

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Game and Fish

HOUSE BILL NO. 1049

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
2 PARKS TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE BUCCANEER STATE PARK,
3 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF ENTERING
4 INTO A JOINT VENTURE WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY FOR THE GROWTH AND
5 EXPANSION OF THE STATE PARK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
8 Fisheries and Parks shall implement a study on the feasibility of
9 entering into a joint venture with a private entity for the growth
10 and expansion of the Buccaneer State Park water or family
11 amusement facilities. The study should concentrate on the
12 economic impact of entering into a joint venture with a private
13 entity where the private entity shall be primarily responsible for
14 funding the expansion project and the building of additional
15 amusement facilities.

16 (2) In conducting its activities, the department may elicit
17 the support of and participation by any commercial, industrial,
18 governmental, environmental, minority and public interest
19 organizations and associations, or individual members thereof, and
20 any federal, state and local agencies and political subdivisions
21 as may be necessary or appropriate in the furtherance of the
22 study.

23 (3) The department shall prepare a report of the study with
24 recommendations and file the report with the Legislature by
25 December 31, 2001.

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