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## DIGEST

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HB 93 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an immediate family member of a qualified law enforcement officer to purchase his duty firearm upon his death.

Present law provides that any qualifying state trooper, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal police officer shall be entitled to purchase his firearm at fair market value upon retirement and subject to the approval of the head of the law enforcement agency.

Proposed law retains present law and allows an immediate family member to purchase the firearm on behalf of a qualifying state trooper, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal police officer, if the member was unable to do so prior to his death.

Proposed law also allows an immediate family member of a state trooper, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal police officer killed in the line of duty to purchase his duty firearm at fair market value subject to the approval of the head of the law enforcement agency.

Proposed law prohibits an immediate family member from purchasing the firearm on behalf of the state trooper, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal police officer if the immediate family member is prohibited from possessing a firearm under any state or federal law.

Proposed law provides that if more than one immediate family member seeks to purchase the firearm, the oldest immediate family member who seeks to purchase the firearm shall be entitled to do so on behalf of the qualifying state trooper, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal police officer.

(Amends R.S. 11:1307(B), 2185, and 2235; Adds R.S. 40:1665.4)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Expand proposed law to authorize an immediate family member to purchase the firearm of a qualified sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal police officer who was unable to do so prior to his death.
2. Prohibit an immediate family member from purchasing the firearm if the immediate family member is prohibited from possession a firearm under any present state or federal

law.

3. Provide that if more than one immediate family member seeks to purchase the firearm, the oldest immediate family member who seeks to purchase the firearm shall be entitled to do so.