

SENATE BILL NO. 331

BY SENATOR MORRISH

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

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

1 (c) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to
2 the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs
3 retired on or before December 31, 2014. The provisions of Subparagraphs (a)
4 and (b) of this Paragraph shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire
5 on or after January 1, 2015; however, any sheriff or deputy sheriff who has met
6 the eligibility requirements pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, on or
7 before June 30, 2014, may retire at any time with benefits as provided in
8 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
14 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____