

By: Representative Currie

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 634

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE  
3 PAID FOR THE SIDEARM OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; 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) Upon approval of the governing authority of  
9 the municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county  
10 law enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement  
11 system may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal  
12 property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement  
13 officer by the law enforcement agency from which he or she retired  
14 or by whom he or she was employed at the time of death. The  
15 governing authority of the municipality or county that employed  
16 the member of the law enforcement agency shall determine the  
17 amount to be paid for the sidearm.

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. The state agency,  
24 board or commission that employed the law enforcement officer  
25 shall determine the amount to be paid for the sidearm.

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

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33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after its passage.

