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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

Senate Bill NO. 2929

By Representative(s) Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

5 SECTION 1. Section 49-23-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 49-23-9. All signs as specified in Section 49-23-5(d) and
8 (e) erected or maintained in business areas shall comply with the
9 following standards which are consistent with customary use in the
10 outdoor advertising business in Mississippi:

11 (a) For sign structures erected on or after July 1,
12 2001, the maximum area for any one (1) sign face shall be six
13 hundred seventy-two (672) square feet, the maximum height shall be
14 fourteen (14) feet and the maximum length shall be forty-eight
15 (48) feet, inclusive of any border and trim on the sign face, but
16 excluding any embellishment on, and cut-out extension of, the sign
17 face, the base or apron, supports and other structural members.
18 Any embellishment on or cut-out extension of any sign face shall
19 not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the square footage of such sign
20 face.

21 (b) The area of any sign face shall be measured by the

22 smallest square, rectangle, triangle or circle or combination
23 thereof which will encompass the entire sign.

24 (c) Sign structures erected on or after July 1, 2001,
25 may contain one (1) or two (2) signs per face and may use only a
26 side-by-side, back-to-back or V-type configuration and no other;
27 provided, however, that if two (2) signs are used facing the same
28 direction, the aggregate total area shall not exceed six hundred
29 seventy-two (672) square feet.

30 (d) Sign structures erected on or after July 1, 2002,
31 may be mounted only upon a single steel pole or structure or a
32 structure consisting of one or more wooden poles.

33 (e) All illuminated outdoor signs or other advertising
34 devices shall be so illuminated as to adhere to the customary
35 practices of the industry in Mississippi at the time of passage of
36 Sections 49-23-1 through 49-23-29. No lighting devices shall be
37 used which in any way imitate any traffic control device, railroad
38 sign or signal, or highway directional signs.

39 (f) All outdoor signs and other advertising devices
40 located within one-half (1/2) mile of an intersection of two (2)
41 or more primary highways, or a primary highway and the Great River
42 Road, or an interchange on the interstate system shall be erected
43 and/or maintained with a minimum spacing between structures of two
44 hundred fifty (250) feet, unless separated by another commercial
45 building or structure, other than outdoor advertising, in which
46 case outdoor advertising may be permitted on one (1) or more sides
47 of building or buildings.

48 (g) No two (2) signs shall be spaced less than three
49 hundred fifty (350) feet apart, except as to signs in existence on
50 October 22, 1965, which shall not be removed by Sections 49-23-1
51 through 49-23-29. However, this spacing limitation shall not

52 apply to areas within incorporated cities, towns, villages and in
53 areas zoned industrial or commercial.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-23-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE SIZE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON CERTAIN SIGNS; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.