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89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 217.710, RSMo Supp. 1997, relating to probation and parole officers, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 217.710, RSMo Supp. 1997, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 217.710, to read as follows:

217.710. 1. Probation and parole officers, supervisors and members of the board of probation and parole, who satisfy the requirements of subsection 2 of this section shall have the authority to carry firearms **at all times** to carry out the provisions of sections 217.650 to 217.810 as authorized by policies and operating regulations of the department. **Mere possession of a firearm shall not constitute an employment activity for the purpose of calculating compensatory time or overtime.**

2. The department shall determine the content of the required firearms safety training and provide firearms certification and decertification training for probation and parole officers, supervisors and members of the board of probation and parole. A minimum of sixteen hours of firearms safety training shall be required. In no event shall firearms certification or decertification training for probation and parole officers and supervisors exceed the training required for officers of the state highway patrol.

3. The department shall determine the type of firearm to be carried by the officers, supervisors and members of the board of probation and parole. **The department shall not promulgate any rule, or institute any regulation or policy, limiting the authority granted by this section to the officers, supervisors and members of the board of probation and parole to carry firearms.**

4. Any officer, supervisor or member of the board of probation and parole that chooses to carry a firearm in the performance of such officer's, supervisor's or member's duties shall purchase

the firearm and holster.

5. The department shall furnish such ammunition as is necessary for the performance of the officer's, supervisor's and member's duties.

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