By: Representative Montgomery (15th)

To: Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 117

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-46, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AGENTS OF THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS WHO BECAME MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE TIME THEY WERE EMPLOYED AS FULL TIME SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
SECTION 1. Section 63-1-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

10 63-1-46. (1) A fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be 11 charged for the reinstatement of a license issued <u>under</u> this 12 article to every person whose license has been validly suspended, 13 revoked or cancelled. This fee shall be in addition to the fee 14 provided for in Section 63-1-43.

(2) The funds received under the provisions of subsection
(1) of this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund
in accordance with Section 45-1-23.

(3) In addition to the fee provided for in subsection (1) of
this section, an additional fee of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00)
shall be charged for the reinstatement of a license issued <u>under</u>
this article to every person whose license has been suspended or
revoked under the provisions of the Mississippi Implied Consent
Law or as a result of a conviction of a violation of the Uniform
Controlled Substances Law under the provisions of Section 63-1-71.

(4) The funds received under the provisions of subsection
(3) of this section shall be placed in a special fund <u>that is</u>
created in the State Treasury. Monies in <u>the</u> special fund may be
expended solely to contribute to the Disability and Relief Fund
for members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol such amounts

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as are necessary to make sworn agents of the Mississippi Bureau of 30 31 Narcotics who were employed by the bureau before December 1, 1990, 32 and who were later employed as enforcement troopers by the Department of Public Safety, full members of the retirement system 33 34 for the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol with full credit for the 35 time they were employed as full time sworn law enforcement officers in the Public Employees' Retirement System. 36 The Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall certify 37 to the State Treasurer the amounts necessary for the purposes 38 described above. The State Treasurer shall monthly transfer from 39 the special fund created under this subsection the amounts 40 deposited in the special fund to the Disability and Relief Fund 41 for members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol until such 42 time as the certified amount has been transferred. At such time 43 as the certified amount has been transferred, the State Treasurer 44 shall transfer any funds remaining in the special fund created 45 under this subsection to the State General Fund and shall then 46 47 dissolve the special fund. This subsection (4) shall stand repealed at such time when the State Treasurer transfers funds and 48 49 dissolves the special fund account in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. 50

51 (5) The procedure for the reinstatement of a license issued 52 <u>under</u> this article that has been suspended for being out of 53 compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 54 93-11-153, and the payment of any fees for the reinstatement of a 55 license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 56 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 58 and after July 1, 2003.

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