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To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2905

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-3-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ALLOW ANY COUNTY
3 CONSTABLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE USED PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES
4 DIRECTLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE AUCTIONING, OR OTHERWISE
5 DISPOSING OF, THE USED AUTOMOBILES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 45-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:[CRG1]

9 45-3-31. The commissioner is authorized to purchase (a)
10 uniforms for the members of the highway safety patrol at a price
11 not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) each, (b)
12 automobiles, motorcycles and other equipment necessary for the
13 efficient operation of the highway safety patrol, but the number
14 of passenger automobiles purchased, owned or operated by the
15 highway safety patrol shall not exceed the number set forth in
16 Section 25-1-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, and (c) identification
17 equipment in a sum of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars
18 (\$10,000.00). The commissioner is further authorized to purchase
19 or lease necessary equipment for two-way radio sub and booster
20 stations, and he may equip each of the patrol automobiles with
21 sending and receiving radios, of a type to be selected by him,
22 within the limits of any appropriation made therefor. The
23 commissioner may trade in used equipment on the purchase of new
24 equipment or other materials. Before auctioning, or otherwise
25 disposing of, any used passenger automobiles, the commissioner
26 shall allow any county constable the opportunity to purchase such
27 automobiles directly from the department.

28 The commissioner shall allow and furnish to each patrolman at
29 least two (2) complete uniforms per year. The commissioner shall
30 keep all automobiles, motorcycles and other equipment in good
31 state of repair and pay the expenses incident thereto, and he is
32 authorized to pay the expenses of maintaining and operating
33 necessary equipment for two-way radio sub and booster stations
34 purchased or leased.

35 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2000.