

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2500

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-155, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO GRANT A PREFERENCE FOR AWARING CONTRACT FOR MANUFACTURE OF
3 STATE TAGS TO MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES IF THE BID IS
4 COMPETITIVE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

29 authorized and empowered to renegotiate any contract entered into
30 for the purchase of license tags in order to obtain any other or
31 additional tags necessitated 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 its passage.