

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2973

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE KEEP MISSISSIPPI BEAUTIFUL, INCORPORATED TO IMPLEMENT
3 AN ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AWARDS PROGRAM FOR
4 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN IMPLEMENTING THE LITTER LAWS; TO
5 AUTHORIZE A NON-MONETARY AWARD AND TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE OF
6 THAT AWARD FROM PUBLIC FUNDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT
7 ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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9 SECTION 1. Section 65-1-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 65-1-165. (1) The State Department of Transportation may
12 execute a contract with Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., to
13 develop and implement a comprehensive statewide program of litter
14 prevention. The contract shall contain provisions to require that
15 Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., will:

16 (a) Encourage and assist local communities to become
17 certified Keep America Beautiful systems;

18 (b) Serve as a state clearinghouse of information on
19 ideas and projects to make local litter prevention programs more
20 effective;

21 (c) Implement statewide communication programs to alert
22 people to the problem of littering and how it can be corrected;

23 (d) Coordinate an annual statewide project which will
24 heighten public awareness of the problem of littering;

25 (e) Establish an annual awards program to recognize
26 individual and community achievement in litter prevention,
27 including law enforcement officers as provided in subsection (2)
28 of this section;

29 (f) Serve as the authority which approves and disburses

30 financial assistance to any nonprofit corporation, county or
31 municipality which, in a written application, seeks * * *
32 assistance to implement a local litter prevention project. The
33 financial assistance authorized herein shall not exceed forty
34 percent (40%) of the cost of the local litter prevention project
35 for which * * * assistance is sought.

36 (g) Encourage donation of funds from the private sector
37 to assist in defraying the operation of the litter prevention
38 program implemented under this section.

39 The contract may include any additional provisions which the
40 State Department of Transportation deems necessary to effectuate
41 the litter prevention program contemplated by this section.

42 Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., shall submit to the State
43 Department of Transportation on or before August 1 of each year a
44 written report detailing the operation of the litter prevention
45 program statewide and its expenditure of monies for such program
46 during the preceding state fiscal year.

47 (2) Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Incorporated shall implement
48 an annual awards program to recognize law enforcement officers who
49 have distinguished themselves in the enforcement of litter laws.
50 Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Incorporated may provide a
51 non-monetary award to each recognized law enforcement officer.
52 The non-monetary award shall not be paid for from public funds.

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