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By: Senator(s) Burton  
To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2785

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF PURCHASING AND TRAVEL, DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, TO ADOPT PURCHASING REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS, PROCUREMENT CARDS AND
PURCHASING CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO BE USED BY STATE AGENCIES AND
GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES; AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

31-7-9. (1) (a) The Office of Purchasing and Travel shall
adopt purchasing regulations governing the purchase by any agency
of any commodity or commodities and establishing standards and
specifications for a commodity or commodities and the maximum fair
prices of a commodity or commodities, subject to the approval of
the Public Procurement Review Board. It shall have the power to
amend, add to or eliminate purchasing regulations. The adoption
of, amendment, addition to or elimination of purchasing
regulations shall be based upon a determination by the Office of
Purchasing and Travel with the approval of the Public Procurement
Review Board, that such action is reasonable and practicable and
advantageous to promote efficiency and economy in the purchase of
commodities by the agencies of the state. Upon the adoption of
any purchasing regulation, or an amendment, addition or
elimination therein, copies of same shall be furnished to the
State Auditor and to all agencies affected thereby. Thereafter,
and except as otherwise may be provided in subsection (2) of this
section, no agency of the state shall purchase any commodities
covered by existing purchasing regulations unless such commodities

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be in conformity with the standards and specifications set forth in the purchasing regulations and unless the price thereof does not exceed the maximum fair price established by such purchasing regulations. The said Office of Purchasing and Travel shall furnish to any county or municipality or other local public agency of the state requesting same, copies of purchasing regulations adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and any amendments, changes or eliminations of same that may be made from time to time.

(b) The Office of Purchasing and Travel may adopt purchasing regulations governing the use of credit cards, procurement cards and purchasing club membership cards to be used by state agencies and governing authorities of counties and municipalities. Use of the cards shall be in strict compliance with the regulations promulgated by the office. Any amounts due on the cards shall incur interest charges as set forth in Section 31-7-305 and shall not be considered debt.

(2) The Office of Purchasing and Travel shall adopt, subject to the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board, purchasing regulations governing the purchase of unmarked vehicles to be used by the Bureau of Narcotics and Department of Public Safety in official investigations pursuant to Section 25-1-87. Such regulations shall ensure that purchases of such vehicles shall be at a fair price and shall take into consideration the peculiar needs of the Bureau of Narcotics and Department of Public Safety in undercover operations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.