

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2885

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

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

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