

By: Representative Gunn

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1602

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE
2 AND RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAG PERMITS FOR USED MOTOR VEHICLE
3 DEALERS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN
4 CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
7 27-19-306, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 27-19-306. (1) Beginning January 1, 2005, every application
9 for the issuance or renewal by a used motor vehicle dealer of a
10 motor vehicle tag permit shall be accompanied by, or supported by,
11 such evidence as the State Tax Commission shall prescribe,
12 documenting the completion of an education seminar, approved by
13 the commission, during the twelve-month period immediately
14 preceding the date of application. Completion of an eight-hour
15 licensing course shall be required for an initial permit and
16 completion of a four-hour continuing education course shall be
17 required for the renewal of the permit. The education
18 requirements of this section shall not apply to a used motor
19 vehicle dealer whose primary business is the sale of salvage
20 vehicles on behalf of insurers or to a manufactured home dealer.
21 The education requirements of this section shall not apply to
22 persons age sixty-two (62) years or older on or before January,
23 2005, who are seeking to renew a permit.

24 (2) The State Tax Commission may grant prior approval to any
25 of the following types of educational activities to meet
26 continuing education requirements:

27 (a) Seminars approved by the State Tax Commission;

28 (b) National or state automobile association sponsored
29 seminars, courses of instruction, or meetings;

30 (c) Courses related to used motor vehicles at any state
31 certified institution of higher learning;

32 (d) Seminars or courses related to used cars sponsored
33 or participated in by any state or federal agency; and

34 (e) Any other seminar, course or meeting which the
35 commission deems to be appropriately related to the used car
36 business.

37 (3) Requests for approval of any continuing educational
38 activity shall be submitted to the State Tax Commission before the
39 date of attendance, and shall include a complete and specific
40 description of the educational activity, a description of how it
41 will benefit permittees in conducting their businesses, the number
42 of hours involved, a description of the method which will be used
43 to ensure attendance and copies of any instructional materials
44 which will be provided to attendees. At the time approval is
45 granted, the State Tax Commission shall determine how many hours
46 of continuing education a permittee may receive by attending the
47 program. At any time the State Tax Commission deems that a
48 previously approved educational activity is not meeting the
49 requirements for continuing education, it may revoke the approval
50 of the activity.

51 (4) The State Tax Commission may deny an application for a
52 permit or revoke a permit for failure to comply with the
53 provisions of this section.

54 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-19-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
55 amended as follows:

56 27-19-305. A dealer shall make application to the commission
57 on forms prescribed and furnished him to obtain a distinguishing
58 number for such motor vehicles as are owned by such dealer. The
59 commission shall issue to the applicant a motor vehicle dealer tag
60 permit containing the name and address of the dealership and such

61 further information as the commission may determine to be
62 necessary; however, used motor vehicle dealers must meet the
63 educational requirements of Section 27-19-306 in order to be
64 issued a permit. The place of business or agency herein referred
65 to shall mean a place in any city, town, or locality where motor
66 vehicles owned or assigned to such dealer are regularly kept or
67 exposed for sale in the custody or control of the dealer,
68 salesman, employee, or agent of such dealer.

69 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
70 and after July 1, 2004.