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To: Judiciary, Division B;  
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2179

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE  
3 OR SUBLEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
4 HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WITH A THIRD PARTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
5 PROVIDING SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS  
6 EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND SECTION 45-3-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
7 AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT  
8 OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RETAIN A SIDEARM UPON RETIREMENT; TO AUTHORIZE  
9 A BENEFICIARY OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RETAIN THE SIDEARM OF SUCH OFFICER  
11 OR AGENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-1-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
14 amended as follows:

15 45-1-3. (1) When not otherwise specifically provided, the  
16 commissioner is authorized to make and promulgate reasonable rules  
17 and regulations to be coordinated, and carry out the general  
18 provisions of the Highway Safety Patrol and Driver's License Law  
19 of 1938.

20 (2) The commissioner shall have the authority to administer  
21 oaths.



22       (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with written  
23 approval from the Executive Director of the Department of Finance  
24 and Administration, the commissioner may enter into a lease or  
25 sublease agreement for space in the Department of Public Safety  
26 headquarters building with a third party for the purpose of  
27 providing services and assistance to the department and its  
28 employees. The proceeds received from the lease under this  
29 subsection shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit into  
30 the General Fund.

31       **SECTION 2.** Section 45-3-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
32 amended as follows:

33       45-3-51. \* \* \* Each person employed as a law enforcement  
34 officer or agent by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety  
35 who retires under the Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System or  
36 the Public Employees' Retirement System, for superannuation or for  
37 reason of disability or a beneficiary of such \* \* \* law  
38 enforcement officer or agent, who is killed in the line of duty  
39 shall be allowed to retain, as his personal property, one (1)  
40 sidearm which was issued under authority of Section 45-3-19 or  
41 41-29-159. Likewise, a beneficiary of any law enforcement officer  
42 killed in the line of duty shall be allowed to retain the  
43 officer's sidearm.

44       **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
45 and after the passage of this act.

