

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2120

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

10 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
11 "Officer James White and Corporal Zach Moak Act".

12 **SECTION 2.** Section 45-9-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
13 amended as follows:

14 45-9-131. Upon approval of the governing authority of the
15 municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county law
16 enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement system
17 or the * * * beneficiary of a law enforcement officer who is
18 killed in the line of duty as designated by the law enforcement
19 officer before his or her death or by operation of law for
20 determination of a beneficiary, when no beneficiary is otherwise
21 designated, 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 the law enforcement agency from which he or she retired
24 or by whom he or she was employed at the time of death. The
25 governing authority of the municipality or county shall determine
26 the amount to be paid for the firearm by the retiring member of

27 the law enforcement agency or the * * * beneficiary of the law
28 enforcement officer.

29 **SECTION 3.** Section 45-3-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
30 brought forward as follows:

31 45-3-51. Each member of the Mississippi Highway Safety
32 Patrol or agent of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics who retires
33 under the Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System or the Public
34 Employees' Retirement System, for superannuation or for reason of
35 disability or a beneficiary of such member of the Highway Safety
36 Patrol or agent of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics who is
37 killed in the line of duty shall be allowed to retain, as his
38 personal property, one (1) sidearm which was issued under
39 authority of Section 45-3-19 or 41-29-159. Likewise, a
40 beneficiary of any law enforcement officer killed in the line of
41 duty shall be allowed to retain the officer's sidearm.

42 **SECTION 4.** (1) The State Department of Health, in
43 cooperation with the Department of Archives and History and the
44 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management and
45 subject to funds being made available, shall design and cause to
46 be constructed and maintained on state-owned lands at some
47 suitable and appropriate place in or near the City of Jackson, an
48 Emergency Medical Services Memorial to honor those Emergency
49 Medical Services personnel who have given their lives in the
50 performance of their official duties and those who have made a
51 dramatic impact on or substantial contribution to emergency
52 medical services in Mississippi. The Department of Health shall

53 consult with organizations and communities of interest relating to
54 emergency medical services in designing the memorial, and the
55 memorial shall be designed and constructed not later than July 1,
56 2024.

57 (2) The Department of Health shall form, and/or collaborate
58 with a private foundation or nonprofit corporation to maintain the
59 memorial in perpetuity and determine the eligibility of those
60 persons to be included on the memorial. The foundation or
61 nonprofit corporation shall solicit and receive funds from public
62 and private sources and donations to carry out its
63 responsibilities under this section.

64 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 and after July 1, 2023, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2023.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE A BENEFICIARY OF A MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY TO RECEIVE THE
4 OFFICER'S SIDEARM; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 45-3-51, MISSISSIPPI
5 CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES A BENEFICIARY OF A MISSISSIPPI
6 HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU
7 OF NARCOTICS WHO IS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY TO RECEIVE THE
8 OFFICER'S SIDEARM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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