

By: Representative Malone

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 901

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-155, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO GRANT A BID PREFERENCE FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF LICENSE PLATES
3 TO THE MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 27-19-155. The license or number tags provided for in this
8 article shall be purchased by the License Tag Commission, composed
9 of the Governor, Commissioner of Revenue, Attorney General, and
10 the State Treasurer, upon competitive bids, after having given
11 three (3) weeks' notice of the time and place of purchase, by
12 publishing the notice in at least three (3) newspapers, at least
13 one (1) of which shall be published in the State of Mississippi,
14 for a period of three (3) weeks prior to the date of purchase. If
15 the Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation that was created
16 under the Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990 submits a
17 competitive bid that is not greater than five percent (5%) above
18 the lowest and best bid, then the contract shall be awarded to the
19 Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation for an initial term of
20 three (3) years. The successful bidder shall enter into a bond
21 with some surety company, authorized to do business in the state,
22 as surety thereon, payable to the State of Mississippi, in a sum
23 equal to the amount of his or her contract, conditioned for the
24 faithful and prompt carrying out of the bid, and, in the event of
25 the failure to comply with the terms of the contract, the amount
26 of the bond shall be forfeited as liquidated damages and may be
27 recovered by the Attorney General in any appropriate action. The

28 License Tag Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to
29 renegotiate any contract entered into for the purchase of license
30 tags in order to obtain any other or additional tags necessitated
31 by the passage of this article.

32 All license tags and numbered plates purchased under the
33 provisions of this article, shall be paid for pursuant to an
34 appropriation to be made for such purposes. All monies received
35 by the State Tax Commission as registration or tag fees, either
36 from the tax collectors, or from licenses issued by the State Tax
37 Commission, shall be paid into the State Treasury on the same day
38 in which such funds are collected by the State Tax Commission.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2004.