

By: Senator(s) Suber

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2618

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF A MUNICIPALITY OR  
3 COUNTY ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF A FIREARM FOR AN AGREED UPON PRICE  
4 FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT; 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 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 amount to be paid for any firearm purchased under the authority of  
16 this subsection shall be an agreed upon price as determined by the  
17 appropriate governmental authority who employed the officer.

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.

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

30 (4) The amount to be paid for any firearm purchased under  
31 the authority of subsection(2) of this section \* \* \* shall be the  
32 fair market value of the firearm as determined by the appropriate  
33 governmental authority who employed the officer.

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after July 1, 2024.

