9 X.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the  
10 sheriff of DeSoto Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs  
11 of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who retired  
12 from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

13 ~~(+)~~ (a) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,  
14 medical expense, and dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life  
15 insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy  
16 sheriff retired with thirty years or more of creditable service with the sheriff's office  
17 of DeSoto Parish.

1           ~~(2)~~ (b) Seventy-five percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,  
 2           medical expense, and dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life  
 3           insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy  
 4           sheriff retired with twenty-five years of creditable service with the sheriff's office of  
 5           DeSoto Parish.

6           ~~(3)~~ (c) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,  
 7           medical expense, and dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life  
 8           insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy  
 9           sheriff retired with twenty years of creditable service with the sheriff's office of  
 10          DeSoto Parish.

11          ~~(4)~~ (d) The provisions of ~~Paragraphs~~ Subparagraphs ~~(1)~~ (a) through ~~(3)~~ (c)  
 12          ~~and this Paragraph~~ of this ~~Subsection~~ Paragraph shall apply only to persons hired by  
 13          the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office on or after January 1, 2009, and who ~~subsequently~~  
 14          ~~retire~~ retired from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office before January 1, 2026.

15          (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the  
 16          sheriff of DeSoto Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs  
 17          of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who retired  
 18          from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

19                 (a) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,  
 20                 medical expense, and dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life  
 21                 insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy  
 22                 sheriff retired with twenty years or more of creditable service with the sheriff's office  
 23                 of DeSoto Parish.

24                 (b) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical  
 25                 expense, and dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance  
 26                 contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy sheriff  
 27                 retired with fifteen years or more of creditable service with the sheriff's office of  
 28                 DeSoto Parish.

