

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 331

BY SENATOR MORRISH

SHERIFFS. Provides with respect to the payment of insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office. (1/1/15)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5554(G)(3), relative to the payment of group insurance premium costs for
3 certain retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs; to provide for eligibility for payment of
4 such costs for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs of the Acadia Parish
5 Sheriff's Office; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5554(G)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §5554. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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10 G.(1) * * *

11 **(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,**
12 **the sheriff of Acadia Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the**
13 **premium costs of group insurance for any sheriff or deputy sheriff who is**
14 **eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, as**
15 **follows:**

16 **(a) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and**
17 **medical expense insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section**

1 **and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the**
 2 **provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has attained the age of**
 3 **fifty-five years with twenty or more years of full-time continuous service with**
 4 **the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office.**

5 **(b) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital,**
 6 **surgical, and medical expense insurance contracted for under the provisions of**
 7 **this Section and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for**
 8 **under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has**
 9 **completed thirty years or more of full-time creditable service with twenty years**
 10 **of continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.**

11 **(c) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to**
 12 **the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs**
 13 **retired on or before June 30, 2014. The provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and**
 14 **(b) of this Paragraph shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire on**
 15 **or after July 1, 2014; however, any sheriff or deputy sheriff who has met the**
 16 **eligibility requirements pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, on or**
 17 **before June 30, 2014, may retire at any time with benefits as provided in**
 18 **Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.**

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20 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2015; if vetoed by the
 21 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
 22 January 1, 2015, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

Morrish (SB 331)

Present law requires the sheriffs of certain parishes 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.

Proposed law provides that present law shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of Acadia

Parish who are eligible to retire and meet certain requirements on or before June 30, 2014.

Proposed law regarding Acadia parish 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 from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who first become eligible to retire and subsequently retire on or after July 1, 2014, as follows:

- (1) 50% with at least 20 years of continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and who has attained the age of 55 years.
- (2) 100% with at least 30 years of creditable service with 20 of those years as continuous service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(3))