

*****Adopted***
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill NO. 1489

By Senator(s) Committee

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

28 SECTION 1. Section 65-1-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
29 amended as follows:

30 65-1-8. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall
31 have the following general powers, duties and responsibilities:

32 (a) To coordinate and develop a comprehensive, balanced
33 transportation policy for the State of Mississippi;

34 (b) To promote the coordinated and efficient use of all
35 available and future modes of transportation;

36 (c) To make recommendations to the Legislature
37 regarding alterations or modifications in any existing
38 transportation policies;

39 (d) To study means of encouraging travel and
40 transportation of goods by the combination of motor vehicle and
41 other modes of transportation;

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43 (e) To receive and provide for the expenditure of any
44 funds made available to it by the Legislature, the federal

45 government, or any other source.

46 (2) In addition to the general powers, duties and
47 responsibilities listed in subsection (1) of this section, the
48 Mississippi Transportation Commission shall have the following
49 specific powers:

50 (a) To make rules and regulations whereby the
51 transportation department shall change or relocate any and all
52 highways herein or hereafter fixed as constituting a part of the
53 state highway system, as may be deemed necessary or economical in
54 the construction or maintenance thereof; to acquire by gift,
55 purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, land or other property
56 whatsoever that may be necessary for a state highway system as
57 herein provided, with full consideration to be given to the
58 stimulation of local public and private investment when acquiring
59 such property in the vicinity of Mississippi towns, cities and
60 population centers;

61 (b) To enforce by mandamus, or other proper legal
62 remedies, all legal rights or rights of action of the Mississippi
63 Transportation Commission with other public bodies, corporations
64 or persons;

65 (c) To make and publish rules, regulations and
66 ordinances for the control of and the policing of the traffic on
67 the state highways, and to prevent their abuse by any or all
68 persons, natural or artificial, by trucks, tractors, trailers or
69 any other heavy or destructive vehicles or machines, or by any
70 other means whatsoever, by establishing weights of loads or of
71 vehicles, types of tires, width of tire surfaces, length and width
72 of vehicles, with reasonable variations to meet approximate
73 weather conditions, and all other proper police and protective
74 regulations, and to provide ample means for the enforcement of

75 same. The violation of any of the rules, regulations or
76 ordinances so prescribed by the commission shall constitute a
77 misdemeanor. No rule, regulation or ordinance shall be made that
78 conflicts with any statute now in force or which may hereafter be
79 enacted, or with any ordinance of municipalities. A monthly
80 publication giving general information to the boards of
81 supervisors, employees and the public may be issued under such
82 rules and regulations as the commission may determine;

83 (d) To give suitable numbers to highways and to change
84 the number of any highway that shall become a part of the state
85 highway system. However, nothing herein shall authorize the
86 number of any highway to be changed so as to conflict with any
87 designation thereof as a U.S. numbered highway. Where, by a
88 specific act of the Legislature, the commission has been directed
89 to give a certain number to a highway, the commission shall not
90 have the authority to change such number;

91 (e) To make proper and reasonable rules, regulations,
92 and ordinances for the placing, erection, removal or relocation of
93 telephone, telegraph or other poles, signboards, fences, gas,
94 water, sewerage, oil or other pipelines, and other obstructions
95 that may, in the opinion of the commission, contribute to the
96 hazards upon any of the state highways, or in any way interfere
97 with the ordinary travel upon such highways, or the construction,
98 reconstruction or maintenance thereof, and to make reasonable
99 rules and regulations for the proper control thereof. Any
100 violation of such rules or regulations or noncompliance with such
101 ordinances shall constitute a misdemeanor.

102 Whenever the order of the commission shall require the
103 removal of, or other changes in the location of telephone,
104 telegraph or other poles, signboards, gas, water, sewerage, oil or

105 other pipelines; or other similar obstructions on the right-of-way
106 or such other places where removal is required by law, the owners
107 thereof shall at their own expense move or change the same to
108 conform to the order of the commission. Any violation of such
109 rules or regulations or noncompliance with such orders shall
110 constitute a misdemeanor;

111 (f) To regulate and abandon grade crossings on any road
112 fixed as a part of the state highway system, and whenever the
113 commission, in order to avoid a grade crossing with the railroad,
114 locates or constructs said road on one side of the railroad, the
115 commission shall have the power to abandon and close such grade
116 crossing, and whenever an underpass or overhead bridge is
117 substituted for a grade crossing, the commission shall have power
118 to abandon such grade crossing and any other crossing adjacent
119 thereto. Included in the powers herein granted shall be the power
120 to require the railroad at grade crossings, where any road of the
121 state highway system crosses the same, to place signal posts with
122 lights or other warning devices at such crossings at the expense
123 of the railroad, and to regulate and abandon underpass or overhead
124 bridges and, where abandoned because of the construction of a new
125 underpass or overhead bridge, to close such old underpass or
126 overhead bridge, or, in its discretion, to return the same to the
127 jurisdiction of the county board of supervisors;

128 (g) To make proper and reasonable rules and regulations
129 to control the cutting or opening of the road surfaces for
130 subsurface installations;

131 (h) To make proper and reasonable rules and regulations
132 for the removal from the public rights-of-way of any form of
133 obstruction, to cooperate in improving their appearance, and to
134 prescribe minimum clearance heights for seed conveyors, pipes,

135 passageways or other structure of private or other ownership above
136 the highways;

