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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2656  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 29-5-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND THE  
3 STATE TAX COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
4 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPLY SECURITY PERSONNEL WITH  
5 JURISDICTION TO ENFORCE ALL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AT  
6 THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FACILITY AND THE STATE TAX  
7 COMMISSION MAIN OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 29-5-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 29-5-77. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
12 shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of  
13 the State of Mississippi on the properties set forth in Section  
14 29-5-2, the Court of Appeals Building, the Mississippi Department  
15 of Transportation Building and the Public Employees' Retirement  
16 System Building. The Department of Finance and Administration  
17 shall, through any person or persons appointed by the Department  
18 of Finance and Administration, or through the Department of Public  
19 Safety when requested by the Department of Finance and  
20 Administration, make arrests for any violation of any law of the  
21 State of Mississippi on those grounds of or within those  
22 properties. The Department of Finance and Administration shall  
23 enforce the provisions of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67,  
24 29-5-71 through 29-5-77, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and  
25 prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor.

26 (2) When in the opinion of the Governor or, in his absence,  
27 the Lieutenant Governor, it is readily apparent that an emergency  
28 exists that the persons appointed by the Department of Finance and  
29 Administration are unable to control in the accomplishment of the

30 provisions of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-71 through  
31 29-5-77, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95 in regard to law enforcement,  
32 then the Governor or, in his absence, the Lieutenant Governor, may  
33 call upon the Department of Public Safety, members of which shall  
34 have power to arrest and detain any persons violating the  
35 provisions of those sections of law, until the person can be  
36 brought before the proper authorities for trial.

37       (3) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of  
38 State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Board of Trustees and  
39 the Department of Finance and Administration shall be authorized  
40 to enter into a contract for the Department of Finance and  
41 Administration to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction  
42 to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of  
43 the Board of Trustees located at the corner of Ridgewood Road and  
44 Lakeland Drive in the City of Jackson.

45       (4) The Department of Finance and Administration and the  
46 Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract  
47 for the Department of Finance and Administration to have  
48 jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on  
49 the property of the Department of Agriculture located at 121 North  
50 Jefferson Street and the new Farmer's Market Building located at  
51 the corner of High and Jefferson Streets in the City of Jackson,  
52 Hinds County, Mississippi. It is the intent of the Legislature  
53 that the Department of Finance and Administration will not post  
54 any security personnel at such buildings, but will provide regular  
55 vehicle patrols and responses to security system alarms.

56       (5) The Department of Finance and Administration and the  
57 State Tax Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for  
58 the Department of Finance and Administration to supply the  
59 security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the  
60 State of Mississippi at the Alcoholic Beverage Control facility  
61 and the State Tax Commission main office.

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