

By: Representative Holland

To: Agriculture

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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; TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE MONETARY
6 CONSIDERATION SHALL BE USED FOR AWARDS IN LIVESTOCK SHOWS; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (6) The Mississippi Fair Commission may allow a commercial,
34 charitable or governmental concern to use, publish and advertise
35 such concern's name in connection with the State Fair or the Dixie
36 National Livestock Show and Rodeo in return for a monetary
37 consideration paid to the commission, which funds shall be
38 retained by the commission for capital improvements to the
39 fairgrounds, except that not less than ten percent (10%) of such
40 consideration shall be distributed annually to the Livestock Shows
41 Fund that, by this subsection, is created in the State Treasury
42 for premiums or awards in county, district and state livestock
43 shows. Provided, however, the commission shall not enter into any
44 such agreement with any vendor whose products are illegal for
45 participation in or use by persons eighteen (18) years of age and
46 under.

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