

Amendment - 1st Reading/2nd House-blue - Requested by: Barry Usher - (S) Highways and Transportation

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 491

2 INTRODUCED BY S. GUNDERSON

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER LAWS; CREATING A
5 RECOGNITION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE ON RETIREMENT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
6 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Recognition of meritorious service on retirement. (1) The highway
11 patrol chief ~~may~~ shall award to a highway patrol officer, on retirement, that highway patrol officer's badge, duty
12 weapon, and handcuffs, providing that a committee of three of the highway patrol officer's peers certifies to the
13 highway patrol chief that the retiring highway patrol officer has:

14 ~~(1)(a)~~ served meritoriously for a minimum of ~~15 years~~ 20 YEARS and must be so honored; OR

15 ~~(2)(b)~~ TAKEN MEDICAL RETIREMENT RESULTING FROM AN IN-THE-LINE-OF-DUTY INJURY SUSTAINED WHILE
16 PROVIDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

17 ~~(2)~~ The highway patrol chief shall award to a surviving spouse or dependent of a highway patrol
18 officer who died in the line of duty that highway patrol officer's badge, duty weapon, and handcuffs.

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20 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
21 integral part of Title 44, chapter 1, part 6, and the provisions of Title 44, chapter 1, part 6, apply to [section 1].

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23 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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