

Regular Session, 2009

# ACT No. 410

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURFORD

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1448(G) and to enact R.S. 33:1448(U), relative to the  
3 premium costs of group hospital and health insurance for retired sheriffs and retired  
4 deputy sheriffs in DeSoto Parish; to provide for eligibility for payment of premium  
5 costs; 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  
18 Bossier, St. Bernard, St. Martin, Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville,  
19 Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, ~~DeSoto~~, East  
20 Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston,  
21 Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. James,  
22 St. John, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West  
23 Carroll, West Feliciana, and any parish with a population of between one hundred  
24 thousand and one hundred two thousand according to the latest federal decennial

1 census and the sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans, for their  
2 respective retirees. The provisions of this Subsection shall also apply to the  
3 employees of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and the Louisiana Sheriffs'  
4 Association, which fund and association shall pay the premium costs for their  
5 employees.

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

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

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

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

26 (4) The provisions of Paragraphs (1) through (3) and this Paragraph of this  
27 Subsection shall apply only to persons hired by the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office  
28 after January 1, 2009, and who subsequently retire from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's  
29 Office.

1                   (5) The provisions of Subsection G of this Section shall apply to all persons  
2                   hired before January 1, 2009.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_