

By: Senator(s) Barrett, Suber, McCaughn

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2233

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE NEXT OF KIN OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KILLED
3 IN THE LINE OF DUTY TO PURCHASE THE OFFICER'S SIDEARM; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 45-9-131. (1) (a) Upon approval of the governing authority
9 of the municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county
10 law enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement
11 system * * *, the spouse of a law enforcement officer who is
12 killed in the line of duty or the next of kin of an unmarried law
13 enforcement officer who is killed in the line of duty may be
14 allowed to purchase as his or her personal property one (1)
15 sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement officer by the law
16 enforcement agency from which he or she retired or by whom he or
17 she was employed at the time of death.

18 (b) If a married officer is killed in the line of duty
19 and the officer's spouse declines to purchase the officer's



20 sidearm, the officer's next of kin may be allowed to purchase the
21 officer's sidearm.

22 (2) The governing authority of the municipality or county
23 shall determine the amount to be paid for the firearm by the
24 retiring member of the law enforcement agency * * *, the spouse of
25 the law enforcement officer or the next of kin of the law
26 enforcement officer.

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

