

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 1038

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

SHERIFFS: Provides relative to the payment of insurance premiums for retirees of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:5554(G)(3), relative to payment of group insurance premiums for sheriffs  
3 and deputy sheriffs of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for requirements  
4 relative to age and years of service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office after a  
5 certain date; 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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12 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the  
13 sheriff of Acadia Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium costs  
14 of group insurance for any sheriff or deputy sheriff who has retired from the Acadia  
15 Parish Sheriff's Office and who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriff's  
16 Pension and Relief Fund, as follows:

17 (a) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and  
18 medical expense insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section and the  
19 first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this

1 Section if the sheriff or deputy sheriff has attained the age of fifty-five years with  
2 twenty or more years of full-time service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office.

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

8 (c) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, as applicable to the  
9 Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired on  
10 or before December 31, 2012. The provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this  
11 Paragraph shall apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire after December 31,  
12 2012; however, any sheriff or deputy sheriff who has met the eligibility requirements  
13 pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, on or before December 31, 2012, may  
14 retire at any time with full benefits.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the sheriff of Acadia Parish to pay group insurance premiums for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retiring after Dec. 31, 2012, who have attained a specified age and have served for a certain number of years with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office.

Present law requires that 100% of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance shall be paid from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire from certain parishes including Acadia Parish with at least 15 years of service and who are at least 55 years of age or 30 years of service regardless of age.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires, for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire from the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office after Dec. 31, 2012, that premium costs of group hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid from the sheriff's general fund as follows:

- (1) 50% of the premium cost paid with at least 20 years of service and has attained 55 years of age

- (2) 100% of the premium cost paid with 30 years of continuous service regardless of age.

Proposed law provides that any sheriff or deputy sheriff that has met eligibility requirements prior to Dec. 31, 2012, may retire at anytime with full benefits.

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