To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1476

AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECT:

- 27-7-22.2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX
- 3 CREDIT OF \$5,000.00 FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD; AND FOR RELATED
- 4 PURPOSES.
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 5
- 6 SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section
- 7 27-7-22.2, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 27-7-22.2. There shall be allowed as a credit against the 8
- income tax imposed by this chapter, an amount equal to Five 9
- 10 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each dependent child legally
- adopted under the laws of this state during calendar year 1999 or 11
- during any calendar year thereafter by a single individual or by a 12
- 13 head of family individual, or, in the case of married individuals,
- a joint credit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each 14
- 15 dependent child legally adopted under the laws of this state
- during calendar year 1999 or during any calendar year thereafter 16
- by both the husband and the wife. The tax credit provided in this 17
- section may be claimed only for the taxable year in which the 18
- adoption becomes final under the laws of this state. A tax credit 19
- 20 is not allowed under this section for any child for which an
- exemption is claimed during the same taxable year under Section 21
- 22 27-7-21(e).
- SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any 23
- 24 claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for
- 25 taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws before the date on
- 26 which this act becomes effective, whether such claims,
- assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the 2.7

- 28 date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter;
- 29 and the provisions of the income tax laws are expressly continued
- 30 in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the
- 31 assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due
- 32 or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before
- 33 the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the
- 34 imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to
- 35 comply with such laws.
- 36 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 37 and after January 1, 1999.