

By: Representatives Wallace, Banks, Bozeman, To: Ways and Means  
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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1185

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 55-23-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY  
3 A FEE TO USE THE VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM FOR FOOTBALL GAMES; AND  
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
5 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:  
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7 SECTION 1. Section 55-23-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 55-23-9. The commission shall operate the Mississippi  
10 Veterans Memorial Stadium and to that end may employ such agents  
11 and employees as may be required in connection therewith. It may  
12 enter into contracts for the use of the stadium, and fix the  
13 amount of the compensation therefor, and collect the same when  
14 due.

15 All monies and revenues, including the amusement tax imposed  
16 upon the sale of tickets for admission to the stadium, and all  
17 monies arising from the use of stadium property, including that  
18 realized from the sale of concessions, shall be paid by the  
19 commission to the State Treasurer, to be placed to the credit of a  
20 special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Veterans Memorial  
21 Stadium Operating Fund," and any references in the laws to the  
22 "Mississippi Memorial Stadium Fund" or the "Mississippi Veterans  
23 Memorial Stadium Fund" shall mean the "Mississippi Veterans  
24 Memorial Stadium Operating Fund" unless the context clearly  
25 indicates otherwise. Any interest earned on amounts deposited in  
26 the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Operating Fund shall be  
27 credited to such special fund. \* \* \* However, \* \* \* twenty-five  
28 percent (25%) of all profits realized by the commission from the

29 sale of concessions at athletic events when Jackson State  
30 University is the home team shall be deposited to the credit of a  
31 special auxiliary fund and authorized for expenditure by the Board  
32 of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning exclusively  
33 for the support of intercollegiate athletics at such university.  
34 The commission shall not charge Jackson State University any fee  
35 for the use of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium and the  
36 lands and facilities under the supervision of the commission when  
37 the stadium, lands and facilities are used by Jackson State  
38 University for the purpose of playing a football game. All  
39 expenses incident to the operation and upkeep of the facilities  
40 and property managed by the commission shall be paid out of the  
41 Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Operating Fund by warrants  
42 drawn by the Department of Finance and Administration, which shall  
43 be issued on the requisition of the commission.

44 All tickets sold to an event conducted in the Mississippi  
45 Veterans Memorial Stadium shall have printed in an appropriate and  
46 prominent place thereon the words A.C. "Butch" Lambert Field.

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