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To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-21-119, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 TO INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES FOR AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS ENGAGED IN 3 AGRICULTURAL AVIATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: SECTION 1. Section 69-21-119, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

7 69-21-119. A fee of not more than <u>Five Hundred Dollars</u> 8 <u>(\$500.00)</u> for each aircraft owned, operated, used and employed in 9 aerial application by an applicator shall be paid to the board for 10 the issuance or required annual renewal of a license for an 11 applicator. Each aircraft shall be identified at all times by a 12 device supplied to the registered applicator by the board.

A fee of not more than <u>Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)</u> for each pilot engaged in aerial application shall be paid to the board for the issuance or required annual renewal of a license for a pilot. Each pilot shall have in his possession at all times an identification card supplied by the board.

All funds collected under the provisions of this article shall be kept in the Treasury of the State of Mississippi and disbursed upon requisitions signed by the chairman of the board. Such funds shall be subject to audit by the Auditor of the State

H. B. No. 48 00\HR03\R209 PAGE 1 of Mississippi. The State Board of Agricultural Aviation shall furnish a copy of its financial statement and a copy of any proposed license fee adjustments to each aerial applicator licensed by the state not less than two (2) weeks before the annual meeting of the aerial applicators. Such financial statement shall reflect all funds collected and all disbursements made under the provisions of this article.

29 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 30 and after July 1, 2000.