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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1081

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5 By: Representatives Vines, Branscum, Cozart, Gates, Hickerson, McNair, Richmond, Vaught, Wright  
6 By: Senators B. Sample, A. Clark

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW A COUNTY SHERIFF TO AWARD THE SERVICE  
10 PISTOL CARRIED BY A DEPUTY TO THE DEPUTY OR HIS OR  
11 HER SPOUSE UPON THE DEPUTY'S RETIREMENT OR DEATH; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

16 TO ALLOW A COUNTY SHERIFF TO AWARD THE  
17 SERVICE PISTOL CARRIED BY A DEPUTY TO THE  
18 DEPUTY OR HIS OR HER SPOUSE UPON THE  
19 DEPUTY'S RETIREMENT OR DEATH.

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

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 15, Subchapter 3, is  
25 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

26 12-15-302. Award of pistol upon retirement or death of a deputy county  
27 sheriff.

28 (a) When a deputy county sheriff retires from service or dies while  
29 still employed with the county sheriff's department, in recognition of and  
30 appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased deputy county  
31 sheriff, the county sheriff may award the pistol carried by the deputy county  
32 sheriff at the time of his or her death or retirement from service to:

33 (1) The deputy county sheriff; or

34 (2) The deputy county sheriff's spouse if the spouse is eligible  
35 under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

36 (b)(1) A county sheriff may retain his or her pistol he or she carried



1 at the time of his or her retirement from service.

2 (2) If the county sheriff dies while he or she is still in  
3 office, his or her spouse may receive or retain the pistol carried by the  
4 county sheriff at the time of his or her death, if the spouse is eligible  
5 under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.