

By: Representatives Pierce, Malone

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 985

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-155, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE THE LICENSE TAG COMMISSION TO PURCHASE VEHICLE LICENSE  
3 TAGS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION; TO REPEAL  
4 SECTION 27-19-157, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES THAT  
5 IF LICENSE TAGS ARE REQUIRED TO BE MADE BY PRISONERS AT THE STATE  
6 PENITENTIARY, THEN THE TAGS WILL BE PURCHASED FROM THE  
7 PENITENTIARY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-19-155, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 27-19-155. The license or numbered tag herein provided for  
12 shall be purchased by the License Tag Commission, composed of the  
13 Governor, Commissioner of Revenue, Attorney General, and the State  
14 Treasurer \* \* \*. The License Tag Commission shall award the  
15 contract for the manufacture and purchase of license tags to the  
16 Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation created under the  
17 Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990. The Mississippi Prison  
18 Industries Corporation shall begin manufacture of the license tags  
19 on July 1, 2002. The License Tag Commission is hereby authorized  
20 and empowered to renegotiate any contract entered into for the  
21 purchase of license tags in order to obtain any other or  
22 additional tags necessitated by the passage of this article.

23 All license tags and numbered plates purchased under the  
24 provisions of this article, shall be paid for pursuant to an  
25 appropriation to be made for such purposes. All monies received  
26 by the State Tax Commission as registration or tag fees, either  
27 from the tax collectors, or from licenses issued by the State Tax  
28 Commission, shall be paid into the State Treasury on the same day  
29 in which such funds are collected by the State Tax Commission.



30           **SECTION 2.** Section 27-19-157, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
31 which provides that if license tags are required to be made by  
32 prisoners at the State Penitentiary, then the tags will be  
33 purchased from the Penitentiary, is repealed.

34           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after July 1, 2002.

