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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to rulemaking authority with  
respect to law enforcement (RAB); amending s.  
112.193, F.S.; authorizing public employers to  
adopt rules establishing eligibility  
requirements and application procedures and  
other matters relating to service awards;  
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 112.193, Florida Statutes, is  
amended to read:

112.193 Law enforcement, correctional, and  
correctional probation officers' commemorative service  
awards.--

(1) For the purposes of this section, the term:

(a) "Employer" means a state board, commission,  
department, division, bureau, or agency or a county or  
municipality.

(b) "Law enforcement, correctional, or correctional  
probation officer" means any full-time, part-time, or  
auxiliary officer as defined in s. 943.10(14).

(2) Each employer that employs or appoints law  
enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officers  
may present to each such employee who retires under any  
provision of a state or municipal retirement system, including  
medical disability retirement, or who is eligible to retire  
under any such provision but, instead, resigns from one  
employer to accept an elected public office, one complete  
uniform including the badge worn by that officer, the

1 officer's service handgun, if one was issued as part of the  
2 officer's equipment, and an identification card clearly marked  
3 "RETIRED."

4 (3) Upon the death of a law enforcement, correctional,  
5 or correctional probation officer, the employer may present to  
6 the spouse or other beneficiary of the officer, upon request,  
7 one complete uniform, including the badge worn by the officer.  
8 However, if a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional  
9 probation officer is killed in the line of duty, the employer  
10 may present, upon request, to the spouse or other beneficiary  
11 of the officer, the officer's service-issued handgun, if one  
12 was issued as part of the officer's equipment. If the  
13 employer is not in possession of the service-issued handgun,  
14 the employer may, within its discretion, and upon written  
15 request of the spouse or other beneficiary, present a similar  
16 handgun. The provisions of this section shall also apply in  
17 that instance to a law enforcement or correctional officer who  
18 died before May 1, 1993. In addition, the officer's service  
19 handgun may be presented by the employer for any such officer  
20 who was killed in the line of duty prior to this act becoming  
21 a law.

22 (4) Each uniform, badge, service handgun, and  
23 identification card presented under this section is to  
24 commemorate prior service and must be used only in such manner  
25 as the employer prescribes by rule. Employers may also adopt  
26 rules establishing eligibility requirements, application  
27 procedures, and other matters necessary to administer this  
28 section.The provisions of this section shall also apply in  
29 that instance to a law enforcement officer who died before May  
30 1, 1993.

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