

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1606

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING TO AWARD THE SERVICE PISTOL CARRIED BY A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE OFFICER OR HIS OR HER SPOUSE UPON THE OFFICER'S RETIREMENT OR DEATH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING TO AWARD THE SERVICE PISTOL CARRIED BY A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO THE OFFICER OR HIS OR HER SPOUSE UPON THE OFFICER'S RETIREMENT OR DEATH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended to add a new section to read as follows:

12-9-117. Award of pistol upon retirement or death of a certified law enforcement officer employed by the commission.

(a) When a certified law enforcement officer employed by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training retires from service or dies while still employed with the commission, in recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased certified law



enforcement officer, the commission may award the pistol carried by the certified law enforcement officer at the time of his or her death or retirement from service to:

(1) The certified law enforcement officer; or

(2) The certified law enforcement officer's spouse if the spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

(b)(1) A certified law enforcement officer employed by the commission may retain his or her pistol he or she carried at the time of his or her retirement from service.

(2) If the certified law enforcement officer dies while he or she is employed by the commission, his or her spouse may receive or retain the pistol carried by the certified law enforcement officer at the time of his or her death, if the spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Applicability.

This act applies to a certified law enforcement officer who retired or died on or after January 1, 2014.

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