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ACT No. 656

AN ACT

SENATE BILL NO. 261

BY SENATORS ERDEY AND THOMPSON

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1668(C) and (F) and to repeal R.S. 40:1668(G)(4), relative
3	to insurance benefits for firemen and officers who suffer a catastrophic injury
4	resulting in permanent and total disability in certain circumstances; and to provide
5	for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 40:1668(C) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8	follows:
9	§1668. Benefits for disabled firemen and law enforcement officers in certain cases
10	* * *
11	C.(1) In any case in which an officer is determined by the board or a court of
12	competent jurisdiction pursuant to Paragraph (E)(2) of this Section to be permanently
13	and totally disabled as the direct and proximate result of a catastrophic injury arising
14	out of and in the course of the performance of the officer's official duties, the
15	following shall be paid by the state risk manager out of the Self-Insurance Fund
16	director pursuant to R.S. 39:1533(A)(2) on behalf of the officer from the date of
17	the catastrophic injury as long as the officer is permanently and totally disabled:
18	(a)(i) Premiums due from the officer for the amount and type of life, health,
19	accident, accidental death and dismemberment, hospital, surgical, and medical
20	expense insurance covering the officer and maintained by the officer through the
21	officer's employer at the time of the catastrophic injury.
22	(ii) If the injured officer no longer qualifies under Item (i) of this
23	Subparagraph, premiums due for insurance that provides for life, health,
24	accident, accidental death, and dismemberment, hospitals, surgical, and medical
25	expense insurance similar to that maintained by the officer through his
26	employer at the time of the catastrophic injury.

1 (iii) This Subparagraph shall not apply to any premium due from the officer 2 for insurance covering any individual other than the officer. (b) Copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles applicable to any insurance 3 4 policy for which premiums are paid pursuant to Subparagraph Item (a)(i) or (ii) of 5 this Paragraph for healthcare benefits received by the officer. (2) The premiums, deductibles, **coinsurance**, and copayments paid pursuant 6 7 to this Section shall be in addition to any other benefit or income available and paid to the injured officer for the disability due to the catastrophic injury. 8 9 10 F. If the board determines the officer qualifies for the benefit payable under 11 this Section, the board shall notify the state risk manager director. 12 Section 2. R.S. 40:1668(G)(4) is hereby repealed in its entirety. 13 14 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 18 effective on the day following such approval. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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