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HOUSE BILL 1039

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"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE RETIRED PERSONS FROM THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE; TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF ACT 31 OF 1951, AS AMENDED [ARK. STAT. 43-2414], TO INCREASE COURT COSTS TO PAY FOR SUCH COVERAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. (a) Beginning July 1, 1987, the Arkansas State Police Retirement System shall provide to all current retired persons including those on disability coverage now receiving benefits and their spouses and all future retirants and their spouses health insurance coverage.

(b) The health insurance coverage provided by this Act shall contain as minimum coverage that coverage which is contained in the policy or policies which have been offered to retirants for their purchase prior to this Act.

(c) The health insurance coverage may be provided by the System through self insurance or by purchase.

(d) The health insurance coverage shall include a provision to allow retirants to purchase coverage for dependents other than spouses from the Arkansas State Police Retirement System. The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State Police Retirement System shall adopt by rule or regulation a definition for "dependent other than spouse" for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of Section 4 of Act 31 of 1951, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 43-2414, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. (a) In addition to all other costs as are now or as may hereafter be provided by law, there shall be taxed and collected from each defendant as costs upon each judgment of conviction and upon each plea of

guilty in felony and misdemeanor cases, the following: in the circuit court, the sum of six dollars (\$6.00); and in justice of peace courts, municipal, traffic, police, or mayor's courts, the sum of four dollars (\$4.00); and all sheriffs, constables, municipal court clerks, city clerks or other officers who are now or may hereafter be charged by law with the collection of the other costs in any such cases are hereby required under the same penalties of law to collect the costs herein taxed and assessed and no officer of any court may make a separate remission of the additional costs taxed by this Act. The foregoing costs, so taxed and assessed, shall be collected at the time and in the manner as are other costs in such cases. Provided, that no county, municipality or town shall be liable for the payment of the costs herein taxed in any instance where they are not collected, or in any case in which the defendant pays the costs by serving time in a jail, on a county farm, or at any other official place of detention or work.

Except as provided hereinafter, all moneys collected hereunder shall forthwith be paid over by the collecting officer to the County Treasurer and by him credited on his records to a fund to be designated and known as the State Police Retirement Fund; and on or before the tenth day of the next succeeding month the County Treasurer shall remit, by check, all such costs to the Arkansas State Police Department."

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