137 (i) To establish, and have the Transportation
138 Department maintain and operate, and to cooperate with the state
139 educational institutions in establishing, enlarging, maintaining
140 and operating a laboratory or laboratories for testing materials
141 and for other proper highway purposes;

142 (j) To provide, under the direction and with the
143 approval of the Department of Finance and Administration, suitable
144 offices, shops and barns in the City of Jackson;

145 (k) To establish and have enforced set-back
146 regulations;

147 (l) To cooperate with proper state authorities in
148 producing limerock for highway purposes and to purchase same at
149 cost;

150 (m) To provide for the purchase of necessary equipment
151 and vehicles and to provide for the repair and housing of same, to
152 acquire by gift, purchase, condemnation or otherwise, land or
153 lands and buildings in fee simple, and to authorize the
154 Transportation Department to construct, lease or otherwise provide
155 necessary and proper permanent district offices for the
156 construction and maintenance divisions of the department, and for
157 the repair and housing of the equipment and vehicles of the
158 department; however, in each Supreme Court district only two (2)
159 permanent district offices shall be set up, but a permanent status
160 shall not be given to any such offices until so provided by act of
161 the Legislature and in the meantime, all shops of the department
162 shall be retained at their present location. As many local or
163 subdistrict offices, shops or barns may be provided as is
164 essential and proper to economical maintenance of the state

165 highway system;

166 (n) To cooperate with the Department of Archives and
167 History in having placed and maintained suitable historical
168 markers, including those which have been approved and purchased by
169 the State Historical Commission, along state highways, and to have
170 constructed and maintained roadside driveways for convenience and
171 safety in viewing them when necessary; however, no highway or
172 bridge shall ever be memorialized to a man while living;

173 (o) To cooperate, in its discretion, with the
174 Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in
175 planning and constructing roadside parks upon the right-of-way of
176 state highways, whether constructed, under construction, or
177 planned; said parks to utilize where practical barrow pits used in
178 construction of state highways for use as fishing ponds. Said
179 parks shall be named for abundant flora and fauna existing in the
180 area or for the first flora or fauna found on the site;

181 (p) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, to make such
182 contracts and execute such instruments containing such reasonable
183 and necessary appropriate terms, provisions and conditions as in
184 its absolute discretion it may deem necessary, proper or
185 advisable, for the purpose of obtaining or securing financial
186 assistance, grants or loans from the United States of America or
187 any department or agency thereof, including contracts with several
188 counties of the state pertaining to the expenditure of such funds;

189 (q) To cooperate with the Federal Highway
190 Administration in the matter of location, construction and
191 maintenance of the Great River Road, to expend such funds paid to
192 the commission by the Federal Highway Administration or other
193 federal agency, and to authorize the Transportation Department to
194 erect suitable signs marking this highway, the cost of such signs

195 to be paid from state highway funds other than earmarked
196 construction funds;

197 (r) To cooperate, in its discretion, with the
198 Mississippi Forestry Commission and the School of Forestry,
199 Mississippi State University, in a forestry management program,
200 including planting, thinning, cutting and selling, upon the
201 right-of-way of any highway, constructed, acquired or maintained
202 by the Transportation Department, and to sell and dispose of any
203 and all growing timber standing, lying or being on any
204 right-of-way acquired by the commission for highway purposes in
205 the future; such sale or sales to be made in accordance with the
206 sale of personal property which has become unnecessary for public
207 use as provided for in Section 65-1-123, Mississippi Code of 1972;

208 (s) To expend funds in cooperation with the Division of
209 Plant Industry, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and
210 Commerce, the United States government or any department or agency
211 thereof, or with any department or agency of this state, to
212 control, suppress or eradicate serious insect pests, rodents,
213 plant parasites and plant diseases on the state highway
214 rights-of-way;

215 (t) To provide for the placement, erection and
216 maintenance of motorist services business signs and supports
217 within state highway rights-of-way in accordance with current
218 state and federal laws and regulations governing the placement of
219 traffic control devices on state highways, and to establish and
220 collect reasonable fees from the businesses having information on
221 such signs;

222 (u) To request and to accept the use of persons
223 convicted of an offense, whether a felony or a misdemeanor, for
224 work on any road construction, repair or other project of the

225 Transportation Department. The commission is also authorized to
226 request and to accept the use of persons who have not been
227 convicted of an offense but who are required to fulfill certain
228 court-imposed conditions pursuant to Section 41-29-150(d)(1) or
229 99-15-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, or the Pretrial Intervention
230 Act, being Sections 99-15-101 through 99-15-127, Mississippi Code
231 of 1972. The commission is authorized to enter into any
232 agreements with the Department of Corrections, the State Parole
233 Board, any criminal court of this state, and any other proper
234 official regarding the working, guarding, safekeeping, clothing
235 and subsistence of such persons performing work for the
236 Transportation Department. Such persons shall not be deemed
237 agents, employees or involuntary servants of the Transportation
238 Department while performing such work or while going to and from
239 work or other specified areas;

240 (v) To provide for the administration of the railroad
241 revitalization program pursuant to Section 57-43-1 et seq.;

242 (w) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is
243 further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the
244 purchase of service pins for employees of the Mississippi
245 Transportation Department;

246 (x) To cooperate with the State Tax Commission by
247 providing for weight enforcement field personnel to collect and
248 assess taxes, fees and penalties and to perform all duties as
249 required pursuant to Section 27-55-501 et seq., Sections 27-19-1
250 et seq., 27-55-1 et seq., 27-59-1 et seq. and 27-61-1 et seq.,
251 Mississippi Code of 1972, with regard to vehicles subject to the
252 jurisdiction of the Office of Weight Enforcement. All collections
253 and assessments shall be transferred daily to the State Tax
254 Commission;

255 (y) The Mississippi Transportation Commission may
256 delegate the authority to enter into a supplemental agreement to a
257 contract previously approved by the commission if the supplemental
258 agreement involves an additional expenditure not to exceed One
259 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00);

260 (z) (i) The Mississippi Transportation Commission, in
261 its discretion, may enter into agreements with any county,
262 municipality, county transportation commission, business,
263 corporation, partnership, association, individual or other legal
264 entity, for the purpose of accelerating the completion date of
265 scheduled highway construction projects.

