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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1703

5 By: Representative Andrews
6 By: Senator C. Tucker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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18 OFFICERS, AND FIREFIGHTERS; AND TO ADD
19 MILITARY LEAVE FOR FULL-TIME DEPUTY
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21 FIREFIGHTERS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 15, Subchapter 5, is
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 14-15-506. Military leave.

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

36 (b) Unused leave granted under subsection (a) of this section shall



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

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

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

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

13 14-52-114. Military leave.

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

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

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

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

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

33 14-53-113. Military leave.

34 (a) A paid, full-time firefighter on a fifty-six (56) hour per week
35 work schedule who is a member of the armed forces of this state or any other
36 state, including without limitation the National Guard or a reserve component

1 or auxiliary of the United States Armed Forces, shall be granted leave at the
2 rate of one hundred sixty-eight (168) hours per calendar year plus necessary
3 time for annual training requirements or other duties performed in an
4 official duty status.

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

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

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

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