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To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2905  
(As Passed the Senate)

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.