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To: Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1229

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN  
3 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 3-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:[HS1]

7 3-3-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)  
8 of this section, the following are declared to be legal holidays,  
9 viz: the first day of January (New Year's Day); the third Monday  
10 of January (Robert E. Lee's birthday and Dr. Martin Luther King,  
11 Jr.'s birthday); the third Monday of February (Washington's  
12 birthday); the last Monday of April (Confederate Memorial Day);  
13 the last Monday of May (National Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis'  
14 birthday); the fourth day of July (Independence Day); the first  
15 Monday of September (Labor Day); the eleventh day of November  
16 (Armistice or Veterans' Day); the day fixed by proclamation by the  
17 Governor of Mississippi as a day of Thanksgiving, which shall be  
18 fixed to correspond to the date proclaimed by the President of the  
19 United States (Thanksgiving Day); and the twenty-fifth day of  
20 December (Christmas Day). In the event any holiday hereinbefore  
21 declared legal shall fall on Sunday, then the next following day  
22 shall be a legal holiday.

23 (2) In lieu of any one (1) legal holiday provided for in  
24 subsection (1) of this section, with the exception of the third  
25 Monday in January (Robert E. Lee's and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
26 birthday), the governing authorities of any municipality or county

27 may declare, by order spread upon its minutes, Mardi Gras Day or  
28 any one (1) other day during the year, to be a legal holiday.

29 (3) August 16 is declared to be Elvis Aron Presley Day in  
30 recognition and appreciation of Elvis Aron Presley's many  
31 contributions, international recognition and the rich legacy left  
32 to us by Elvis Aron Presley. This day shall be a day of  
33 recognition and observation and shall not be recognized as a legal  
34 holiday.

35 (4) May 8 is declared to be Hernando de Soto Day in  
36 recognition, observation and commemoration of Hernando de Soto,  
37 who led the first and most imposing expedition ever made by  
38 Europeans into the wilds of North America and the State of  
39 Mississippi, and in further recognition of the Spanish explorer's  
40 one-hundred-eighty-seven-day journey from the Tombigbee River  
41 basin on our state's eastern boundary, westward to the place of  
42 discovery of the Mississippi River on May 8, 1541. This day shall  
43 be a day of commemoration, recognition and observation of Hernando  
44 de Soto and European exploration and shall not be recognized as a  
45 legal holiday.

46 (5) Insofar as possible, Armistice Day shall be observed by  
47 appropriate exercises in all the public schools in the State of  
48 Mississippi at the eleventh hour in the morning of the eleventh  
49 day of the eleventh month of the year.

50 (6) The month of May of each year is declared to be  
51 "Motorcycle Awareness Month" in Mississippi in observation and  
52 recognition of the proper safety techniques to be employed by  
53 drivers and passengers of motorcycles. This month shall be a  
54 month of observation and recognition and shall not be recognized  
55 as a legal holiday.

56 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
57 and after its passage.