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To: Judiciary B

## HOUSE BILL NO. 188

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-124, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO EXEMPT OFFENDERS ENROLLED IN THE MISSISSIPPI STATEWIDE  
3 INCARCERATED VETERANS PROGRAM FROM CERTAIN REQUIRED UNIFORM  
4 DESIGNATIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-124, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-124. (1) Beginning January 1, 1995, the Department of  
9 Corrections shall phase in the following uniform designations for  
10 all offenders housed by the Department of Corrections, except  
11 those enrolled in the Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans  
12 Program: Housing Unit for Military Veterans (HUM-V):

13 (a) Maximum security offenders - Red and white  
14 horizontal stripes which are three (3) inches wide;

15 (b) Medium security offenders - Black and white  
16 horizontal stripes which are three (3) inches wide; and

17 (c) Minimum security offenders - Green and white  
18 horizontal stripes which are three (3) inches wide.



19 No offender may wear any article of clothing that is not  
20 issued to the offender by the Department of Corrections. The word  
21 "convict" must be written on the back of the shirt or other upper  
22 outer garment of clothing. This paragraph shall not apply to  
23 those enrolled in the Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans  
24 Program: Housing Unit for Military Veterans (HUM-V).

25 (2) No convict incarcerated in a state correctional facility  
26 or a private correctional facility may be authorized or permitted  
27 to operate, use or have in his possession during the term of his  
28 incarceration any radio, television, record player, tape player,  
29 recorder, compact disc player, stereo or computer, except when  
30 such devices are used in a work incentive program authorized and  
31 administered by the Department of Corrections, or when the inmate  
32 is enrolled in the Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans  
33 Program: Housing Unit for Military Veterans (HUM-V). The  
34 department shall develop and implement a plan to return such  
35 devices owned by inmates to the families of such inmates.

36 (3) No state correctional facility existing on August 23,  
37 1994, and no correctional facility, public or private, constructed  
38 or contracted for under the provisions of this chapter shall  
39 include weight lifting equipment, except when such equipment is  
40 used in a work incentive program or when the inmates are enrolled  
41 in the Mississippi Statewide Incarcerated Veterans Program:  
42 Housing Unit for Military Veterans (HUM-V).



43           (4) An inmate is prohibited from possessing individual air  
44 conditioners. However, the Department of Finance and  
45 Administration and Department of Corrections shall determine the  
46 feasibility and cost effectiveness of heating and refrigerated air  
47 conditioning equipment for the cooling and heating of a  
48 correctional facility constructed after August 23, 1994.

49           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after July 1, 2021.

