

By: Senator(s) Farris, King

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2366

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE HATTIESBURG CONVENTION  
2 COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE HATTIESBURG/SOUTH  
3 MISSISSIPPI VISITOR CENTER, AND PRESCRIBING CERTAIN CONDITIONS  
4 THAT THE COMMISSION MUST MEET TO RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATION, FOR  
5 THE FISCAL YEAR 2002.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
9 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Hattiesburg Convention  
10 Commission for the purpose of constructing the Hattiesburg/South  
11 Mississippi Visitor Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
12 2001, and ending June 30, 2002..... \$400,000.00.

13 SECTION 2. (1) The money appropriated in Section 1 of this  
14 act shall be used by the Hattiesburg Convention Commission to  
15 construct the Hattiesburg/South Mississippi Visitor Center at the  
16 intersection of Interstate 59 and U.S. Highway 49, which will be  
17 operated by the Hattiesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau to  
18 provide tourists traveling in the southern part of the state with  
19 a clearly identifiable location to stop, collect visitor  
20 information, address personal and family travel needs and learn  
21 more about the State of Mississippi.

22 (2) In order for the Hattiesburg Convention Commission to  
23 receive the money appropriated by this act:

24 (a) The commission must obtain and donate the land  
25 needed for the visitor center and for parking, ingress and egress;

26 (b) The commission and the Hattiesburg Convention and  
27 Visitors Bureau jointly must provide Four Hundred Thousand



28 Dollars, (\$400,000.00) or such higher amount as necessary to  
29 complete the construction of the visitor center; and

30 (c) The commission and the visitors bureau must equip,  
31 furnish, maintain and provide personnel for the visitor center.

32 SECTION 3. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
33 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund  
34 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
35 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
36 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
37 officers in the manner provided by law.

38 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after July 1, 2001.

