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To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2649

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STATEWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
2 TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
3 ADMINISTRATION; TO EMPOWER THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
4 ADMINISTRATION TO MANAGE THE SYSTEM; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT  
5 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO CARRY OUT PRE-PLANNING FOR THE  
6 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SYSTEM; TO REPEAL SECTION 25-1-85,  
7 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES CERTAIN AGENCIES TO  
8 OPERATE PASSENGER VEHICLES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
11 is directed to establish and maintain a statewide motor vehicle  
12 management system. In establishing this system the department  
13 shall:

14 (a) Take possession of all passenger vehicles held by  
15 agencies as defined in Section 25-4-107(d);

16 (b) Establish a needs-based system for allocating these  
17 vehicles to state agencies based on agency usage patterns and on  
18 the current break-even mileage above which it is more efficient to  
19 provide agency personnel with a state-owned vehicle than to pay  
20 mileage;

21 (c) Establish procedures for the acquisition, use and  
22 disposal of vehicles;

23 (d) Establish, where necessary, a series of pools or a  
24 single pool where state-owned vehicles provided for in this act  
25 shall be maintained for use by agencies.

26 (e) Purchase, sell or lease vehicles or other property  
27 necessary to manage a statewide motor vehicle management system.

28 (2) In managing the statewide motor vehicle management  
29 system, the Department of Finance and Administration shall collect

30 financial information on the economic efficiency of the system as  
31 compared with the most recent years of individual agency ownership  
32 and report any findings and conclusions regarding motor vehicle  
33 management efficiency to the Legislature.

34 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration shall also  
35 consider the use of leased vehicles and rented automobiles where  
36 it is more cost efficient to use such vehicles in lieu of  
37 purchased vehicles.

38 (4) In carrying out the purposes of this section, the  
39 Department of Finance and Administration shall have all powers  
40 necessary and proper to implement a statewide motor vehicle  
41 management system, and shall have the authority to audit and  
42 inspect any records, files or facilities of any agency to insure  
43 compliance with the requirements of this act.

44 (5) The authority of any agency as defined in Section  
45 25-4-107(d) to purchase passenger vehicles and to maintain such  
46 vehicles, except under the authority of the Department of Finance  
47 and Administration's statewide motor vehicle management system, is  
48 hereby revoked.

49 (6) For purposes of this section, the term passenger  
50 vehicles shall include all such vehicles as defined in Section  
51 25-1-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, as it is in force and effect on  
52 June 30, 2002.

53 SECTION 2. Section 25-1-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
54 authorizes certain state agencies to own and operate passenger  
55 vehicles, shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2002.

56 SECTION 3. The Department of Finance and Administration  
57 shall have the authority to carry out pre-planning activities  
58 necessary to accomplish the requirements of this act and shall  
59 report to the Legislature any requirements the department needs to  
60 administer this act by December 15, 2001.

61           SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect  
62 and be in force from and after July 1, 2002. Section 3 of this  
63 act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.