

By: Representative Moak

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-1-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO
3 PERMIT CERTAIN RETIRING STATE PARK RANGERS TO RETAIN ONE SIDE ARM
4 ISSUED TO HIM DURING HIS SERVICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 49-1-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 49-1-14. (1) Each person employed by the Commission on
9 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks as (a) a conservation officer; or
10 (b) a state park ranger who meets the requirements of subsection
11 (2) of this section, who retires for superannuation or for reason
12 of disability under the Public Employees' Retirement System * * *,
13 upon his request, may be allowed to retain, as his personal
14 property, one (1) side arm which was issued to him, during his
15 service, provided funds are available for such purpose.

16 (2) In order to be eligible to retain a side arm issued to
17 him under subsection (1) of this section, a retiring conservation
18 officer or state park ranger must have attended and successfully
19 completed the law enforcement curriculum at the Mississippi Law
20 Enforcement Officers' Training Academy, and must be certified as a
21 qualified law enforcement officer by the Board on Law Enforcement
22 Officer Standards and Training.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2004.