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To: Ways and Means

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1467

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-80-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING CENSUS DATA TO DETERMINE
3 CERTAIN CRITERIA UNDER THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY ACT, THE
4 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL USE THE OFFICIAL DATA
5 COMPILED BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU AS OF AUGUST 30, 2000,
6 OR THE OFFICIAL 2000 CENSUS POVERTY RATE DATA, WHICHEVER IS THE
7 MORE RECENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 57-80-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 57-80-7. (1) From and after December 31, 2000, and until
12 December 31, 2005, the following counties may apply to the MDA for
13 the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity:

14 (a) Any county of this state which has an annualized
15 unemployment rate that is at least two hundred percent (200%) of
16 the state's unemployment rate as of December 31 of any year from
17 2000 through 2005, as determined by the Mississippi Employment
18 Security Commission's most recently published data;

19 (b) Any county of this state in which thirty percent
20 (30%) or more of the population of the county is at or below the
21 federal poverty level according to the * * * official data
22 compiled by the United States Census Bureau as of August 30, 2000,
23 or the official 2000 census poverty rate data, whichever is the
24 more recent; or

25 (c) Any county of this state having an eligible
26 supervisors district.

27 (2) The application, at a minimum, must contain (a) the
28 Mississippi Employment Security Commission's most recently
29 published figures that reflect the annualized unemployment rate of



30 the applying county as of December 31 or the most recent official
31 data by the United States Census Bureau required by subsection (1)
32 of this section, as the case may be, and (b) an order or
33 resolution of the county consenting to the designation of the
34 county as a growth and prosperity county.

35 (3) Any municipality of a designated growth and prosperity
36 county or within an eligible supervisors district and not more
37 than eight (8) miles from the boundary of the county that meets
38 the criteria of subsection (1)(b) of this section may by order or
39 resolution of the municipality consent to participation in the
40 Growth and Prosperity Program.

41 (4) No incentive or tax exemption shall be given under this
42 chapter without the consent of the affected county or
43 municipality.

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

