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A Bill

SENATE BILL 294

By: Senator Flippo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SERVICE WEAPON USED BY AN
EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TO REPEAL
REDUNDANT LANGUAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE SERVICE WEAPON USED BY AN
EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS; AND TO REPEAL REDUNDANT
LANGUAGE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-27-132 is repealed.

~~12-27-132. Award of pistol upon retirement or death.~~

~~When a Division of Community Correction parole or probation officer retires from service or dies while still employed with the division, in recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased parole or probation officer, the division may award the pistol carried by the officer at the time of his or her death or retirement from service to:~~

~~(1) The parole or probation officer; or~~

~~(2) The parole or probation officer's spouse if the spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-27-143 is amended to read as follows:

12-27-143. Award of service weapon upon retirement or death.

When a ~~Division of Correction~~ Department of Corrections employee ~~retires from service with at least twenty (20) years of service or dies while~~



still employed with the ~~division~~ department, retires from service with at least twenty (20) years of service, or retires due to an injury obtained in the line of duty, in recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased employee, the Director of the Division of Correction, the Director of the Division of Community Correction, the Board of Corrections, or the Secretary of the Department of Corrections may award the service weapon carried by the employee at the time of his or her retirement from service or death to:

(1) The employee;

(2) The employee's spouse if the spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm; or

(3)(A) The surviving child of the employee if there is no surviving spouse and the surviving child is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

(B)(i) If there is more than one (1) surviving child of the employee, the service weapon may be awarded to the oldest surviving child if he or she is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

(ii) If the oldest of the surviving children is not eligible to possess a firearm under applicable state and federal laws, then the service weapon may be awarded to the next-oldest surviving child if he or she is eligible to possess a firearm under applicable state and federal laws.