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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 75-76-177 AND 75-76-129, MISSISSIPPI
 2 CODE OF 1972, TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL FEE ON THE GROSS
 3 REVENUES OF GAMING LICENSEES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AVAILS OF THE
 4 ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEE SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN A SPECIAL FUND IN THE
 5 STATE TREASURY AND DISTRIBUTED TO NONGAMING COUNTIES FOR
 6 EXPENDITURE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF COUNTY ROADS AND
 7 BRIDGES, FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES AND FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES
 8 FOR WHICH COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS LAWFULLY MAY BE EXPENDED; AND FOR
 9 RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 SECTION 1. Section 75-76-177, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 12 amended as follows:

13 75-76-177. (1) From and after August 1, 1990, there is
 14 hereby imposed and levied on each gaming licensee a license fee
 15 based upon all the gross revenue of the licensee as follows:

16 (a) Four percent (4%) of all the gross revenue of the
 17 licensee which does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)
 18 per calendar month;

19 (b) Six percent (6%) of all the gross revenue of the
 20 licensee which exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per
 21 calendar month and does not exceed One Hundred Thirty-four
 22 Thousand Dollars (\$134,000.00) per calendar month; and

23 (c) Eight percent (8%) of all the gross revenue of the
 24 licensee which exceeds One Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Dollars

25 (\$134,000.00) per calendar month.

26 (2) A license fee, in addition to the fee imposed and levied
27 under subsection (1) of this section, is imposed and levied
28 monthly on all the gross revenue of each gaming licensee in the
29 amount of one percent (1%) from and after July 1, 2000, through
30 June 30, 2001, two percent (2%) from and after July 1, 2001,
31 through June 30, 2002, three percent (3%) from and after July 1,
32 2002, through June 30, 2003, and four percent (4%) from and after
33 July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004. This subsection shall stand
34 repealed from and after July 1, 2004.

35 (3) All revenue received from any game or gaming device
36 which is leased for operation on the premises of the
37 licensee-owner to a person other than the owner thereof or which
38 is located in an area or space on such premises which is leased by
39 the licensee-owner to any such person, must be attributed to the
40 owner for the purposes of this section and be counted as part of
41 the gross revenue of the owner. The lessee is liable to the owner
42 for his proportionate share of such license fees.

43 (4) If the amount of license fees required to be reported
44 and paid pursuant to this section is later determined to be
45 greater or less than the amount actually reported and paid by the
46 licensee, the Chairman of the State Tax Commission shall:

47 (a) Assess and collect the additional license fees
48 determined to be due, with interest thereon until paid; or

49 (b) Refund any overpayment, with interest thereon, to
50 the licensee.

51 Interest must be computed, until paid, at the rate of one
52 percent (1%) per month from the first day of the first month
53 following either the due date of the additional license fees or
54 the date of overpayment.

55 (5) Failure to pay the fees provided for in this section

56 when they are due for continuation of a license shall be deemed a
57 surrender of the license.

58 SECTION 2. Section 75-76-129, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
59 amended as follows:

60 **[Until July 1, 2004, this section shall read as follows:]**

61 75-76-129. On or before the last day of each month all
62 taxes, fees, interest, penalties, damages, fines or other monies
63 collected by the State Tax Commission during that month under the
64 provisions of this chapter, with the exception of (a) the local
65 government fees imposed under Section 75-76-195, * * * (b) an
66 amount equal to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of the
67 revenue collected pursuant to the fee imposed under Section
68 75-76-177(1)(c), or an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%)
69 of the revenue collected pursuant to the fee imposed under Section
70 75-76-177(1)(c), whichever is the greater amount, and (c) the
71 avails of the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(2), shall be
72 paid by the State Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be
73 deposited in the State General Fund. The local government fees
74 shall be distributed by the State Tax Commission pursuant to
75 Section 75-76-197. An amount equal to Three Million Dollars
76 (\$3,000,000.00) of the revenue collected during that month
77 pursuant to the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(1)(c) shall be
78 deposited by the State Tax Commission into the bond sinking fund
79 created in Section 65-39-3. The revenue collected during that
80 month pursuant to the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(1)(c)
81 that is in excess of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), but is
82 less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of revenue
83 collected during that month, shall be deposited into the State

84 Highway Fund to be used exclusively for the reconstruction and
85 maintenance of highways of the State of Mississippi. The avails
86 of the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(2) shall be deposited
87 by the State Tax Commission into the special fund created in
88 Section 3 of House Bill No. _____, 2000 Regular Session.

89 **[From and after July 1, 2004, and until July 1, 2012, this**
90 **section shall read as follows:]**

91 75-76-129. On or before the last day of each month all
92 taxes, fees, interest, penalties, damages, fines or other monies
93 collected by the State Tax Commission during that month under the
94 provisions of this chapter, with the exception of (a) the local
95 government fees imposed under Section 75-76-195, and (b) an amount
96 equal to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of the revenue
97 collected pursuant to the fee imposed under Section
98 75-76-177(1)(c), or an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%)
99 of the revenue collected pursuant to the fee imposed under Section
100 75-76-177(1)(c), whichever is the greater amount, shall be paid by
101 the State Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be deposited in
102 the State General Fund. The local government fees shall be
103 distributed by the State Tax Commission pursuant to Section
104 75-76-197. An amount equal to Three Million Dollars
105 (\$3,000,000.00) of the revenue collected during that month
106 pursuant to the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(1)(c) shall be
107 deposited by the State Tax Commission into the bond sinking fund
108 created in Section 65-39-3. The revenue collected during that
109 month pursuant to the fee imposed under Section 75-76-177(1)(c)
110 that is in excess of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), but is
111 less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of revenue

112 collected during that month, shall be deposited into the State
113 Highway Fund to be used exclusively for the reconstruction and
114 maintenance of highways of the State of Mississippi.

115 **[From and after July 1, 2012, this section shall read as**
116 **follows:]**

117 75-76-129. On or before the last day of each month, all
118 taxes, fees, interest, penalties, damages, fines or other monies
119 collected by the State Tax Commission during that month under the
120 provisions of this chapter, with the exception of the local
121 government fees imposed under Section 75-76-195, shall be paid by
122 the State Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be deposited in
123 the State General Fund. The local government fees shall be
124 distributed by the State Tax Commission pursuant to Section
125 75-76-197.

126 SECTION 3. There is created in the State Treasury a special
127 fund. The fund shall consist of such monies as are required to be
128 deposited into the fund under Section 75-76-129. Beginning on the
129 last working day of October 2000 and on the last working day of
130 each three (3) months thereafter, the monies on deposit and to the
131 credit of the special fund shall be paid and distributed, upon
132 legislative appropriation, by the State Treasurer, upon warrants
133 issued by the State Fiscal Officer, equally to and among the
134 chancery clerks of the counties within the state in which gaming
135 is not authorized by law. Upon receipt of such monies, the
136 chancery clerk shall deposit such monies in the county general
137 fund and the board of supervisors of such county may appropriate
138 and authorize such monies to be expended for the construction,
139 repair and maintenance of county roads and bridges, for law

140 enforcement purposes or for any other purposes for which county
141 general fund monies lawfully may be expended.

142 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
143 and after its passage.