

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Brown**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1461

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPOUSE OR SURVIVING CHILDREN
9 OF A POLICEMAN OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR FIRE
10 FIGHTER KILLED BETWEEN MARCH 1, 1984 AND JUNE 30, 1984
11 SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ADDITIONAL BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. The spouse or surviving children of a policeman or other law
17 enforcement officer or fire fighter killed between March 1, 1984 and June 30,
18 1984, who received benefits under Subsection (c) of Section 2 of Act 839 of
19 1985, shall be entitled to additional benefits based on the difference between
20 the amount received and the amount now allowed under Arkansas Code 21-5-
21 705(a).

22 *Determination for eligibility for the additional payments provided*
23 *herein shall be made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission in accordance*
24 *with Commission rules and procedures. The benefits shall be paid from state*
25 *funds pursuant to Arkansas Code 21-5-705.*

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27 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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31 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
33 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
35 act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. *It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the surviving spouse or surviving children of a policeman or other law enforcement officer or a fireman killed between March 1, 1984 and June 30, 1984 received lesser benefits than the spouse or surviving children of a policeman or law enforcement officer or a fire fighter killed on July 1, 1984 or thereafter; and that this inequity should be remedied immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.*

/s/ Irma Hunter Brown