266 (ii) Such an agreement may permit the cost of a
267 highway construction project to be advanced to the commission by a
268 county, municipality, county transportation commission, business,
269 corporation, partnership, association, individual or other legal
270 entity, and repaid to such entity by the commission when highway
271 construction funds become available; provided, however, that
272 repayment of funds advanced to the Mississippi Transportation
273 Commission shall be made no sooner than the commission's
274 identified projected revenue schedule for funding of that
275 particular construction project, and no other scheduled highway
276 construction project established by statute or by the commission
277 may be delayed by an advanced funding project authorized under
278 this paragraph (z). Repayments to an entity that advances funds
279 to the Mississippi Transportation Commission under this paragraph
280 (z) may not include interest or other fees or charges, and the
281 total amount repaid shall not exceed the total amount of funds
282 advanced to the commission by the entity.

283 (iii) In considering whether to enter into such an
284 agreement, the commission shall consider the availability of

285 financial resources, the effect of such agreement on other ongoing
286 highway construction, the urgency of the public's need for swift
287 completion of the project and any other relevant factors.

288 (iv) Such an agreement shall be executed only upon
289 a finding by the commission, spread upon its minutes, that the
290 acceleration of the scheduled project is both feasible and
291 beneficial. The commission shall also spread upon its minutes its
292 findings with regard to the factors required to be considered
293 pursuant to item (iii) of this paragraph (z).

294 (3) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall require
295 the executive director to carry out project planning as required
296 under Section 65-1-10 for any preliminary engineering,
297 right-of-way acquisition or construction project activities of the
298 department.

299 (4) Every contract between the Mississippi Transportation
300 Commission and a contractor shall contain a provision in regard to
301 the time when the whole or any specified portion of the work
302 contemplated shall be completed, and shall provide that for each
303 day completion is delayed beyond the specified time, the
304 contractor shall forfeit and pay to the state a specified sum of
305 money to be deducted from any payments due or to become due to the
306 contractor. The sum so specified is valid as liquidated damages
307 unless manifestly unreasonable under the circumstances existing at
308 the time the contract was made. However, such contracts may
309 contain a provision excusing the contractor from timely
310 performance if the contract or part of the contract could not be
311 performed due to causes which are outside the control of the
312 contractor and could not be avoided by the exercise of due care.
313 A contract for a road project also may provide for the payment of
314 extra compensation to the contractor, as an incentive for

315 completion before the specified time. This provision shall be
316 included in the specifications and shall clearly set forth the
317 basis for the payment. The incentive for early completion may be
318 utilized on new construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation
319 projects.

320 SECTION 2. Section 65-1-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
321 amended as follows:

322 65-1-10. Under the authority of the Mississippi
323 Transportation Commission, and in conformity with its orders as
324 spread on its minutes, the executive director shall:

325 (a) Unless otherwise provided by law, appoint a
326 director in charge of each operating office of the department who
327 shall be responsible to the executive director for the operation
328 of such office. Each such director shall be qualified and
329 experienced in the functions performed by the office under his
330 charge;

331 (b) Administer the policies promulgated by the
332 commission;

333 (c) Supervise and direct all administrative and
334 technical activities of the department;

335 (d) Organize the offices and bureaus of the department;

336 (e) Coordinate the activities of the various offices of
337 the department;

338 (f) Fix the compensation of employees of the department
339 and require any employee to give bond to the State of Mississippi
340 for the faithful performance of his duties in an amount the
341 executive director deems appropriate. Premiums on all bonds so
342 required shall be paid out of any funds available to the
343 department;

344 (g) Recommend such studies and investigations as he may

345 deem appropriate and carry out the approved recommendations in
346 conjunction with the various offices;

347 (h) Prepare and deliver to the Legislature and the
348 Governor on or before January 1 of each year, and at such other
349 times as may be required by the Legislature or Governor, a full
350 report of the work of the department and the offices thereof,
351 including a detailed statement of expenditures of the department
352 and any recommendations the department may have;

353 (i) Have full and general supervision over all matters
354 relating to the construction or maintenance of the state highways,
355 letting of contracts therefor, and the selection of materials to
356 be used in the construction of state highways under the authority
357 conferred by this chapter as herein set forth and the employment,
358 promotion, demotion, reprimand, suspension, termination,
359 reassignment, transfer, moving or relocation of all personnel not
360 specifically authorized by statute to be employed by the
361 commission. The executive director may authorize the payment of
362 expenses of any personnel reassigned, transferred, moved or
363 relocated in accordance with such rules and regulations as are
364 promulgated by the commission;

365 (j) Approve all bids, sign all vouchers and
366 requisitions, issue all orders for supplies and materials, sign
367 all contracts and agreements in the name of the State of
368 Mississippi, and subscribe to all other matters which may arise in
369 the carrying out of the intent and purpose of this chapter;

