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HOUSE BILL NO. 195

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY

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

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides with respect to payment of insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(R), relative to the payment of group insurance premium
3	costs for persons retired from the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for
4	eligibility for payment of such costs for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs
5	of the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for effective dates; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(R) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation
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11	R. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, in the
12	parish the sheriff of Richland Parish shall pay one hundred percent of the premium
13	costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first ten
14	thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section
15	shall be paid from the sheriff's general fund the premium costs of group insurance
16	for any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff who is entitled to receive monthly benefits
17	from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and has retired who retires from the

Richland Parish Sheriff's Office sheriff's office and who is entitled to receive

1	monthly benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and who has either of
2	the following as follows:
3	(1) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff who is eligible to retire and meets the
4	requirements of the following Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Paragraph on or
5	before August 31, 2013, one hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital,
6	surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life
7	insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section, if the sheriff or deputy
8	sheriff retires with either of the following:
9	(a) At least fifteen years of full-time service with the Richland Parish
10	sheriff's office Sheriff's Office and is at least fifty-five years of age.
11	(2)(b) At least thirty years of full-time service with the Richland Parish
12	sheriff's office Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.
13	(2) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff who first becomes eligible to retire and
14	subsequently retires after August 31, 2013, fifty percent of the premium costs of
15	group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first ten thousand
16	dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the
17	sheriff or deputy sheriff retires with at least twenty-five years of creditable service
18	with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund at age fifty-five.
19	(3) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
20	and medical expense insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance
21	contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy sheriff
22	retires with thirty years or more of creditable service with the Louisiana Sheriffs'
23	Pension and Relief Fund, regardless of age.
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DIGEST

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Chaney HB No. 195

Abstract: Provides for eligibility for payment of group insurance premium costs for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retiring from the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the sheriff of Richland Parish shall pay 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and life insurance from the sheriff's general fund for any retired sheriff or deputy sheriff entitled to receive benefits from the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and who is at least 55 years of age and has 15 years of full-time service or has 30 years of full-time service, regardless of age.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>present law</u> shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who are eligible to retire and meet certain requirements on or before Aug. 31, 2013.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance, and the first \$10,000 of life insurance to be paid by the sheriff of Richland Parish from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who first become eligible to retire and subsequently retire after Aug. 31, 2013, as follows:

- (1) 50% with at least 25 years of service with the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office at 55 years of age.
- (2) 100% with at least 30 years of service with the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

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