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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.

