1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018) 3 HOUSE BILL 3445 By: Gann 4 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to municipal police officers; authorizing retired municipal police officers to retain firearm and badge; requiring request in 8 writing; specifying circumstances in which municipal 9 governing body shall deny request; authorizing custody and possession of the firearm and badge to be 10 awarded to family of deceased officer; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. 11 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 14 A new section of law to be codified SECTION 1. NEW LAW 15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34-109 of Title 11, unless there 16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 17 Municipal police officers, retired under a the Municipal Α. 18 Police Pension and Retirement System pursuant to Sections 50-101 19 through 50-136.8 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes may retain the 20 right to keep their municipal-issued firearm and badge and bear 21 The retiring officer shall request in writing to the

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governing board may grant the request except in the following cases:

municipal governing board of the municipality in which the officer

retired for permission to keep and bear arms. The municipal

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- 1. When the retiring officer has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude;
- 2. Where the officer is mentally or physically incapacitated and could not perform duties if recalled; or
- 3. When good cause is shown that granting approval of the request would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare.
- B. Upon the death of a municipal police officer that becomes deceased prior to retirement or a retired municipal police officer granted permission to retain the badge and firearm pursuant to subsection A of this section, custody and possession of the firearm and badge may be awarded by the municipal governing board to a spouse or next of kin of the deceased employee under the same conditions listed in paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection A of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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