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To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1553

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE AMOUNT ALLOWED AS AN ADJUSTMENT TO GROSS INCOME FOR  
3 AMOUNTS PAID BY A SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL FOR INSURANCE WHICH  
4 CONSTITUTES MEDICAL CARE FOR THE TAXPAYER, HIS SPOUSE AND  
5 DEPENDENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 27-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 27-7-18. (1) Alimony payments. In the case of a person  
10 described in Section 27-7-15(2)(e), there shall be allowed as a  
11 deduction from gross income amounts paid as periodic payments to  
12 the extent of such amounts as are includible in the gross income  
13 of the spouse as provided in Section 27-7-15(2)(e), payment of  
14 which is made within the person's taxable year.

15 (2) Unreimbursed moving expenses incurred after December 31,  
16 1994, are deductible as an adjustment to gross income in  
17 accordance with provisions of the United States Internal Revenue  
18 Code, and rules, regulations and revenue procedures thereunder  
19 relating to moving expenses, not in direct conflict with the  
20 provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax Law.

21 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (3),  
22 amounts paid after December 31, 1998, by a self-employed  
23 individual for insurance which constitute medical care for the  
24 taxpayer, his spouse and dependents, are deductible as an  
25 adjustment to gross income in accordance with provisions of the  
26 United States Internal Revenue Code, and rules, regulations and  
27 revenue procedures thereunder relating to such payments, not in  
28 direct conflict with the provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax

29 Law. For the calendar year 2001, and each calendar year  
30 thereafter, one hundred percent (100%) of such payments made in a  
31 calendar year are deductible as an adjustment to gross income.

32 (4) Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable  
33 College Savings (MACS) Program account are deductible from gross  
34 income as provided in Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a  
35 prepaid tuition contract entered into under the Mississippi  
36 Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program are deductible as  
37 provided in Section 37-155-17.

38 SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any  
39 claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for  
40 taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws before the date on  
41 which this act becomes effective, whether such claims,  
42 assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the  
43 date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter;  
44 and the provisions of the income tax laws are expressly continued  
45 in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the  
46 assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due  
47 or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before  
48 the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the  
49 imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to  
50 comply with such laws.

51 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
52 and after January 1, 2001.