

By: Ford

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 343
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 WHICH PROVIDES FUNDS TO DEFRAY COSTS OF THE STATE'S SHARE IN NORTH
3 MISSISSIPPI FISH HATCHERY AND LOWER EAST PEARL RIVER WATER
4 DIVERSION PROJECT; TO EXTEND THE REPEALER FROM DECEMBER 31, 2000,
5 TO DECEMBER 31, 2001; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 57-61-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 57-61-32. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter
10 to the contrary, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
11 shall certify to the department the amount of money necessary to
12 defray the cost of the state's share in constructing the North
13 Mississippi fish hatchery, which amount shall not be more than
14 Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00); and the department shall, if
15 funds have not otherwise been made available, provide a grant for
16 such amount out of the proceeds of bonds issued under this
17 chapter. Of the funds provided hereunder, any amounts not
18 expended on the fish hatchery shall be remitted to the department
19 for deposit into the Mississippi Business Investment Sinking Fund.

20 The private match requirements of Section 57-61-9(2)(d),
21 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall not apply to any loan or grant
22 made under this section.

23 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
24 contrary, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall
25 certify to the department the amount of money necessary to defray
26 the costs of the state's share in constructing the water diversion
27 project on the lower East Pearl River, beginning at the Wilson

28 Slough Breakout down through the Farris Slough and Holmes Bayou to
29 the Hobolochitto Creek, which amount shall not be more than Four
30 Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00); and if the United States Army
31 Corps of Engineers receives approval for the construction of such
32 project, and if the United States has committed funding for the
33 project, then the department shall provide a grant for such amount
34 out of the proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter. Of the
35 funds provided in this subsection, any amounts not expended on the
36 project described herein shall be remitted to the department for
37 deposit into the Mississippi Business Investment Sinking Fund.
38 The provisions of this subsection (2) shall stand repealed from
39 and after December 31, 2001.

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