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To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2834

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.