

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 621 (HB 145)

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New law provides for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers injured in the course of their official duties. Limits the maximum benefit payable to \$25,000 per injury per officer.

New law expands the powers and duties of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board to hear and decide claims for extraordinary medical and dental expenses. Requires approval by the board of the extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers injured in the course of their official duties. Allows the board to adopt rules and regulations.

New law requires the state risk director to pay extraordinary medical and dental expenses from the Self-Insurance Fund.

New law applies to extraordinary medical or dental expenses incurred due to an injury arising out of and in the course of performance of an officer's duties on or after Jan. 1, 2023.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends the heading of Chapter 7-C of Title 40 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950; Adds R.S. 39:1533(A)(3) and R.S. 40:1668.1)