

By: Representative Stevens

To: Agriculture

## HOUSE BILL NO. 724

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-19-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE THAT ALL VALID TIMBER CUTTING CONTRACTS SHALL HAVE A  
3 PROVISION TO BE SIGNED BY THE LANDOWNER OR SELLER INDICATING  
4 WHETHER OR NOT HE WANTS HIS TIMBER HARVESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
5 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 49-19-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 49-19-69. The provisions of Sections 49-19-51 to 49-19-75  
10 shall not apply to nor affect any valid timber cutting contract  
11 made and entered into before the approval of these sections. From  
12 and after July 1, 1999, any contract or deed for the cutting of  
13 timber shall have a provision to be signed by the landowner or  
14 seller stating that the landowner or seller has been informed of  
15 the existence of Mississippi's Forestry Best Management Practices  
16 and indicating whether or not the landowner or seller desires to  
17 have Forestry Best Management Practices required by the contract  
18 or deed.

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