AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 45-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-3-7. The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ not exceeding six hundred fifty (650) persons as a Mississippi Highway Patrol Officers within the Department of Public Safety. All positions and salaries heretofore authorized and set by statute under the Commissioner of Public Safety shall after passage of this section be made part of the State Personnel System and shall be governed by the laws, rules and regulations thereof.

The commissioner shall grant an additional One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per month for special flying assignments to patrol officers who are licensed commercial pilots.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.