

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 1735 of 2003  
HOUSE BILL 1230

5 By: Representative R. Smith  
6 By: Senator J. Bookout  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT FOR  
11 SPOUSES OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE  
12 POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE KILLED IN THE  
13 LINE OF DUTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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16 TO PROVIDE A SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT FOR  
17 SPOUSES OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE  
18 ARKANSAS STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
19 WHO ARE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-6-411, concerning the survivor's  
25 benefits under the State Police Retirement System, is amended to add an  
26 additional subsection to read as follows:

27 (i)(1) If the member is killed while in the official line of duty and  
28 the surviving spouse is eligible for a deferred benefit under this section,  
29 then the surviving spouse may elect to receive a reduced benefit beginning  
30 immediately.

31 (2)(A) The reduction of the benefit otherwise defined in this  
32 section shall be:

33 (B) Five-tenths of one percent (0.5%) per month for each  
34 of the first sixty (60) months that the benefit commences before when it  
35 would have otherwise commenced, plus;

36 (C) Twenty-five hundredths of one percent (0.25%) per



1 month for each month more than sixty (60) months that the benefit commences  
2 before when it would have otherwise commenced.

3 (3) However, the total reduction under this subsection (i) shall  
4 not be more than fifty percent (50%).

5 (4) Those who otherwise would have been eligible for this  
6 benefit on or after July 1, 2002 may also elect this reduced benefit  
7 prospectively.

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-6-217, concerning the survivor's  
10 benefits under the State Police Retirement System, is amended to add an  
11 additional subsection to read as follows:

12 (g)(1) If the member is killed while in the official line of duty and  
13 the surviving spouse is eligible for a deferred benefit under this section,  
14 then the surviving spouse may elect to receive a reduced benefit beginning  
15 immediately.

16 (2)(A) The reduction of the benefit otherwise defined in this  
17 section shall be:

18 (B) Five-tenths of one percent (0.5%) per month for each  
19 of the first sixty (60) months that the benefit commences before when it  
20 would have otherwise commenced, plus;

21 (C) Twenty-five hundredths of one percent (0.25%) per  
22 month for each month more than sixty (60) months that the benefit commences  
23 before when it would have otherwise commenced.

24 (3) However, the total reduction under this subsection (g) shall  
25 not be more than fifty percent (50%).

26 (4) Those who otherwise would have been eligible for this  
27 benefit on or after July 1, 2002 may also elect this reduced benefit  
28 prospectively.

29 /s/ R. Smith, et al

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