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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1703

5 By: Representative Andrews
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LEAVE TIME FOR
9 DEPUTY SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS, AND
10 FIREFIGHTERS; TO ADD MILITARY LEAVE FOR FULL-TIME
11 DEPUTY SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS, AND
12 FIREFIGHTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 OFFICERS, AND FIREFIGHTERS; AND TO ADD
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20 FIREFIGHTERS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 15, Subchapter 5, is
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 14-15-506. Military leave.

29 (a) A paid, full-time deputy sheriff who is a member of the armed
30 forces of this state or any other state, including without limitation the
31 National Guard or a reserve component or auxiliary of the United States Armed
32 Forces, shall be granted leave at the rate of one hundred sixty-eight (168)
33 hours per calendar year plus necessary time for annual training requirements
34 or other duties performed in an official duty status.

35 (b) Unused leave granted under subsection (a) of this section shall
36 accumulate for use in the succeeding calendar year until the leave granted



1 under this section totals one hundred sixty-eight (168) hours at the
2 beginning of a calendar year, for a maximum number of three hundred thirty-
3 six (336) hours available in any one (1) calendar year.

4 (c) Leave shall be granted under this section without loss of pay and
5 shall be in addition to regular vacation time.

6 (d) A paid, full-time deputy sheriff who requests military leave under
7 this section shall furnish a copy of his or her orders for his or her
8 personnel file before leave is granted.

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 52, is amended to add an
11 additional section to read as follows:

12 14-52-114. Military leave.

13 (a) A paid, full-time municipal police officer who is a member of the
14 armed forces of this state or any other state, including without limitation
15 the National Guard or a reserve component or auxiliary of the United States
16 Armed Forces, shall be granted leave at the rate of one hundred sixty-eight
17 (168) hours per calendar year plus necessary time for annual training
18 requirements or other duties performed in an official duty status.

19 (b) Unused leave granted under subsection (a) of this section shall
20 accumulate for use in the succeeding calendar year until the leave granted
21 under this section totals one hundred sixty-eight (168) hours at the
22 beginning of a calendar year, for a maximum number of three hundred thirty-
23 six (336) hours available in any one (1) calendar year.

24 (c) Leave shall be granted under this section without loss of pay and
25 shall be in addition to regular vacation time.

26 (d) A paid, full-time municipal police officer who requests military
27 leave under this section shall furnish a copy of his or her orders for his or
28 her personnel file before leave is granted.

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30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 53, is amended to add an
31 additional section to read as follows:

32 14-53-113. Military leave.

33 (a) A paid, full-time firefighter on a fifty-six (56) hour per week
34 work schedule who is a member of the armed forces of this state or any other
35 state, including without limitation the National Guard or a reserve component
36 or auxiliary of the United States Armed Forces, shall be granted leave at the

1 rate of one hundred sixty-eight (168) hours per calendar year plus necessary
2 time for annual training requirements or other duties performed in an
3 official duty status.

4 (b) Unused leave granted under subsection (a) of this section shall
5 accumulate for use in the succeeding calendar year until the leave granted
6 under this section totals one hundred sixty-eight (168) hours at the
7 beginning of a calendar year, for a maximum number of three hundred thirty-
8 six (336) hours available in any one (1) calendar year.

9 (c) Leave shall be granted under this section without loss of pay and
10 shall be in addition to regular vacation time.

11 (d) A paid, full-time firefighter who requests military leave under
12 this section shall furnish a copy of his or her orders for his or her
13 personnel file before leave is granted.

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