

March 12, 2001

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. 2032: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-1-28, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE DATES REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE ON-LINE ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) SYSTEM FOR FOOD STAMPS AND TO REVISE THE CRITERIA FOR AN EBT SYSTEM PILOT PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:00 PM)

S.B. NO. 2142: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-353, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD A DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:00 PM)

S.B. NO. 2210: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-21-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO TEST FOR CONGENITAL ADRENAL HYPERPLASIA (CAH) AS PART OF ITS NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:01 PM)

S.B. NO. 2212: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-87-5, 41-87-7, 41-87-9, 41-87-11, 41-87-13 AND 41-87-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CORRECT CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE FEDERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA) IN MISSISSIPPI'S EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS, AND CLARIFY CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 7:45 AM)

S.B. NO. 2271: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-31-1 THROUGH 73-31-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THOSE STATUTES WHICH ESTABLISH AND EMPOWER THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY; TO AMEND SECTION 73-31-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-31-13, 73-31-14 AND 73-31-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS AND TO AUTHORIZE A FEE FOR EVALUATING CREDENTIALS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-31-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 4:57 PM)

S.B. NO. 2290: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY SHALL MAKE APPLICATION FOR STATE AND/OR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND SECTION 33-15-317, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MAXIMUM LIMIT ON THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS WHICH A STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY MAY RECEIVE TO INITIATE A PROJECT UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND SECTION 43-41-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A GOVERNOR'S STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION, THE STATE GRANTS AWARDED TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES UNDER THE STATE'S NATURAL DISASTER PLAN SHALL BE EQUAL TO AN AMOUNT ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:01 PM)

S.B. NO. 2333: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-7-191, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE HEALTH CARE CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT HOME FACILITIES MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:02 PM)

S.B. NO. 2334: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-35-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ISSUANCE OF A NONDRIVER'S IDENTIFICATION CARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:03 PM)

S.B. NO. 2353: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEE CHARGED BY CIRCUIT CLERKS FOR ALL SERVICES PERFORMED WITH RESPECT TO EACH COMPLAINT, PETITION OR INDICTMENT SHALL ACCRUE TO THE CLERK AT THE TIME OF COLLECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:04 PM)

S.B. NO. 2389: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYEE OF ANY STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, INSTITUTION OR OTHER INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE MAY OPERATE A STATE-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLE IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM A CONTIGUOUS STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:05 PM)

S.B. NO. 2390: AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 37-11-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEER MEDIATION MODELS AND CURRICULA IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 7:45 AM)

S.B. NO. 2442: AN ACT TO CREATE SECTION 51-4-23.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE TANGIPAHOA RIVER AS A STATE SCENIC STREAM AND TO INCLUDE THAT PORTION IN THE STATE SCENIC STREAMS

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:05 PM)

S.B. NO. 2516: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT A PRIMITIVE WEAPON LICENSE IS ONLY REQUIRED DURING PRIMITIVE WEAPON SEASON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:06 PM)

S.B. NO. 2574: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DESIGNATION AS SENIOR JUDGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:07 PM)

S.B. NO. 2588: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE REFERENCE TO NONGAME GROSS FISH AND GRABBLING SEASON; TO CREATE SECTION 49-7-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SET GRABBLING SEASON FOR NONGAME GROSS FISH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:08 PM)

S.B. NO. 2668: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-39-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO FIX THE COMMISSION CHARGED BY BAIL AGENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:09 PM)

S.B. NO. 2693: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-95, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE BRILL NET REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:10 PM)

S.B. NO. 2736: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE REAR AXLE OF TRAILER MOUNTED KNUCKLE BOOM LOG LOADERS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TIRE LOADING LIMITATIONS AND TO LIMIT THE GROSS WEIGHT IMPOSED UPON THE HIGHWAY BY SUCH AN AXLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:12 PM)

S.B. NO. 2748: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-39-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE LICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BAIL AGENTS AND APPLICANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:13 PM)

S.B. NO. 2762: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE HUNTING PRIVILEGES OF A PERSON WHO IS APPEALING FROM A VIOLATION OF HEADLIGHTING DEER; TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-95, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:14 PM)

