

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 231 by Representative Chassion

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert the following:

"To enact R.S. 40:1665(D) and 1665.2(H),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 9 and 10 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 40:1665(D) and 1665.2(H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

"(5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of this Subsection shall only apply to a parish with a population of not less than two hundred forty thousand persons and no more than two hundred fifty-five thousand persons based on the latest federal decennial census.

(6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of this Subsection shall be applied retroactively to January 1, 2017 for the payment of health insurance benefits for the surviving spouses and children of all firemen who suffered death as a result of any injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of their official duties as a fireman, or arising out of any activity while on or off duty in their capacity as a fireman in the protection of life or property."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 25 through 29 in their entirety and delete page 3 in its entirety and insert the following:

"H.(1) The employer of a law enforcement officer who suffers death as a result of any injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official duties as a law enforcement officer, or arising out of any activity while on or off duty in his capacity as a law enforcement officer in the protection of life or property shall provide and pay for health insurance coverage for the law enforcement officer's surviving spouse for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life following the death of the law enforcement officer.

(2)(a) The employer of a law enforcement officer who suffers death as a result of any injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official duties as a law enforcement officer, or arising out of any activity while on or off duty in his capacity as a law enforcement officer in the protection of life or property shall provide and pay for health insurance coverage for the law enforcement officer's child, stepchild, or adopted child who is either:

(i) Under the age of eighteen.

(ii) Under the age of twenty-three and enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary school or is a full-time student at an accredited college or university.

(iii) Physically or mentally disabled.

(b) The employer shall provide and pay for the health insurance provided pursuant to this Paragraph following the death of the law enforcement officer until the child no longer meets the qualifications provided in this Paragraph.

1           (3) If health insurance coverage is offered by the employer to active  
2 members, the health insurance provided to a surviving spouse or child pursuant to  
3 this Subsection shall be equal in coverage to that offered to active members.

4           (4)(a) The surviving spouse shall have the option to decline the health  
5 insurance coverage provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

6           (b) The surviving parent or legal guardian of each child, stepchild, or  
7 adopted child of the deceased law enforcement officer shall have the option to  
8 decline the health insurance coverage provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection  
9 for the child.

10          (5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of  
11 this Subsection shall only apply to a parish with a population of not less than two  
12 hundred forty thousand persons and no more than two hundred fifty-five thousand  
13 persons based on the latest federal decennial census.

14          (6) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of  
15 this Subsection shall be applied retroactively to January 1, 2017 for the payment of  
16 health insurance benefits for the surviving spouses and children of all law  
17 enforcement officers who suffered death as a result of any injury arising out of and  
18 in the course of the performance of their official duties as a law enforcement officer,  
19 or arising out of any activity while on or off duty in their capacity as a law  
20 enforcement officer in the protection of life or property."