370 (k) Receive and assume control, for the benefit of the
371 state, of any and all highways herein or hereafter fixed as roads
372 constituting a part of the state highway system;

373 (l) Provide for boulevard stops, restricted entrances
374 to main highways and access driveways, neutral grounds, and

375 roadside parks, erect all suitable direction and warning signs,
376 and provide access roads in or to municipalities where necessary;
377 provide limited access facilities when and where deemed necessary,
378 such a facility being defined as a highway or street especially
379 designed or designated for through traffic and over, from or to
380 which owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons have
381 only such limited right or easement of access as may be prescribed
382 by the commission, and provide that certain highways or streets
383 may be parkways from which trucks, buses and other commercial
384 vehicles shall be excluded or may be freeways open to customary
385 forms of highway and street traffic and use, and such limited
386 access facilities or parkways may be planned, designated,
387 established, regulated, vacated, altered, improved, constructed
388 and maintained and rights-of-way therefor specifically obtained,
389 either by purchase, gift, condemnation or other form of
390 acquisition;

391 (m) Construct bridges with or without footways, and
392 sidewalks where deemed essential to decrease hazards;

393 (n) Perform services for the Department of Finance and
394 Administration on state property, including, but not limited to,
395 engineering services, and to advance such funds to defray the cost
396 of the expenses incurred in performing such services from out of
397 transportation department funds until such department is
398 reimbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration;

399 (o) Perform all duties authorized by Section 27-19-136,
400 Mississippi Code of 1972, concerning the assessment and collection
401 of permit fees, fines and penalties;

402 (p) Conduct project planning as provided for in this
403 paragraph (p). Such project planning shall apply to all
404 preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction

405 projects of the department and, at a minimum, shall consist of
406 policies for the oversight and management of the master budget for
407 segments which:

408 (i) Establish a reasonable cost estimate for each
409 project. For purposes of this provision, projects include
410 preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and
411 construction;

412 (ii) Capture and retain the initial project cost
413 estimates for comparison with final actual expenditures;

414 (iii) Require that any changes to a cost estimate
415 for a project will be reviewed and approved by district or central
416 office personnel. Such personnel shall be responsible for signing
417 any revision, and providing a narrative description of the reasons
418 for approving a revision;

419 (iv) Capture the cost of consultants, engineers,
420 attorneys, contract appraisers and other technical and
421 professional contractors used in preliminary engineering,
422 right-of-way acquisition and construction projects;

423 (v) On or before January 15 of each year, the
424 department shall furnish the members of the Senate Highways and
425 Transportation Committee and the Transportation Committee of the
426 House of Representatives, a report which shall include, but not be
427 limited to, the following on each new construction, reconstruction
428 or rehabilitation project completed for which payment has been
429 finalized during the previous calendar year:

430 1. Project termini and contractor;

431 2. Final project cost as compared to the bid
432 cost;

433 3. Compare actual completion dates with the
434 bid completion date as stated in the contract;

435 4. All change orders;

436 5. Length of project and cost per mile.

437 SECTION 3. Section 65-3-97, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
438 amended as follows:

439 65-3-97. (1) In addition to and including all other
440 highways designated as a part of the state highway system, there
441 is hereby designated as a part thereof a four-lane highway system
442 to connect various areas of the state with interstate and primary
443 highways. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
444 construct and reconstruct four-lane highways, that is, not less
445 than two (2) lanes for traffic flowing in each direction, along
446 the routes designated in this section.

447 (2) In the construction and reconstruction of the four-lane
448 highway system designated in this section, the Mississippi
449 Department of Transportation may utilize the roadway of any
450 existing highway under its jurisdiction and control and shall do
451 so when such utilization is feasible, provided that such highways
452 which are utilized shall be constructed to current standards for
453 such roadways. When it is not feasible to utilize existing
454 designated highways, the Transportation Department shall relocate
455 such highways and construct entirely new facilities whether in
456 urban or rural areas.

457 (3) Construction of the four-lane highway system designated
458 in this subsection shall commence, proceed and be performed by the
459 Mississippi Department of Transportation strictly in accordance
460 with the following set of priorities established for the letting
461 of contracts on and along various segments thereof:

462 (a) Of the following group of highway segments not less
463 than fifteen percent (15%) of all contracts necessary to be let
464 for completion of all segments within the group shall be let by

465 June 30, 1988, not less than thirty percent (30%) of such
466 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1989, not less than fifty
467 percent (50%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1990, not
468 less than seventy percent (70%) of such contracts shall be let by
469 June 30, 1991, not less than ninety percent (90%) of such
470 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1992, and one hundred percent
471 (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993:

472 (i) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45
473 beginning at the Clarke/Lauderdale county line and extending
474 northerly to I-59; then beginning at Macon and extending northerly
475 to Brooksville; then beginning at Columbus Air Force Base and
476 extending northerly to Aberdeen; then beginning at U.S. 278 and
477 extending northerly to Shannon; then beginning at Saltillo and
478 extending northerly to Corinth.

479 (ii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45A
480 beginning at U.S. 82 and extending northerly to West Point; then
481 beginning four (4) miles south of Okolona and extending northerly
482 to Shannon.

483 (iii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W
484 beginning at U.S. 49 and extending westerly through Yazoo City to
485 the Yazoo River.

486 (iv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W
487 beginning at Inverness and extending northerly to Indianola.

488 (v) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61
489 beginning at Port Gibson and extending northerly to the four-lane
490 south of Vicksburg.

