

April 10, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following Senate Bills:

S.B. NO. 2239: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-19-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REPEALER ON THE TREE SEEDLING REVOLVING FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 8, 2000; 6:20 AM)

S.B. NO. 2254: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXPAYERS TO DESIGNATE ANY PORTION OF THEIR TAX REFUND FOR DEPOSIT IN THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL BURN CENTER FUND; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-7-89 AND 27-7-91, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF A PORTION OF A PERSON'S INCOME TAX REFUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND AND THE MISSISSIPPI WILDLIFE HERITAGE FUND BE PLACED ON THE FACE OF THE MISSISSIPPI INCOME TAX FORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 8, 2000; 6:19 AM)

S.B. NO. 2520: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-537, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE REPEALER FOR INTERCEPTION OF WIRE OR ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 8, 2000; 6:22 AM)

S.B. NO. 2578: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 81-8-1, 81-8-3 AND 81-23-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR A DEFINITION OF BANKER'S BANK; TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS"; TO ALLOW OUT-OF-STATE BANK HOLDING COMPANIES TO ACQUIRE BANKER'S BANKS THAT HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE LESS THAN FIVE YEARS; TO ALLOW INTERSTATE BRANCHING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING BANKER'S BANKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 10, 2000; 2:46 PM)

S.B. NO. 2592: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERM RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND MOTOR HOMES FOR PURPOSES OF THE "UNIFORM HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATION LAW-RULES OF THE ROAD"; TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT APPURTENANCES ON RECREATIONAL VEHICLES SHALL BE ALLOWED IF THEY ARE INSIDE THE EXTERIOR REARVIEW MIRRORS OF THE VEHICLE OR THE VEHICLE TOWING THE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO LIMIT THE OVERALL LENGTH OF MOTOR HOMES, EXCLUSIVE OF BUMPERS, TO 45 FEET; TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE COMMERCIAL MOVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND MOTOR HOMES THAT COMPLY WITH VEHICLE WIDTH REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 8, 2000; 6:18 AM)

S.B. NO. 2595: AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A HIGHWAY PRIVILEGE TAX UPON THE OPERATION OF EACH TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER THAT TRAVELS IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH TAX SHALL BE IN LIEU OF OTHER HIGHWAY PRIVILEGE TAXES UPON SUCH TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TAX COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TAG FOR SUCH TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS UPON PAYMENT OF SUCH TAX THAT SHALL BE VALID FOR THE DURATION OF THE OWNER'S INTEREST IN THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER; TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A TRANSFER OF THE TITLE OF THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER, THE LICENSE TAG SHALL BE SURRENDERED TO THE STATE TAX COMMISSION AND NO CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED UPON SURRENDER; TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAG MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED BETWEEN TRAILERS OR SEMITRAILERS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-19-17, 27-19-33, 27-19-141 AND 27-19-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 10, 2000; 2:45 PM)

S.B. NO. 2622: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-27-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 75-27-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 75-27-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION OF THE PRICE OF A COMMODITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 10, 2000; 2:48 PM)

S.B. NO. 2667: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 51-9-171, 51-9-175, 51-9-177, 51-9-179, 51-9-181 AND 51-9-183, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE NAME OF THE PEACE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 8, 2000; 6:16 AM)

S.B. NO. 2745: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-23-147, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS FOR PROVIDING FULL INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL ASPECTS OF ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 8, 2000; 6:17 AM)

S.B. NO. 2937: AN ACT TO REENACT AND AMEND SECTION 37-159-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYER-ASSISTED HOUSING TEACHER PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO LICENSED TEACHERS IN CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREAS, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THAT SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 8, 2000; 6:21 AM)

S.B. NO. 2974: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 11-46-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A SAVINGS CLAUSE IN FAVOR OF INFANTS AND THOSE OF UNSOUND MIND TO APPLY TO THE STATE'S WAIVER OF IMMUNITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 8, 2000; 6:15 AM)

S.B. NO. 3000: AN ACT TO CREATE THE "VIATICAL SETTLEMENTS ACT" FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING CERTAIN VIATORS OR OWNERS OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES WHO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO SELL THEIR POLICIES FOR VALUES LESS THAN THE EXPECTED DEATH BENEFITS; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO REQUIRE THAT VIATICAL SETTLEMENT PROVIDERS, REPRESENTATIVES AND BROKERS SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE; TO PROVIDE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE MAY SUSPEND, REVOKE OR REFUSE TO RENEW THE LICENSE OF PERSONS VIOLATING THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE VIATOR BEFORE THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RELATIONSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INSURED AND THE VIATICAL SETTLEMENT PROVIDES, BROKERS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 75-71-105 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT VIATICAL SETTLEMENT INVESTMENT CONTRACTS SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AND REGULATED AS SECURITIES TO PROTECT INVESTORS OF THE VIATICAL COMPANIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 10, 2000; 11:25 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

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