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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2944

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE GAMING LICENSEES TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO  
2 MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS WHEN SUPPLYING THEIR GAMING ESTABLISHMENTS  
3 AND WHEN HIRING EMPLOYEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. In all contracts or purchases for the provision  
6 of goods or services to a gaming licensee's licensed gaming  
7 establishment and related facilities, the licensee shall give  
8 preference and priority to Mississippi residents, laborers,  
9 vendors and suppliers except where not reasonably possible to do  
10 so without added expense, substantial inconvenience or sacrifice  
11 in operational efficiency. In considering applicants for  
12 employment, the licensee shall give preference and priority to  
13 Mississippi residents; and, of persons who are hired after July 1,  
14 2001, not less than eighty percent (80%) shall have been residents  
15 of this state for at least one (1) year immediately prior to  
16 employment.

17 Each gaming licensee shall report annually to the commission,  
18 at a time determined by the commission, regarding the licensee's  
19 compliance with the provisions of this section.

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