491 (vi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 72
492 beginning at or near Mt. Pleasant and extending southeasterly to
493 Mississippi 5; then beginning at Walnut and extending
494 southeasterly to Corinth; then beginning at Strickland and

495 extending southeasterly to Burnsville.

496 (vii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 78
497 beginning at Holly Springs and extending southeasterly to the New
498 Albany bypass; then beginning at Mississippi 25 and extending
499 southeasterly to Tremont.

500 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82
501 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to Kilmichael; then
502 beginning at Eupora and extending easterly to Mathiston; then
503 beginning at Mississippi 12 and extending easterly to the Alabama
504 state line.

505 (ix) A highway segment along or near U.S. 84
506 beginning at I-59 and extending easterly to the Jones/Wayne county
507 line.

508 (x) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98
509 beginning at Columbia and extending easterly to the Marion/Lamar
510 county line; then beginning at U.S. 49 and extending southeasterly
511 to the Alabama state line.

512 (b) Of the following group of highway segments not less
513 than five percent (5%) of all contracts necessary to be let for
514 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June
515 30, 1991, not less than ten percent (10%) of such contracts shall
516 be let by June 30, 1992, not less than twenty-five percent (25%)
517 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993, not less than
518 forty percent (40%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30,
519 1994, not less than fifty-five percent (55%) of such contracts
520 shall be let by June 30, 1995, not less than seventy percent (70%)
521 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1996, not less than
522 eighty-five percent (85%) of such contracts shall be let by June
523 30, 1997, and one hundred percent (100%) of such contracts shall
524 be let by June 30, 1998:

525 (i) Highway segments along or near Mississippi 25
526 beginning at Mississippi 471 and extending northeasterly to
527 Mississippi 43; then beginning at the Winston/Oktibbeha county
528 line and extending northeasterly to Starkville.

529 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
530 63 beginning at the Jackson/George county line and extending
531 northerly to Lucedale.

532 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
533 302 beginning at I-55 in Southaven and extending easterly to U.S.
534 72 at or near Mt. Pleasant.

535 (iv) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45
536 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to the
537 Clarke/Lauderdale county line; then beginning at Lauderdale and
538 extending northerly to Macon; then beginning at Aberdeen and
539 extending northerly to U.S. 278.

540 (v) A highway segment along or near U.S. 45A
541 beginning at West Point and extending northerly to four (4) miles
542 south of Okolona.

543 (vi) A highway segment beginning at Brooksville
544 along or near U.S. 45 or U.S. 45A and extending northerly to U.S.
545 82, such segment having been designated by the Transportation
546 Commission pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1)(c) of this
547 section.

548 (vii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W
549 beginning at the Yazoo River and extending northerly to Inverness.

550 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 61
551 beginning at the Louisiana state line and extending northerly to
552 the Wilkinson/Adams county line; then beginning at Washington and
553 extending northerly to Port Gibson; then beginning at Merigold and
554 extending northerly to Shelby; then beginning at the north end of

555 the Clarksdale bypass and extending northerly to the Tennessee
556 state line.

557 (ix) A highway segment along or near U.S. 72
558 beginning at Mississippi 5 and extending southeasterly to Walnut.

559 (x) A highway segment along or near U.S. 78
560 beginning at Tremont and extending southeasterly to the Alabama
561 state line.

562 (xi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82
563 beginning at the Montgomery/Webster county line and extending
564 easterly to Eupora; then beginning at Mathiston and extending
565 easterly to Starkville.

566 (xii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84
567 beginning at Leesdale and extending easterly to Roxie; then
568 beginning at Auburn Road and extending easterly to I-55; then
569 beginning at the east end of the Brookhaven bypass and extending
570 easterly to Prentiss; then beginning at the Jones/Covington county
571 line and extending easterly to Horse Creek; then beginning at the
572 Jones/Wayne county line and extending easterly to Waynesboro.

573 (xiii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98
574 beginning at the Pike/Walthall county line and extending easterly
575 to Columbia; then beginning at the Marion/Lamar county line and
576 extending easterly to the four-lane west of Hattiesburg.

577 (c) Of the following group of highway segments not less
578 than ten percent (10%) of all contracts necessary to be let for
579 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June
580 30, 1996, not less than twenty percent (20%) of such contracts
581 shall be let by June 30, 1997, not less than forty percent (40%)
582 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1998, and one hundred
583 percent (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1999:

584 (i) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 25

585 beginning at Mississippi 43 and extending northeasterly to the
586 Winston/Oktibbeha county line.

587 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
588 63 beginning at Lucedale and extending northerly to U.S. 45 at
589 State Line.

590 (iii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61
591 beginning at Shelby and extending northerly to U.S. 49.

592 (iv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 82
593 beginning at Kilmichael and extending easterly to the
594 Montgomery/Webster county line.

595 (v) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84
596 beginning at Eddiceton and extending easterly to Auburn Road; then
597 beginning at Prentiss and extending easterly to Collins; then
598 beginning at Waynesboro and extending easterly to the Alabama
599 state line.

600 (d) (i) The Transportation Commission shall
601 specifically consider the following highway segments when
602 establishing its prioritized schedule of projects:

603 A. A highway segment along or near
604 Mississippi 6 beginning at the Clarksdale bypass and extending
605 easterly to Batesville.

606 B. A highway segment along or near
607 Mississippi 12 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to
608 Kosciusko.

