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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2896

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-19-155 AND 47-5-545, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE STATE LICENSE TAGS TO BE MANUFACTURED BY
3 THE MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION; TO PROVIDE THAT
4 SECTION 27-19-157, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES
5 LICENSE TAGS TO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PENITENTIARY, IF THE
6 PRISONERS ARE REQUIRED TO MANUFACTURE THE LICENSE TAGS, WILL BE
7 REPEALED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 27-19-155, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 27-19-155. The license or number tag herein provided for
12 shall be purchased by the License Tag Commission from the
13 Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation as created under
14 Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575. The License Tag Commission
15 shall be composed of the Governor, Commissioner of Revenue,
16 Attorney General, and the State Treasurer * * *. * * * The
17 License Tag Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to
18 renegotiate any contract entered into with the Mississippi Prison
19 Industries Corporation for the purchase of license tags in order
20 to obtain any other or additional tags necessitated by the passage
21 of this article.

22 All license tags and numbered plates purchased under the
23 provisions of this article, shall be paid for pursuant to an
24 appropriation to be made for such purposes. All monies received
25 by the State Tax Commission as registration or tag fees, either
26 from the tax collectors, or from licenses issued by the State Tax
27 Commission, shall be paid into the State Treasury on the same day
28 in which such funds are collected by the State Tax Commission.

29 SECTION 2. Section 47-5-545, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
30 amended as follows:

31 47-5-545. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by
32 law, after the commissioning and implementation of a marketing
33 feasibility study for any proposed new prison industry, the
34 corporation may establish such prison industry. Before any new
35 industry is established, the corporation shall hold a hearing to
36 determine the impact such industry may have on the private sector
37 market. The corporation shall provide adequate and advance notice
38 regarding the nature, time, date and place of such hearing. After
39 the hearing which is required under this section, the corporation
40 may commence negotiations with the State Department of
41 Corrections, with the Secretary of State, or his designee, serving
42 as a mediator, regarding the leasing of land and other chattels
43 for the purpose of establishing any new industry.

44 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this
45 section, the corporation shall contract with the License Tag
46 Commission as created in Section 27-19-155, for the manufacture of
47 state license tags and numbered plates. All specifications for
48 the state license tags shall be prescribed by the License Tag
49 Commission.

50 SECTION 3. Section 27-19-157, Mississippi Code of 1972,
51 which provides that state license tags are to be purchased from
52 the Penitentiary, if prisoners are required to manufacture the
53 license tags, is repealed.

54 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after July 1, 1999.