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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1   State of Arkansas

2   87th General Assembly

A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2009   HOUSE BILL 1154

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5   By: Representative Sample

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE

10   RECEIPT OF BENEFITS BY SURVIVING SPOUSES OF A

11   DECEASED MEMBER OF THE POLICEMEN'S PENSION AND

12   RELIEF FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14   **Subtitle**

15   TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE

16   RECEIPT OF BENEFITS BY SURVIVING SPOUSES

17   OF A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE POLICEMEN'S

18   PENSION AND RELIEF FUND.

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

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23   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-11-425(a)(4), concerning the receipt of

24 benefits by the surviving former spouse of an active police officer or

25 retired member, is amended to read as follows:

26   (4)(A)(i) ~~If~~ Beginning July 1, 2007, if a retired member dies from any

27 cause and leaves a surviving former spouse who was receiving a portion of the

28 retired member's retirement benefit and also leaves a surviving spouse

29 entitled to benefits under subdivision (a)(1) of this section, then until the

30 surviving former spouse or surviving spouse dies or remarries, the surviving

31 former spouse shall continue to receive the same benefit he or she was

32 receiving when the retired member died.

33   (ii) Upon the death or remarriage of the surviving

34 former spouse, the monthly pension of the surviving spouse shall be increased

35 to the pension attached to the rank of the deceased police officer at the

1 time of his or her death.

2 (B) A surviving former spouse shall not be entitled to any

3 benefit increases approved by the board for its members.

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5 SECTION 2. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Section 1 of this act shall be

6 effective retroactive to July 1, 2007.

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8 **APPROVED: 2/4/2009**

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