

By: Representative Moak

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

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 RETIRING SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE
4 COMMISSION TO RETAIN ONE SIDE ARM ISSUED TO HIM DURING HIS
5 SERVICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 49-1-14. (1) Each person employed by the Commission on
10 Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks as a sworn law enforcement officer
11 who meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, and
12 who retires for superannuation or for reason of disability under
13 the Public Employees' Retirement System * * *, upon his request,
14 may be allowed by the commission to retain, as his personal
15 property, one (1) side arm which was issued to him, during his
16 service, provided 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 sworn law
19 enforcement officer employed by the commission must have attended
20 and successfully completed the law enforcement curriculum at the
21 Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy, and must
22 be certified as a qualified law enforcement officer by the Board
23 on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2007.