

May 1, 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. NO. 87: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-5-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT VOTERS WITHIN CERTAIN MUNICIPAL SEPARATE OR SPECIAL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTION OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:00 PM)

H.B. NO. 175: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-3-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:00 PM)

H.B. NO. 211: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-367, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE METHOD OF FILING LIENS FOR CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS OWED TO THE STATE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:01 PM)

H.B. NO. 256: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 75-79-7, 75-79-13 AND 75-79-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF PULPWOOD RECEIVING FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 75-79-22, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:02 PM)

H.B. NO. 418: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL; TO DEFINE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL; TO ESTABLISH AN INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:02 PM)

H.B. NO. 466: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-1-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH TWO SETS AND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH SIX SETS OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE; TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SETS OF THE CODE TO BE PROVIDED

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; TO CLARIFY WHICH COUNTY OFFICES WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SETS OF THE CODE IN COUNTIES HAVING TWO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:03 PM)

H.B. NO. 467: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 75-40-107 THROUGH 75-40-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PLACE THE MISSISSIPPI BIRD DEALERS LICENSING ACT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN AND THE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 75-40-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:04 PM)

H.B. NO. 481: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MUNICIPAL CRIME PREVENTION FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE MONIES FROM THE FUND TO EACH MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE; TO SPECIFY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MUNICIPALITIES MAY EXPEND THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:05 PM)

H.B. NO. 591: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-1-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS TO PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE; TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN INFORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW UPON REQUEST OF THE ACCUSED; TO PROVIDE APPEAL PROCEDURES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:06 PM)

H.B. NO. 609: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 19-3-41, 21-17-5 AND 21-17-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY AND THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF ANY MUNICIPALITY TO EXPEND FUNDS TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR NEWLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT OF SUCH OFFICIALS; TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO UTILIZE CREDIT CARDS OR ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS IN CONDUCTING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PAYMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 45-4-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE MUNICIPALITIES AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES IN THE JAIL OFFICER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 45-4-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD ON JAIL OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING; TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-4-5, 45-4-7, 45-4-9, 45-4-11, 45-4-13, 45-6-15, AND 47-1-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:06 PM)

H.B. NO. 666: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 19-5-51, 25-1-51, 25-1-87, 27-7-93, 27-65-101, 29-7-1, 29-7-3, 29-7-17, 37-101-19, 39-5-41, 49-1-1, 49-1-19, 49-1-33, 49-1-35, 49-1-41, 49-1-47, 49-1-51, 49-1-53, 49-1-55, 49-2-1, 49-2-19, 49-3-13, 49-4-1, 49-4-19, 49-5-1, 49-5-11, 49-5-13, 49-5-15, 49-5-16, 49-5-17, 49-5-19, 49-5-21, 49-5-23, 49-5-25, 49-5-27, 49-5-35, 49-5-37, 49-5-61, 49-5-69, 49-5-73, 49-5-75, 49-5-77, 49-5-78, 49-5-81,

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H.B. NO. 677: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-17-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE MISSISSIPPI BANKS, RETAIL SELLERS, LENDERS AND OTHER ISSUERS OF CREDIT CARDS TO PROVIDE IN THE WRITTEN CREDIT CARD AGREEMENT FOR ANY PRODUCTS, SERVICES, CHARGES AND FEES AS THE ISSUER AND THE DEBTOR MAY AGREE UPON; TO REQUIRE CREDIT CARD ISSUERS TO PROVIDE 30 DAYS' NOTICE TO DEBTORS OF ANY MODIFICATION OF ANY TERM OF THE CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT; TO DELETE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR LATE PAYMENT CHARGES THAT MAY BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT PAYMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:10 PM)

H.B. NO. 729: AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-143-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE UP TO 20 NEW RECIPIENTS EACH YEAR WITH A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO OBTAIN A MEDICAL EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT NO COST; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED FROM MONIES APPROPRIATED FROM THE HEALTH CARE EXPENDABLE FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MUST AGREE TO PRACTICE FAMILY MEDICINE FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS IN AN AREA OF THE STATE THAT IS A CRITICAL NEEDS AREA FOR PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE; TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE THAT WILL ANNUALLY DETERMINE AND DESIGNATE THE CRITICAL NEEDS AREAS IN WHICH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MAY PRACTICE IN ORDER TO FULFILL THEIR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT LEAVES MEDICAL SCHOOL OR HIS OR HER RESIDENCY BEFORE COMPLETION OR LEAVES PRACTICING FAMILY MEDICINE IN A CRITICAL NEEDS AREA BEFORE THE END OF TEN YEARS, THE

FULL AMOUNT THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVED UNDER THE SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN 90 DAYS, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
(May 1, 2000; 4:15 PM)

H.B. NO. 764: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-573, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A UNIFORM AFFIDAVIT BALLOT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
(April 30, 2000; 3:11 PM)

H.B. NO. 765: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-673, 23-15-677, 23-15-685, 23-15-687, 23-15-695 AND 23-15-699, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ABSENT VOTER" UNDER THE ARMED FORCES ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW, CITIZENS OF MISSISSIPPI WHO ARE ENROLLED AT A UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY; TO PROVIDE THAT ABSENT VOTERS MAY USE A DULY EXECUTED FEDERAL POSTCARD APPLICATION TO REQUEST A BALLOT OR TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR TO DO BOTH SIMULTANEOUSLY UNDER THE ARMED FORCES ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT A REQUEST FOR AN ARMED FORCES ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL SERVE AS A REQUEST FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR EACH ELECTION HELD WITHIN THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE VOTER IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE; TO ALLOW NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PETTY OFFICERS TO ADMINISTER AND ATTEST OATHS UNDER THE ARMED FORCES ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW; TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC FACSIMILE DEVICES TO TRANSMIT ABSENTEE BALLOTS, TO RECEIVE VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND TO RECEIVE COMPLETED FEDERAL POSTCARD APPLICATIONS UNDER THE ARMED FORCES ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT ABSENTEE VOTERS WHO RESIDE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR WHO ARE FAMILY MEMBERS OF A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, AND WHO ARE REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, MAY USE THE FEDERAL WRITE-IN-ABSENTEE BALLOT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REPEAL SECTION 23-15-689, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES THE MANNER IN WHICH PERSONS ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE UNDER THE ARMED SERVICES ABSENTEE VOTERS LAW; TO GRANT THE SECRETARY OF STATE EMERGENCY POWERS IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS DURING MILITARY CONTINGENCIES OR ARMED CONFLICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 30, 2000; 3:12 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

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