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By: Representatives Maples, Martinson

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1542

AN ACT TO EXEMPT COLD FRAMES AND GREENHOUSES FROM AD VALOREM 2 TAXATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words 4 5 shall have the meanings ascribed herein: "Cold frame" means an enclosed growing structure 6 (a)

7 that admits natural daylight but normally is not equipped with 8 supplementary heat sources.

9 (b) "Greenhouse" means a structure that is used for growing plants and has a transparent covering and an artificial 10 11 heat source.

12 (2) Cold frames and greenhouses shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. 13

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a 14 separate Code section in Chapter 31, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 15 1972. 16

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any 17 claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for 18 19 taxes due or accrued under the ad valorem tax laws before the date 20 on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, 21 assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; 2.2 23 and the provisions of the ad valorem tax laws are expressly 24 continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of 25 the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws 26

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27 before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the 28 imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to 29 comply with such laws.

30 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from 31 and after January 1, 2000.