

By: Representative Malone

To: Penitentiary

HOUSE BILL NO. 1371

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE OFFENDERS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO WORK FOR NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS AND  
3 ENTITIES THAT MANUFACTURE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SOLD ONLY TO  
4 NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS, THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF  
5 THE STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the  
8 Commissioner of Corrections may authorize the working of  
9 offenders, on a voluntary basis, in support of any nonprofit  
10 corporation, as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
11 Revenue Code of 1986, and in support of any entity which  
12 manufactures products which are sold only to nonprofit  
13 corporations, the state or any political subdivision of the state.

14 (2) The Department of Corrections shall establish all proper  
15 regulations for the working, guarding, safekeeping, clothing,  
16 housing and subsistence of offenders when they are working.

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