

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE BILL NO. 125

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SHERIFFS. Provides for the payment of insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Madison Parish.(7/1/09)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1448(G) and to enact R.S. 33:1448(U), relative to sheriffs;
3 to provide for the premium costs of group hospital, health, and life insurance for
4 retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Madison Parish; to provide for eligibility; to
5 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:1448(G) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:1448(U)
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1448. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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11 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
12 premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and
13 the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of
14 this Section shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and
15 deputy sheriffs retired with at least fifteen years of service who are at least fifty-five
16 years of age or retired with at least thirty years of service at any age. The provisions
17 of this Subsection shall be applicable only to the sheriffs' offices of the parishes of

1 Bossier, St. Bernard, St. Martin, Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville,
 2 Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, DeSoto, East
 3 Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston,
 4 ~~Madison~~, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. James,
 5 St. John, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West
 6 Carroll, West Feliciana, and any parish with a population of between one hundred
 7 thousand and one hundred two thousand according to the latest federal decennial
 8 census and the sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans, for their
 9 respective retirees. The provisions of this Subsection shall also apply to the
 10 employees of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and the Louisiana Sheriffs'
 11 Association, which fund and association shall pay the premium costs for their
 12 employees.

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14 **U. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the**
 15 **sheriff of Madison Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the**
 16 **premium costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy**
 17 **sheriff who retires from the Madison Parish Sheriff's Department as follows:**

18 **(1) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff who retired before July 1, 2009, one**
 19 **hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical**
 20 **expense, dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance**
 21 **contracted for under the provisions of this Section, if the sheriff or deputy**
 22 **sheriff retired with either of the following:**

23 **(a) At least fifteen years of service and were at least fifty-five years of**
 24 **age.**

25 **(b) At least thirty years or more of service at any age.**

26 **(2) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff who retires on and after July 1,**
 27 **2009, one hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,**
 28 **medical expense, dental insurance, and life insurance expenses contracted for**
 29 **under the provisions of this Section for any sheriff or deputy sheriff who has at**

1 **least fifteen years of continuous service with the Madison Parish Sheriff's**
2 **Department as of June 30, 2009.**

3 **(3) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff who retires on and after July 1,**
4 **2009, one hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,**
5 **medical expense, dental insurance, and life insurance contracted for under the**
6 **provisions of this Section, if the sheriff or deputy sheriff retires with thirty years**
7 **or more of continuous service with the Madison Parish Sheriff's Department.**

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009.

The original instrument was prepared by Ann S. Brown. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Michelle Ducharme.

DIGEST

Thompson (SB 125)

Present law (R.S. 33:1448(G)) provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age for various parishes.

Proposed law retains present law premium payment for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the Madison Parish Sheriff's Department who retire prior to July 1, 2009.

Proposed law provides that for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retiring on and after 7/1/09, Madison Parish Sheriff's Department shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund 100% of premium payment for insurance benefit for:

- (1) Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who have at least 15 years of continuous service with the Madison Parish Sheriff's Department as of June 30, 2009; and
- (2) Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who have 30 years or more of continuous service with the Madison Parish Sheriff's Department.

Proposed law provides 100% of life insurance expenses for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire on and after 7/1/09.

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 33:1448(G); adds R.S. 33:1448(U))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on 125Judiciary B to the original bill.

1. Makes technical changes.