AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-357, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL ESTABLISH A LEASING POLICY FOR AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY BE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN BID REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-357, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-357. (1) (a) Due to the unique and time sensitive requirements of growing and harvesting products produced by the prison agricultural enterprises, the Department of Finance and Administration and the department shall establish a prudent purchasing policy which may exempt from bid requirements those commodities, items or services which are needed for the efficient and effective management of the prison agricultural enterprises.

(b) Due to the unique and time sensitive requirements of growing and harvesting products produced by the prison agricultural enterprises, the Department of Finance and Administration and the department shall establish a prudent
leasing policy which may exempt from bid requirements agricultural

equipment which is needed for the efficient and effective

management of the prison agricultural enterprises.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall, by

order entered on its minutes, list those commodities, items and

services exempted from bid requirements as provided in Section

31-7-12 * * *.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

and after July 1, 2022.