

Existing law provides that the sheriff of Richland Parish shall pay 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and life insurance from the sheriff's general fund for any retired sheriff or deputy sheriff entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and who is at least 55 years of age and has 15 years of full-time service or has 30 years of full-time service, regardless of age.

New law provides that existing law shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who are eligible to retire and meet certain requirements on or before Aug. 31, 2013.

New law requires the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance to be paid by the sheriff of Richland Parish from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who first become eligible to retire and subsequently retire after Aug. 31, 2013, as follows:

- (1) 50% with at least 25 years of service with the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office and who has attained the age of 55 years of age.
- (2) 100% with at least 30 years of service with the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

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