

By: Representative Holland

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 1147

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-5-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI FAIR COMMISSION TO ALLOW CERTAIN
3 ENTITIES TO USE, PUBLISH AND ADVERTISE IN CONNECTION WITH
4 ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS FOR A MONETARY
5 CONSIDERATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 69-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 69-5-3. (1) The Mississippi Fair Commission shall set up
10 rules and regulations consistent with the law governing the
11 distribution of state monies for premiums or awards. It will be
12 the duty of the commission to meet at the call of the chairman, at
13 least twice each year, to approve premium lists or awards, and
14 give out rules governing participants in state premium money in
15 Mississippi. Said commission may invite the presidents of the
16 various district livestock shows before said commission when
17 determining policies affecting district livestock shows.

18 (2) The Mississippi Fair Commission is hereby authorized to
19 accept money or funds donated to or to be awarded as prizes under
20 regulations promulgated by the commission.

21 (3) The Mississippi Fair Commission shall have charge of
22 designated state lands and buildings, and have full power and
23 authority in perfecting plans and causing to be held an
24 agricultural and industrial exposition annually, and other events
25 from time to time on said lands and located for the promotion of
26 Mississippi agriculture and industry.

27 (4) The Mississippi Fair Commission is hereby authorized to
28 employ an attorney as prescribed in Section 69-1-14.

29 (5) The Mississippi Fair Commission may take any action
30 authorized in Section 1 of Laws 2000, Chapter 306.

31 (6) The Mississippi Fair Commission may allow a commercial,
32 charitable or governmental concern to use, publish and advertise
33 such concern's name in connection with the State Fair, the Dixie
34 National Livestock Show and Rodeo and any other activity conducted
35 on the state fairgrounds in return for a monetary consideration
36 paid to the commission, which funds shall be retained by the
37 commission and used for its operating expenses or for capital
38 improvements to the fairgrounds.

39 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2001.