

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

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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