

ACT No. 45

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HOUSE BILL NO. 46

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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

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

