*** Pending *** COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill No. 36

BY: Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

б	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	<u>Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks</u> as <u>(a)</u> a conservation officer; or
10	(b) a state park ranger who meets the requirements of subsection
11	(2) of this section; or any other certified law enforcement
12	officer who retires for superannuation or for reason of disability
13	under the Public Employees' Retirement System \star \star \star , upon his
14	request, <u>may</u> be allowed to retain, as his personal property, one
15	(1) side arm which was issued to him, during his service, provided
16	funds are available for such purpose.
17	(2) In order to be eligible to retain a side arm issued to
18	him under subsection (1) of this section, a retiring conservation
19	officer, state park ranger or other certified law enforcement
20	officer must have attended and successfully completed the law
21	enforcement curriculum at the Mississippi Law Enforcement
22	Officers' Training Academy, and must be certified as a qualified
23	law enforcement officer by the Board on Law Enforcement Officer
24	Standards and Training.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

26 and after July 1, 2004.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-1-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN RETIRING STATE PARK RANGERS AND OTHER CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RETAIN ONE SIDE ARM ISSUED TO HIM UURING HIS SERVICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.