

Regular Session, 2010

# ACT No. 511

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY SMITH

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1448(G)(1) and (O) and to enact R.S. 33:1448(Y), relative to premium costs of group hospital and health insurance for retired sheriffs and retired deputy sheriffs in certain parishes; to provide for eligibility for payment of premium costs; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:1448 (G)(1) and (O) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:1448(Y) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1448. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

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G.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least fifteen years of service who are at least fifty-five years of age or retired with at least thirty years of service at any age. The provisions of this Subsection shall be applicable only to the sheriffs' offices of the parishes of Bossier, St. Bernard, St. Martin, Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, East Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. James, ~~St. John~~, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana, and any parish with a population of between one hundred thousand and one hundred two thousand according to the latest federal decennial census and the

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans, for their respective  
 2 retirees. The provisions of this Subsection shall also apply to the employees of the  
 3 Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, which  
 4 fund and association shall pay the premium costs for their employees.

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6 O. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, ~~in the~~  
 7 ~~parish of St. Charles, one hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital,~~  
 8 ~~surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life~~  
 9 ~~insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section shall be paid from the~~  
 10 sheriff of St. Charles Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium  
 11 cost of group insurance for any sheriff or full-time deputy sheriff who has retired  
 12 from the St. Charles Parish ~~sheriff's office~~ Sheriff's Office and who is entitled to  
 13 receive monthly benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund ~~and who has~~  
 14 ~~either of the following as follows:~~

15 (1) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff who was hired on or before July 1, 2010,  
 16 one hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical  
 17 expense, dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance  
 18 contracted for pursuant to the provisions of this Section, if the sheriff or deputy  
 19 sheriff retired with either of the following:

20 (a) At least fifteen years of full-time creditable service with the St. Charles  
 21 Parish ~~sheriff's office~~ Sheriff's Office and is at least fifty-five years of age.

22 (2)(b) At least thirty years of full-time creditable service with the St. Charles  
 23 Parish ~~sheriff's office~~ Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.

24 (2) For any sheriff or deputy sheriff who was hired after July 1, 2010, the  
 25 sheriff of St. Charles Parish shall pay the premium cost of group hospital, surgical,  
 26 medical expense, dental insurance, and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance  
 27 contracted pursuant to the provisions of this Section, if the sheriff or deputy sheriff  
 28 retired as follows:

29 (a) One hundred percent if retired with at least thirty years of full-time  
 30 creditable service with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, regardless of age.



1                    (b) Seventy-five percent if retired with at least twenty-five years of full-time  
2                    creditable service with the St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office and is at least  
3                    fifty-five years of age.

4                    (c) Fifty percent if retired with at least twenty years of full-time creditable  
5                    service with the St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office and is at least fifty-five  
6                    years of age.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_