S.B. NO. 2790: AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO WILLFULLY DESTROYS ANY FIELD CROP SHALL BE LIABLE FOR TWICE THE VALUE OF THE CROP DESTROYED. (March 11, 2001; 3:16 PM)

S.B. NO. 2792: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-59-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT SCHOOL TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES MAY BE SOLD AT A NEGOTIATED SALE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:17 PM)

S.B. NO. 2821: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-11-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO FEED COOKED GARBAGE AND VEGETABLE REFUSE TO SWINE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO USE OR MARKET SUCH SWINE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:18 PM)

S.B. NO. 2856: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "DELINQUENT CHILD AND DELINQUENT ACT" FOR PURPOSES OF JURISDICTION UNDER THE YOUTH COURT LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:20 PM)

S.B. NO. 2869: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-938, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS FROM CANTEEN OPERATIONS IN REGIONAL JAILS SHALL REMAIN WITH THE REGIONAL JAIL AND SHALL BE PLACED IN A SPECIAL FUND OF THE COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 7:49 AM)

S.B. NO. 2903: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 11-7-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF ASSIGNEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:20 PM)

S.B. NO. 2933: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-261, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED UPON THE DEATH OF A CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:21 PM)

S.B. NO. 2938: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 29-3-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PRESCRIBE A PROCEDURE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SALE OF TIMBER OR OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS ON SIXTEENTH SECTION FOREST LAND IN THE EVENT THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD IS DIVESTED OF AUTHORITY DUE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:22 PM)

S.B. NO. 2963: AN ACT TO REGULATE LARGER FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO PROVIDE FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP; TO PROVIDE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES; TO PROVIDE THAT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME GOVERNING BODY OR ANY SUBORDINATE BODY OF A SOCIETY SHALL NOT BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR ANY BENEFITS PROVIDED BY A SOCIETY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF SOCIETIES; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSOLIDATIONS AND MERGERS OF SOCIETIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONVERSION OF LARGER FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES INTO MUTUAL OR STOCK INSURERS; TO AUTHORIZE SOCIETIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CONTRACTUAL BENEFITS; TO REQUIRE EVERY SOCIETY TO ISSUE TO EACH OWNER OF A BENEFIT CONTRACT A CERTIFICATE SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF BENEFITS; TO REQUIRE SOCIETIES TO INVEST ITS FUNDS ONLY IN SUCH INVESTMENTS AS ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FOR THE INVESTMENT OF ASSETS OF LIFE INSURERS; TO PROVIDE FOR STANDARDS OF VALUATION; TO REQUIRE EVERY SOCIETY TO FILE AN ANNUAL STATEMENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL LICENSURE OF SOCIETIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ISSUE INJUNCTIONS OR TO LIQUIDATE DOMESTIC

SOCIETIES UPON CERTAIN FINDINGS AFTER INVESTIGATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUSPENSION, REVOCATION OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE OF FOREIGN OR ALIEN SOCIETIES UPON CERTAIN FINDINGS AFTER INVESTIGATION; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SOCIETIES FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 83-17-15 AND 83-17-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CHANGE SECTION REFERENCES IN CONFORMITY TO THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 83-29-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES WHICH ARE REGULATED UNDER CHAPTER 29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:23 PM)

S.B. NO. 3008: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-66, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASES OF PRISON LANDS TO PRIVATE ENTITIES AND ESTABLISHES THE PROCEDURES, METHODS OF PAYMENT OF RENTS, DISPOSAL OF INCOME AND TAX LIABILITY, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER DATE FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2002; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:24 PM)

S.B. NO. 3018: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-1123, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE SPECIAL NEEDS PRISON PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 7:49 AM)

S.B. NO. 3022: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-911, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON LAW AUTHORIZING HOUSING STATE INMATES IN COUNTY JAILS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:25 PM)

S.B. NO. 3028: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-99, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ABOLISH CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEES AND TO CREATE CLASSIFICATION HEARING OFFICERS AND DISCIPLINARY HEARING OFFICERS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-5-101, 47-5-103, 47-5-104, 47-5-138, 47-5-138.1, 47-5-181, 47-5-401, 47-5-451, 47-5-1003, 47-7-3 AND 43-21-261, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; FURTHER AMEND SECTION 47-7-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN NONVIOLENT FIRST OFFENDERS MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 7:46 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

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