

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2219

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-3-51, 45-9-131, 49-1-14 AND
2 49-15-22, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FAMILY OF
3 A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY MAY RETAIN
4 HIS SIDEARM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-3-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 45-3-51. Each member of the Mississippi Highway Safety
9 Patrol or agent of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics who retires
10 under the Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System or the Public
11 Employees' Retirement System, for superannuation or for reason of
12 disability shall be allowed to retain, as his personal property,
13 one (1) sidearm which was issued under authority of Section
14 45-3-19 or 41-29-159. If a member is killed while engaged in the
15 performance of his law enforcement duties after January 1, 2002,
16 his next of kin shall be allowed to retain the member's sidearm.

17 **SECTION 2.** Section 45-9-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
18 amended as follows:

19 45-9-131. Upon approval of the governing authorities of the
20 municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county law
21 enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement system
22 or any state-approved retirement system may be allowed to purchase
23 as his personal property one (1) sidearm which was issued to him
24 by the law enforcement agency from which he retired. The
25 governing authorities of the municipality or county shall
26 determine the amount to be paid for the firearm by the retiring
27 member of the law enforcement agency. If a member is killed while
28 engaged in the performance of his law enforcement duties after



29 January 1, 2002, his next of kin shall be allowed to retain the
30 member's sidearm.

31 **SECTION 3.** Section 49-1-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
32 amended as follows:

33 49-1-14. Each person employed as a conservation officer by
34 the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks who retires for
35 superannuation or for reason of disability under the Public
36 Employees' Retirement System may, upon his request, be allowed to
37 retain, as his personal property, one (1) side arm which was
38 issued to him, during his service, provided funds are available
39 for such purpose. If a conservation officer is killed while
40 engaged in the performance of his law enforcement duties after
41 January 1, 2002, his next of kin shall be allowed to retain the
42 member's sidearm.

43 **SECTION 4.** Section 49-15-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
44 amended as follows:

45 49-15-22. Each person employed as a marine patrol officer by
46 the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources who retires for
47 superannuation or for reason of disability under the Public
48 Employees' Retirement System may, upon his request, be allowed to
49 retain, as his personal property, one (1) side arm which was
50 issued to him during his service, if funds are available for this
51 purpose. If a marine patrol officer is killed while engaged in
52 the performance of his law enforcement duties after January 1,
53 2002, his next of kin shall be allowed to retain the member's
54 sidearm.

55 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after its passage.

