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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 281
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A STATE
3 AGENCY, BOARD OR COMMISSION TO PURCHASE HIS OR HER ISSUED SIDEARM
4 AS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR FAIR MARKET VALUE UPON THE OFFICER'S
5 RETIREMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE SIDEARM FOR AN AGREED
6 UPON PRICE BY THE NEXT OF KIN OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS
7 KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-9-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 45-9-131. (1) Upon approval of the governing authority of
12 the municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county
13 law enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement
14 system * * * may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal
15 property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement
16 officer by the law enforcement agency from which he or she retired
17 or by whom he or she was employed at the time of death. * * *

18 (2) Upon approval of the director of a state agency, board
19 or commission, a law enforcement officer employed by a state
20 agency, board or commission who retires under any state retirement



21 system may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal
22 property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement
23 officer by a state agency, board or commission.

24 (3) The next of kin of a law enforcement officer who is
25 killed in the line of duty is authorized to purchase the sidearm
26 that was issued to the officer. The amount to be paid for any
27 firearm purchased under the authority of this subsection shall be
28 an agreed upon price as determined by the appropriate governmental
29 authority who employed the officer.

30 (4) The amount to be paid for any firearm purchased under
31 the authority of this section, except for any firearm purchased
32 under subsection (3) of this section, shall be the fair market
33 value of the firearm as determined by the appropriate governmental
34 authority who employed the officer.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2023.

