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1 State of Arkansas **A BillACT 334 OF 1991** 2 **78th General Assembly** HOUSE BILL 1461 3 Regular Session, 1991 **By: Representative Brown** 4 5 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPOUSE OR SURVIVING CHILDREN 8 OF A POLICEMAN OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR FIRE 9 FIGHTER KILLED BETWEEN MARCH 1, 1984 AND JUNE 30, 1984 10 SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ADDITIONAL BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER 11 PURPOSES." 12 13 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 15 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. 26 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. 30 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. 36

1 SECTION 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are 2 hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General 5 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the surviving spouse or surviving 6 children of a policeman or other law enforcement officer or a fireman killed 7 between March 1, 1984 and June 30, 1984 received lesser benefits than the 8 spouse or surviving children of a policeman or law enforcement officer or a 9 fire fighter killed on July 1, 1984 or thereafter; and that this inequity 10 should be remedied immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to 11 exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the 12 public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and 13 after its passage and approval. /s/ Irma Hunter Brown APPROVED: 3-4-91