

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 478

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Authorizes a family member of a law enforcement officer to purchase his duty firearm upon death

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1665.4(A), relative to law enforcement officers; to provide for the purchase of a duty firearm by the family of certain law enforcement officers; to provide for certain criteria; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1665.4(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1665.4. Duty firearm of deceased law enforcement officer ~~killed in line of duty~~

A. An immediate family member listed in Subsection B of this Section of a law enforcement officer as defined by R.S. 40:1665.2(B)(1), (2), ~~and (3), and (18)~~ who suffers death ~~as a result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of his official duties as a law enforcement officer~~ has the right of first refusal to purchase his duty firearm at fair market value, subject to the approval of the head of the law enforcement agency, unless the family member is prohibited from possessing a firearm under the provisions of R.S. 14:95.1 or any other state or federal law.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the list of law enforcement officers whose family members can purchase their duty firearm, and eliminates the requirement that the officer must be killed in the line of duty.

Present law allows the immediate family members of the following law enforcement officers the right to purchase the officer's firearm when the officer was killed in the line of duty:

- (1) All sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in the state employed on a full-time basis.
- (2) All members of the state police.
- (3) All municipal police officers employed on a full-time basis.

Proposed law expands the list of law enforcement officers to include university and college police officers at state universities and colleges. Proposed law also eliminates the requirement that the officer be killed in the line of duty in order for the immediate family member to be able to purchase the firearm.

(Amends R.S. 40:1665.4(A))