609 C. A highway segment along or near
610 Mississippi 15 beginning at I-10 and extending northerly to
611 Mississippi 26; then beginning at U.S. Highway 98 and extending
612 northerly to the Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

613 D. A highway segment consisting of two (2)
614 lanes of construction and two (2) lanes of right-of-way

615 acquisition along or near Mississippi 15 beginning at Mississippi
616 26 and extending northerly to U.S. Highway 98.

617 E. A highway segment along or near
618 Mississippi 19 beginning at Collinsville and extending
619 northwesterly to Kosciusko.

620 F. Highway segments along or near Mississippi
621 25 beginning at Aberdeen and extending northerly to Fulton; then
622 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to
623 U.S. Highway 72.

624 G. A highway segment along or near U.S.
625 Highway 61 beginning at Redwood and extending northerly to Leland.

626 H. A highway segment along or near U.S.
627 Highway 98 beginning at Meadville and extending southeasterly to
628 Summit.

629 I. A highway segment along or near
630 Mississippi Highway 24/48 beginning at Woodville and extending
631 easterly to McComb.

632 J. A highway segment along or near
633 Mississippi 35 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line
634 and extending northerly to or near Foxworth.

635 K. A highway segment along or near
636 Mississippi 27 beginning at I-20 and extending southeasterly to
637 I-55.

638 L. A highway segment along or near
639 Mississippi 57 beginning at I-10 and extending northerly ten (10)
640 miles to just north of the community of Van Cleave.

641 (ii) Projects for the construction and/or
642 reconstruction of highway segments designated within this group
643 shall be designed by the department based upon the level of
644 service of the highway segment as defined by the Transportation

645 Research Board, or any successor board or agency. If the level of
646 service of a highway segment is less than the level of service
647 threshold at which the Transportation Department recommends the
648 construction of a four-lane highway, then the Transportation
649 Department shall make other improvements and highway modifications
650 to such highway segment as needed, such as straightening and
651 realignment of the existing roadway, the addition of passing lanes
652 and the widening of existing lanes, and may acquire any necessary
653 right-of-way for such purposes and for the purpose of future
654 construction of four-lane highways along such segments.

655 (iii) With respect to the segments authorized in
656 this paragraph (d), the Transportation Commission shall consider
657 the level of service of the projects together with all projects
658 authorized in Section 65-39-1 and nonprogram highway construction
659 and shall devise a priority schedule for preliminary engineering,
660 right-of-way acquisition and construction which establishes a
661 schedule for completion of these projects and reflects the
662 relative need for the projects authorized in this paragraph (d)
663 and in Section 65-39-1 and nonprogram highways. The commission
664 shall accord great weight to Federal Highway Administration
665 standards in setting priorities and also may consider other
666 factors, not in violation of federal law, such as economic
667 development and safety, as the commission considers relevant. No
668 funds deposited into the special funds created in Section 65-39-3
669 or 65-39-17 may be expended on any project authorized in this
670 paragraph (d); however, funds generated for the highway segments
671 listed in this section may be expended on any project within the
672 prioritized schedule. The Transportation Commission shall begin
673 letting projects according to a prioritized schedule of need not
674 later than January 1, 2006.

675 (4) The construction priorities established in this section
676 shall not be construed as prohibiting the completion of highway
677 segments which, on July 1, 1987, are included in the current
678 three-year plan under Section 65-1-141, and for which, on July 1,
679 1987, grade and drainage has been completed or contracts for grade
680 and drainage have been let.

681 (5) Contracts may be let and construction may commence and
682 be performed concurrently on any of the highway segments
683 designated in subsection (3) of this section, notwithstanding the
684 priorities established for the letting of contracts on the various
685 segments designated therein, provided that funds are available
686 and, provided that, at all times, the percentages of all contracts
687 required to be let on the segments designated in paragraphs
688 (3)(a), (3)(b), (3)(c) and (3)(d), respectively, are, in fact, let
689 no later than the dates established therein.

690 (6) (a) All highway construction and reconstruction
691 authorized under this section shall be performed by contract let
692 on competitive bid in the manner provided by statute; however,
693 highway segments shall be constructed in lengths of not less than
694 ten (10) miles.

695 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that not less
696 than ten percent (10%) of the amounts authorized to be expended
697 for construction and reconstruction of the four-lane highway
698 segments designated in this section shall be expended with small
699 business concerns owned and controlled by socially and
700 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and
701 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning
702 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act
703 (15 USCS, Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations
704 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed

705 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the
706 purposes of this paragraph (b).

707 (7) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(a)
708 of this section, the Mississippi Transportation Commission may
709 construct highway segments of less than ten (10) miles in length
710 if:

711 (i) The segment as described in subsection (3) of
712 this section is less than ten (10) miles in length;

713 (ii) The segment will connect two (2) existing
714 four-lane highways;

715 (iii) The segment will connect an existing
716 four-lane highway with an incorporated municipality;

717 (iv) The segment will connect an existing
718 four-lane highway with a river, the state boundary or any other
719 natural or man-made barrier;

720 (v) For a particular project, the costs of
721 constructing a single segment of at least ten (10) miles in length
722 would greatly exceed the aggregate costs of constructing two (2)
723 or more segments; * * *

724 (vi) The segment is in an urban area and involves
725 the completion of bypasses or other construction which will
726 facilitate and accommodate major traffic movement; or

727 (vii) The segment specifically addresses a safety
728 deficiency or economic development.

