

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2120**

**BY: Committee**

**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 Colonel 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.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
43 and after July 1, 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.

