

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 59.1-148.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to purchase of handguns of*
3 *certain officers.*

4 [H 118]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 59.1-148.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 59.1-148.3. Purchase of handguns of certain officers.

9 A. The Department of State Police, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Department of
10 Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Marine Resources Commission, the Capitol Police, any sheriff, *any*
11 *regional jail board or authority* and any local police department may allow any full-time sworn
12 law-enforcement officer, deputy, ~~or any former Superintendent of the Department of State Police who~~
13 ~~leaves service after a minimum of five years or regional jail officer,~~ a local fire department may allow
14 any full-time sworn fire marshal, the Department of Motor Vehicles may allow any law-enforcement
15 officer, and any institution of higher learning named in § 23-14 may allow any campus police officer
16 appointed pursuant to Chapter 17 (§ 23-232 et seq.) of Title 23, retiring on or after July 1, 1991, who
17 retires after at least twenty years of service or as a result of a service-incurred disability to purchase the
18 service handgun issued to him by the agency or institution at a price of one dollar. *This privilege shall*
19 *also extend to any former Superintendent of the Department of State Police who leaves service after a*
20 *minimum of five years.* Other weapons issued by the Department of State Police for personal duty use of
21 an officer, may, with approval of the Superintendent be sold to the officer subject to the qualifications
22 of this section at a fair market price determined as in subsection B, so long as the weapon is a type and
23 configuration that can be purchased at a regular hardware or sporting goods store by a private citizen
24 without restrictions other than the instant background check.

25 B. The agencies listed above may allow any full-time sworn law-enforcement officer who retires with
26 ten or more years of service, but less than twenty, to purchase the service handgun issued to him by the
27 agency at a price equivalent to the weapon's fair market value on the date of the officer's retirement.
28 Any full-time sworn law-enforcement officer employed by any of the agencies listed above who is
29 retired for disability as a result of a nonservice-incurred disability may purchase the service handgun
30 issued to him by the agency at a price equivalent to the weapon's fair market value on the date of the
31 officer's retirement. Determinations of fair market value may be made by reference to a recognized
32 pricing guide.

33 C. The agencies listed above may allow the immediate survivor of any full-time sworn
34 law-enforcement officer (i) who is killed in the line of duty or (ii) who dies in service and has at least
35 twenty years of service to purchase the service handgun issued to the officer by the agency at a price of
36 one dollar.

37 D. The governing board of any institution of higher learning named in § 23-14 may allow any
38 campus police officer appointed pursuant to Chapter 17 (§ 23-232 et seq.) of Title 23 who retires on or
39 after July 1, 1991, to purchase the service handgun issued to him at a price equivalent to the weapon's
40 fair market value on the date of the officer's retirement. Determinations of fair market value may be
41 made by reference to a recognized pricing guide.

42 E. The Department of State Police may allow any full-time sworn state police law-enforcement
43 officer who retires as a result of a service-incurred disability and who was on disability leave at the time
44 the Department issued 10-mm semiautomatic handguns to its officers to purchase one of the 10-mm
45 semiautomatic handguns used by the Department of State Police at a price of one dollar.

46 F. The Department of State Police may allow any officer who at the time of his retirement was a
47 full-time sworn law-enforcement officer and who retires after twenty years of state service, even if a
48 portion of his service was with another state agency, to purchase the service handgun issued to him by
49 the Department at a price of one dollar.

50 G. The sheriff of any county with a population between 63,000 and 65,000 may allow any auxiliary
51 or volunteer deputy sheriff with a minimum of fifteen years of service, upon leaving office, to purchase
52 for one dollar the service handgun issued to him.

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