

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Transportation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 381

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION  
2 COMMISSION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION,  
3 SHALL CUT, REMOVE AND SELL CERTAIN TIMBER ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY  
4 OF U.S. HIGHWAY 49 BEGINNING AT OR NEAR HATTIESBURG AND EXTENDING  
5 SOUTHERLY TO U.S. HIGHWAY 90; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROCEEDS FROM  
6 THE SALE SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO A SPECIAL FUND THAT IS CREATED IN  
7 THE STATE TREASURY AND EXPENDED BY THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION  
8 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission,  
11 in cooperation with the State Forestry Commission, shall cut,  
12 remove and sell all timber within the median and for a safe  
13 distance along the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 49 beginning at or  
14 near Hattiesburg and extending southerly to U.S. Highway 90 with  
15 the exception of the large oak trees along U.S. Highway 49 near  
16 and in the vicinity of the community of Howison in northern  
17 Harrison County.

18 (2) The timber described in subsection (1) of this section  
19 shall be sold or disposed of in accordance with the provisions of  
20 Section 65-1-123; however, any proceeds from the sale shall be  
21 deposited into a special fund that is created in the State  
22 Treasury. Monies in the special fund may be expended by the State  
23 Forestry Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for  
24 the purchase of forestry equipment.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 1999.