729 (b) In any case in which the Transportation Commission
730 authorizes the construction of a highway segment of less than ten
731 (10) miles in length, the commission shall set forth and record in
732 its official minutes, on at least a quarterly basis, a prospective
733 explanation and justification therefor based upon one or more of
734 the conditions prescribed in paragraph (7)(a) of this section.

735 Nothing in this paragraph (b) shall be construed as authorizing
736 the commission to approve a segment of less than ten (10) miles in
737 length after a contract for the segment has been let.

738 (8) To assist in defraying the costs and expenses for
739 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane
740 highway system described in this section, the following revenues
741 shall be paid out of such funds made available to the
742 Transportation Commission and the Transportation Department:

743 (a) From matched federal funds or other federal funds,
744 Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1988,
745 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1989,
746 Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1990 and
747 fifty percent (50%) of such federal funds for fiscal year 1991 and
748 each fiscal year thereafter; and

749 (b) Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from matched
750 federal bridge replacement funds for fiscal year 1988 and each
751 fiscal year thereafter when the segments proposed for construction
752 contain bridges that are eligible for replacement under the
753 Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program.

754 (9) The Transportation Department shall submit a report to
755 the Legislature by January 10 of each calendar year setting forth
756 the current status of the construction program set forth in this
757 section to include, but not be limited to, the following
758 information:

759 (a) Specific segments on which engineering is being
760 performed or has been completed;

761 (b) Specific segments for which right-of-way has been
762 acquired or is being acquired;

763 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts
764 have been let;

765 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in
766 progress;

767 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been
768 completed;

769 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each
770 segment;

771 (g) Revenue derived for such construction program from
772 each revenue source contained in Chapter 322, Laws, 1987, and in
773 Chapter 557, Laws, 1994;

774 (h) For each fiscal year beginning in 1994, a detailed
775 cash flow projection by source of program activities and an
776 estimate of when the program will encounter a funding shortage due
777 to costs exceeding original projections;

778 (i) A schedule of all complete and open-to-traffic
779 highway segments and the related total cost of each segment;

780 (j) A schedule of all highway segments on which all
781 contracts necessary for completion of the segments were not let as
782 of the date required by law;

783 (k) A complete recap of all program receipts by source,
784 and of all disbursements for the prior fiscal year and cumulative
785 totals since the inception of the program as compared to
786 projections; * * *

787 (l) A statement from the Department of Transportation
788 regarding the status of the funding of the program based on agency
789 cost experience and projections for the future;

790 (m) A list of all segments of less than ten (10) miles
791 in length which were authorized by the commission during the
792 preceding year. The list must include:

793 (i) Contract let by date;

794 (ii) The highway on which the contract was let;

795 (iii) A description of the project, including the
796 beginning and end point of the contract;

797 (iv) The length of the contract in miles; and

798 (v) The name of the contractor selected to perform
799 the contract work;

800 (n) A compilation of costs for all preliminary
801 engineering, right-of-way and construction contracts during the
802 reporting period; and

803 (o) A status report of road segments to include road
804 segment description, the date of construction of the road and the
805 pavement condition rating utilizing the most current available
806 data.

807 The report shall be deemed submitted when ten (10) copies are
808 submitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and ten
809 (10) copies are submitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

810 SECTION 4. Section 65-39-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
811 amended as follows:

812 65-39-1. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is
813 authorized, subject to the availability of funds in the Gaming
814 Counties State-Assisted Infrastructure Fund created in Section
815 65-39-17, to conduct feasibility studies and, pursuant to
816 information gathered in such studies, select routes and locations,
817 perform preliminary engineering, acquire necessary right-of-way
818 and property, construct and/or reconstruct and improve existing or
819 new highways, roads, streets and bridges, including two-lane,
820 four-lane and multi-lane roads (or segments thereof), perform
821 intersection improvements, provide signal retiring, turnbay
822 extensions, additional interchanges and other traffic
823 modifications, within and approaching those counties in this state
824 where legal gaming is being conducted or is authorized. Any

825 highway, road, street or bridge that is authorized to be
826 constructed, reconstructed or improved shall meet design standards
827 established by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, shall
828 be constructed to bear a load limit of at least eighty thousand
829 (80,000) pounds and, upon completion, shall become a part of the
830 state highway system, and thereafter shall be under the
831 jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the
832 Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and
833 maintenance.

834 (2) The projects authorized in subsection (1) of this
835 section shall include, but shall not be limited to, highways,
836 roads, streets and bridges on and along the following locations:

837 (a) U.S. Highway 90 from its intersection with
838 Mississippi 607 in Hancock County to Ocean Springs, and including
839 Lakeshore Road in Hancock County from its intersection with U.S.
840 Highway 90 to Beach Boulevard;

841 (b) Mississippi 4 from U.S. Highway 61 to Mississippi
842 3;

843 (c) Mississippi 4 from Mississippi 3 to Senatobia;

844 (d) Lorraine/Cowan Road from U.S. Highway 90 to I-10;

845 (e) U.S. Highway 49 from U.S. Highway 90 to I-10 in
846 Gulfport;

847 (f) Mississippi 304 beginning at the Tennessee state
848 line at or near U.S. 72 and thence running in a southwesterly
849 direction to intersect with U.S. 78 at or near Byhalia and thence
850 running in a westerly direction to intersect I-55 at or near
851 Hernando and thence running in a westerly direction to intersect
852 with U.S. 61 in DeSoto County, with a spur extending southwesterly
853 to or near Robinsonville in Tunica County;

854 (g) I-10 from Exit 28 to Exit 57;

855 (h) A new location from the northernmost point on I-110
856 to U.S. 49;

