

Regular Session, 2014

# ACT No. 276

HOUSE BILL NO. 1263 (Substitute for House Bill No. 47 by Representative Henry Burns)

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(Z) and 5554.1(C)(2) and (G)(1)(introductory  
3 paragraph), relative to the payment of insurance premium costs; to provide for  
4 eligibility requirements for the payment of insurance premium costs for retired  
5 sheriffs and employees of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for the  
6 investment of monies into the Bossier Parish Retired Employees Insurance Fund; to  
7 provide for the creation of a board of trustees and its responsibilities; and to provide  
8 for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(Z) and 5554.1(C)(2) and (G)(1)(introductory paragraph) are  
11 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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14 Z. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the  
15 Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office shall pay the premium costs of group insurance for  
16 any retired sheriff and any retired employee ~~hired on or after September 1, 2010;~~  
17 who retired from the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

18 (1) ~~One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,~~  
19 ~~medical expense, and dental insurance, and life insurance contracted for under the~~  
20 ~~provisions of this Section if the sheriff or employee retired with thirty years or more~~  
21 ~~of service with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, regardless of age~~  
22 The provisions of Paragraph (G)(1) of this Section shall apply to any sheriff or  
23 employee who was hired prior to September 1, 2010.

1           (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the  
 2           Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office shall pay the premium costs of group insurance for  
 3           any retired sheriff and any retired employee who was hired on or after September 1,  
 4           2010 and before July 1, 2014, and who retired from the Bossier Parish Sheriff's  
 5           Office as follows:

6           (a) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,  
 7           medical expense, dental insurance and life insurance contracted for under the  
 8           provisions of this Section if the sheriff or employee retired with thirty years or more  
 9           of service with the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund, regardless of age.

10          (b) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical  
 11          expense, and dental insurance, and life insurance contracted for under the provisions  
 12          of this Section if the sheriff or employee retired with twenty years of service with the  
 13          Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and is at least fifty-five years of age.

14          (3) ~~The provisions of Paragraph (G)(1) of this Section shall apply to all~~  
 15          ~~persons hired by the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office before September 1, 2010~~ Any  
 16          sheriff or employee of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office who was hired on or after  
 17          July 1, 2014, and who retires with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office and served a  
 18          minimum of ten consecutive years of their total service requirement with the Bossier  
 19          Parish Sheriff's Office shall be eligible for payment of group insurance benefits, as  
 20          follows:

21          (a) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,  
 22          medical expense, dental insurance and life insurance contracted for under the  
 23          provisions of this Section if the sheriff or employee retired with thirty years or more  
 24          of service with the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and has attained the age of  
 25          fifty-five.

26          (b) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical  
 27          expense, and dental insurance, and life insurance contracted for under the provisions  
 28          of this Section if the sheriff or employee retired with twenty years of service with the  
 29          Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and has attained sixty years of age.

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1               §5554.1. Bossier Parish; payment of group insurance premiums; retired sheriffs and  
2                                 deputy sheriffs; creation of fund

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4               C. Upon recommendation of the board established in Subsection G of this  
5               Section, the sheriff of Bossier Parish shall invest the monies in the BREIF as  
6               follows:

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8               (2) At least twenty-five percent in fixed income investments, provided that  
9               ~~the average credit quality~~ a minimum of twenty-five percent of the fixed income  
10              portion is rated as investment grade by a nationally recognized rating agency.

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12              G.(1) ~~To provide recommendations concerning the investment of funds~~  
13              oversight, control, general management of the affairs of the fund and investments of  
14              the monies as provided in Subsection C of this Section, the sheriff shall establish an  
15              ~~investment advisory board~~ a board of trustees consisting of seven members as  
16              follows:

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18              Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
19              signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
20              by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
21              vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
22              effective on the day following such approval.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_