

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides relative to premium costs of group hospital and health insurance for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs in DeSoto Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(X), relative to the premium costs of group hospital and
3 health insurance for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs in DeSoto Parish; to
4 provide for eligibility of premium costs; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(X) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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9 X.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
10 sheriff of DeSoto Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs
11 of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who retired
12 from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

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

18 ~~(2)~~(b) Seventy-five percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
19 medical expense, and dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life
20 insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy

1 sheriff retired with twenty-five years of creditable service with the sheriff's office of
2 DeSoto Parish.

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

8 ~~(4)~~ (d) The provisions of ~~Paragraphs~~ Subparagraphs ~~(1)~~ (a) through ~~(3)~~ (c)
9 ~~and this Paragraph~~ of this ~~Subsection~~ Paragraph shall apply only to persons hired by
10 the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office on or after January 1, 2009, and who ~~subsequently~~
11 ~~retire~~ retired from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office before January 1, 2026.

12 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
13 sheriff of DeSoto Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs
14 of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who retired
15 from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

16 (a) One hundred 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 years or more of creditable service with the sheriff's office
20 of DeSoto Parish.

21 (b) 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 fifteen years or more of creditable service with the sheriff's office of
25 DeSoto Parish.

26 (c) The provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph shall apply
27 only to persons hired by the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office on or after January 1,
28 2009, and who subsequently retire from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office.

