

House Bill No. 517

An act relating to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Lee County; amending chapter 74-522, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising the health insurance coverage of retirees to include partial payment for dependents; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section 15 of chapter 74-522, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 99-434, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 15.

(2) Effective October 1, 1986 and thereafter, it is the duty of the sheriff of Lee County to provide annually in his budget a sufficient sum of money to pay a percentage of the cost of the health insurance of members of the Lee County Sheriff's Office who retire from active service after having accumulated at least 15 years of creditable service under the Florida Retirement System. The health insurance costs payable pursuant to this section include premiums for major medical and hospitalization insurance, but do not include premiums for dental insurance. When a retiree receiving this health insurance benefit becomes eligible for Medicare, his health coverage will convert to the Medicare Supplement health insurance.

(f) The Lee County Sheriff's Office shall pay for the health insurance coverage of the retiree and 50 percent of his or her dependents' health insurance coverage only if the retiree's health insurance is paid at 100 percent of the premium at 20 years of service only. A retiree who obtains benefits without attaining 20 years of service ~~The retiree~~ may pay for the health insurance of his or her dependents. Upon a retiree's death, his or her spouse may continue the health insurance coverage previously provided by the retiree. Premiums must be paid to the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2003.

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