

By: Representative Currie

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 634  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OF CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
3 OFFICERS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID FOR A SIDEARM OF  
4 RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR 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 or leaves such employment after being employed for ten (10)  
12 continuous years of service may be allowed to purchase, as his or  
13 her personal property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law  
14 enforcement officer by the law enforcement agency from which he or  
15 she retired or by whom he or she was employed at the time of  
16 death. The governing authority of the municipality or county that  
17 employed the member of the law enforcement agency shall determine  
18 an agreed upon price to be paid for the sidearm.



19           (2) Upon approval of the director of a state agency, board  
20 or commission, a law enforcement officer employed by a state  
21 agency, board or commission who retires under any state retirement  
22 system may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal  
23 property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement  
24 officer by a state agency, board or commission. The state agency,  
25 board or commission that employed the law enforcement officer  
26 shall determine an agreed upon price to be paid for the sidearm.

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

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

