

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
2024 Regular Session
To: Judiciary B
By: Representative Currie

House Bill 634

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID FOR THE SIDEARM OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 45-9-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-9-131. (1) Upon approval of the governing authority of the municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county law enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement system may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement officer by the law enforcement agency from which he or she retired or by whom he or she was employed at the time of death. The governing authority of the municipality or county that employed the member of the law enforcement agency shall determine the amount to be paid for the sidearm.

(2) Upon approval of the director of a state agency, board or commission, a law enforcement officer employed by a state agency, board or commission who retires under any state retirement system may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement officer by a state agency, board or commission. The state agency, board or commission that employed the law enforcement officer shall determine the amount to be paid for the sidearm.

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

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