

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.

1                   ~~(5)~~ (3) The provisions of Paragraph (G)(1) of this Section shall apply to all  
2                   persons hired before January 1, 2009.

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# DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Specifies the requirements for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire and become eligible for payment of group insurance premium costs from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law provides that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of present law shall be paid in full by the sheriff of DeSoto Parish, from the sheriff's general fund, for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office who were hired on or after Jan. 1, 2009, who are entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund, have at least 30 years of service with the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law provides that 75% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of present law shall be paid in full by the sheriff of DeSoto Parish, from the sheriff's general fund, for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office who were hired on or after Jan. 1, 2009, who are entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and have at least 25 years of service with the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law further provides that 50% of the premium costs shall be paid for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who have at least 20 years of service with the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office.

Proposed law provides that the payment of present law benefits shall only apply to persons hired on or after Jan. 1, 2009, and retired from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office before Jan. 1, 2026.

Proposed law provides that the premium costs of group insurance shall be paid in full by the sheriff of DeSoto Parish, from the sheriff's general fund, for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office who have at least 20 years of service with the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office and who retire after Jan. 1, 2026.

Proposed law provides that 50% of the premium costs of group insurance shall be paid in full by the sheriff of DeSoto Parish, from the sheriff's general fund, for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office who have at least 15 years of service with the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office and who retire after Jan. 1, 2026.

Proposed law provides that the payment of present law benefits shall only apply to persons hired on or after Jan. 1, 2009, and subsequently retire from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office.

(Amends R.S. 13:5554(X))