

May 23, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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

**H.B. 641:** AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTIONS 97-32-25, 97-32-27 AND 97-32-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO BY ADULTS ON CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY AND TO PRESCRIBE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 23, 2000; 3:41 PM)

**H.B. 1384:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-704, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO RECONSTITUTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION EFFECTIVE UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT; TO END THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EXISTING MEMBERS ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT SIX MEMBERS OF THE RECONSTITUTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPORATION, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THREE MEMBERS OF THE RECONSTITUTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORPORATION; TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-729, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BONDS THAT THE MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION MAY ISSUE TO AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000,000.00 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003; TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-751, TO REVISE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CORPORATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-711, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AMEND SECTION 43-33-707, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION TO ANNUALLY EMPLOY COUNSEL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 23, 2000; 3:57 PM)

**H.B. 1469:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-86-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA UNDER THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP) TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS WITHOUT INSURANCE COVERAGE AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR THE PROGRAM AND WHO MEETS THE OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COVERED BENEFITS UNDER THE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO FEDERAL APPROVAL; TO PROVIDE THAT IF FEDERAL APPROVAL IS NOT OBTAINED FOR THE PRECEDING PROVISION, THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID SHALL SEEK FEDERAL APPROVAL TO ALLOW ELIGIBILITY AFTER THE SHORTEST WAITING PERIOD OF BEING WITHOUT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WHICH APPROVAL CAN BE OBTAINED; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE CHIP PLAN INCLUDES ANY WAITING PERIOD OF BEING WITHOUT INSURANCE COVERAGE BEFORE ELIGIBILITY, THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH

INSURANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE WAITING PERIOD FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR GOOD CAUSE OR THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN; TO AMEND SECTION 41-86-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE CHIP ADVISORY BOARD TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN THROUGH MEDICAID AND THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIP ADVISORY BOARD TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS OR COALITIONS OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE CAMPAIGN, AND REQUIRE THIS ADVISORY BOARD TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE CAMPAIGN; TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDING FOR THE CAMPAIGN AND FOR ANY CONTRACTS EXECUTED BY THE CHIP ADVISORY BOARD TO IMPLEMENT THE CAMPAIGN SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 23, 2000; 3:15 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

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