

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

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

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides relative to certain retirees of the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Dept.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5554(NN), relative to the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide
3 for insurance premium payments for sheriff and deputy sheriff retirees; to provide
4 for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(NN) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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9 NN. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, one
10 hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense,
11 vision and dental insurance, and life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's
12 general fund, by the sheriff of East Carroll Parish, for any sheriff or deputy sheriff
13 who retires directly from the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office on or after January
14 1, 2022, who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief
15 Fund, and meets any of the following conditions at the time of retirement:

16 (1) Has attained the age of sixty-two years and has earned or purchased at
17 least fifteen years of service credit, with at least twelve of those years being service
18 credit earned with the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office.

1 (2) Has attained the age of fifty-five years and has earned or purchased at
2 least twenty years of service credit, with at least fifteen of those years being service
3 credit earned with the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office.

4 (3) Has earned or purchased at least thirty years of service credit, with at
5 least twenty of those years being service credit earned with the East Carroll Parish
6 Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

DIGEST

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HB 189 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for insurance benefits and eligibility requirements for retirees of the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law (R.S. 13:5554) provides that sheriffs and deputy sheriffs shall be insured under a policy, or policies, of group life, health, accident, accidental death and dismemberment, hospital, surgical, or medical expense insurance in such an amount, or amounts, as may be contracted for by the officers of the La. Sheriffs' Assoc. Further provides that dependents of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs may be insured under the group policies which provide hospital, surgical, or medical expense insurance contracted for by the La. Sheriffs' Assoc.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, vision and dental insurance, and life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund, by the sheriff of East Carroll Parish, for any sheriff or deputy sheriff who retires directly from the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office on or after Jan. 1, 2022, who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund, and meets any of the following conditions at the time of retirement:

- (1) Has attained the age of 62 years and has earned or purchased at least 15 years of service credit, with at least 12 of those years being service credit earned with the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office.
- (2) Has attained the age of 55 years and has earned or purchased at least 20 years of service credit, with at least 15 of those years being service credit earned with the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office.
- (3) Has earned or purchased at least 30 years of service credit, with at least 20 of those years being service credit earned with the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(NN))