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A Bill

SENATE BILL 294

5 By: Senator Flippo
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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13 EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 CORRECTIONS; AND TO REPEAL REDUNDANT
15 LANGUAGE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-27-132 is repealed.

23 ~~12-27-132. Award of pistol upon retirement or death.~~

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

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

30 ~~(2) The parole or probation officer's spouse if the spouse is~~
31 ~~eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-27-143 is amended to read as follows:

34 12-27-143. Award of service weapon upon retirement or death.

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



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

9 (1) The employee;

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

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

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

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

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