

March 29, 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. 2135: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-7-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THOSE STATUTES WHICH CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:40 AM)

S.B. NO. 2270: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-19-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THOSE STATUTES CREATING AND EMPOWERING THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:40 AM)

S.B. NO. 2457: AN ACT TO CREATE THE "PRE-NEED CEMETERY AND FUNERAL REGISTRATION ACT"; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO REQUIRE ALL PRE-NEED CONTRACTS SOLD TO BE EVIDENCED IN WRITING ON FORMS REGISTERED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; TO PRESCRIBE THE CONTENTS OF SUCH WRITTEN PRE-NEED CONTRACT; TO PROVIDE FOR RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE TRUSTING REQUIREMENTS IF THE PRE-NEED CONTRACT IS FUNDED BY A TRUST; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS IF THE PRE-NEED CONTRACT IS FUNDED BY INSURANCE; TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION OF ALL PERSONS AND ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING PRE-NEED CONTRACTS; TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE; TO AUTHORIZE EXAMINATIONS OF THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF REGISTERED ESTABLISHMENTS; TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; TO CLARIFY THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES BY UNLICENSED AGENTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 75-63-1, 75-63-3, 75-63-7, 75-63-9, 75-63-11, 75-63-13, 75-63-15, 75-63-17, 75-63-18, 75-63-19, 75-63-21 AND 75-63-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REGULATE THE PRE-NEED SALES OF CEMETERY MERCHANDISE AND FUNERAL SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:25 AM)

S.B. NO. 2745: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY AND LIMIT THE TYPE OF IMPLANTABLE PROGRAMMABLE PUMP FOR WHICH HOSPITALS WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT UNDER MEDICAID; TO EXTEND THE REPEAL

DATE ON THE PROVISION AUTHORIZING THAT ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2005; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:25 AM)

S.B. NO. 2857: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE STATE AGENCIES TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS, CHARGE CARDS, DEBIT CARDS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS FOR PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT FEES, COSTS AND DEBTS PURSUANT TO POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS, CHARGE CARDS, DEBIT CARDS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS FOR PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT FEES, COSTS AND DEBTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES ADOPTED BY THE STATE AUDITOR; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FEES OR CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF SUCH ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE USER OF THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR PROCESSING THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT; TO AUTHORIZE MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO USE CREDIT CARDS TO PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:25 AM)

S.B. NO. 3001: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 77-6-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF MISSISSIPPI TO PARTICIPATE AND VOTE IN MEETINGS VIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR ELECTRONIC MEANS AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH MEETINGS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:26 AM)

S.B. NO. 3063: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE PINEBELT ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:28 AM)

S.B. NO. 3064: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:28 AM)

S.B. NO. 3066: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS OF SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:28 AM)

S.B. NO. 3067: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:29 AM)

S.B. NO. 3068: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE HATTIESBURG LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:29 AM)

S.B. NO. 3069: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE SALVATION ARMY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:30 AM)

S.B. NO. 3070: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HATTIESBURG AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC.; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:30 AM)

S.B. NO. 3071: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SALVATION ARMY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:30 AM)

S.B. NO. 3072: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE GULF PINES GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL, INCORPORATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:31 AM)

S.B. NO. 3073: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FORREST COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 29, 2001; 5:31 AM)

S.B. NO. 3095: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BEING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STAFF, AND FOR EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE PROPER OPERATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION AND RESIDENCE OF THE GOVERNOR, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:06 PM)

S.B. NO. 3099: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES TO BANKS FOR ACTING AS AGENTS OF THE STATE IN PAYING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS AND INTEREST OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT UNTIL SUCH BONDS SHALL BE PAID OR UNTIL June 30, 2002 WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR; AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF MATURING BONDS AND INTEREST ON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FALLING DUE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:06 PM)

S.B. NO. 3100: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:07 PM)

S.B. NO. 3101: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:08 PM)

S.B. NO. 3102: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES AND THE DESIGNATED INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES AND PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 28, 2001; 5:08 PM)

S.B. NO. 3103: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP, LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS AND THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:09 PM)

S.B. NO. 3104: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:09 PM)

S.B. NO. 3105: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CONSOLIDATED OPERATION OF THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER, THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTER AND MARIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:10 PM)

S.B. NO. 3115: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:10 PM)

S.B. NO. 3116: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EXPERIMENT STATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:11 PM)

S.B. NO. 3117: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:11 PM)

S.B. NO. 3118: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002. (March 28, 2001; 5:12 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

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