857 (i) U.S. Highway 61 from the Tunica County line to the
858 Tennessee state line;

859 (j) (i) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16
860 beginning at its intersection with Mississippi 25 and extending
861 easterly to join the existing four-lane on the west side of
862 Carthage within the corporate boundaries;

863 (ii) Passing lanes and turn lanes, as needed,
864 along Mississippi 16 beginning at a point on the east side of
865 Carthage within the corporate boundaries where the existing
866 four-lane ends and extending easterly to the Leake/Neshoba county
867 line; and

868 (iii) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16
869 beginning at the Leake/Neshoba county line and extending easterly
870 to not more than ten (10) miles east of Mississippi 15;

871 (k) Lorraine/Cowan Road Extension from I-10 North to
872 relocated/reconstructed Mississippi 67;

873 (l) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 82
874 and Mississippi 1 in the City of Greenville;

875 (m) At various locations on and along I-20, U.S.
876 Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 80 in the City of Vicksburg, including
877 a truck route from Harbor Industrial Park to U.S. Highway 61 north
878 and an extension of South Frontage Road with railroad bridge to
879 Interstate Highway 20;

880 (n) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 61,
881 U.S. Highway 65 and Washington Street in the City of Natchez;

882 (o) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 90
883 in the City of Pass Christian;

884 (p) Mississippi 43/603 beginning where the existing

885 four-lane ends north of I-10 and extending northerly to a point
886 approximately one (1) mile north of Kiln where Mississippi 43/603
887 divides into Mississippi 43 and Mississippi 603;

888 (q) Mississippi 43 beginning where Mississippi 43 and
889 Mississippi 603 divide and extending northwesterly to or near
890 Picayune;

891 (r) U.S. 49 from U.S. 61 west to the Mississippi River
892 bridge;

893 (s) Subject to the conditions prescribed in subsection
894 (3) of this section, a central Harrison County connector from I-10
895 to U.S. 90 in the vicinity of Canal Road to the Mississippi State
896 Port at Gulfport; and

897 (t) An east Harrison County connector from U.S. 90 to
898 I-10 to be located between the Cowan-Lorraine Road interchange and
899 the I-110 interchange.

900 (3) Authorization for the project described in paragraph
901 (2)(s) of this section is conditioned upon receipt by the
902 Mississippi Transportation Commission of a written commitment by
903 the Mississippi Development Authority to make available for such
904 project not less than Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00).

905 (4) All planning, construction, reconstruction and
906 performance of the projects authorized under this section,
907 including the letting of contracts, shall commence, proceed and be
908 performed by the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the
909 Mississippi Department of Transportation according to priorities
910 based on volume capacity and traffic congestion in comparative
911 project areas; however, if a project authorized in this section is
912 also included in the four-lane highway program under Section
913 65-3-97, then all contracts necessary to be let for the completion
914 of the project under this section shall be let not later than the

915 priorities established for the letting of contracts for the
916 project under Section 65-3-97. Prioritization of construction for
917 the projects authorized in this section shall be conducted as
918 provided for in Section 65-3-97(3)(d)(iii).

919 (5) (a) Funds for the projects authorized under this
920 section may be provided through the issuance of bonds under
921 Sections 65-39-5 through 65-39-33, through the issuance of notes
922 for such purposes under Section 31-17-127 or from such monies as
923 may be available in the Gaming Counties State-Assisted
924 Infrastructure Fund created under Section 65-39-17.

925 (b) In addition to the funds provided for under
926 paragraph (a) of this subsection, funds for the project described
927 in subsection (2)(s) of this section also may be provided from any
928 available federal, state, county or municipal funds authorized for
929 such project, including the Economic Development Highway Act.

930 (6) The Transportation Department shall submit a report to
931 the Legislature by January 10 of each calendar year setting forth
932 the current status of the construction program set forth in this
933 section to include, but not be limited to, the following
934 information:

935 (a) Specific segments on which preliminary engineering
936 is being performed or has been completed;

937 (b) Specific segments for which right-of-way has been
938 acquired or is being acquired;

939 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts
940 have been let;

941 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in
942 progress;

943 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been
944 completed;

945 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each
946 segment;

947 (g) Revenue derived for such construction program from
948 each revenue source contained in Chapter 557, Laws of 1994;

949 (h) For each fiscal year beginning in 1994, a detailed
950 cash flow projection by source of program activities and an
951 estimate of when the program will encounter a funding shortage due
952 to costs exceeding original projections;

953 (i) A schedule of all complete and open-to-traffic
954 highway segments and the related total cost of each segment;

955 (j) A complete recap of all program receipts by source,
956 and of all disbursements for the prior fiscal year and cumulative
957 totals since the inception of the program as compared to
958 projections;

959 (k) A statement from the Department of Transportation
960 regarding the status of the funding of the program based on agency
961 cost experience and projections for the future;

962 (l) A compilation of costs for all preliminary
963 engineering, right-of-way and construction contracts during the
964 reporting period; and

965 (m) A status report of road segments to include road
966 segment description, the date of construction of the road and the
967 pavement condition rating utilizing the most current available
968 data.

969 SECTION 5. Section 65-39-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
970 amended as follows:

971 65-39-35. The date upon which the taxes and fees levied and
972 charged under the provisions of Sections 27-55-11, 27-57-37,
973 27-59-11, 27-19-43, 27-19-309, 27-65-75 and Sections 27-55-519 and
974 27-55-521 are reduced under such sections shall be the first day

975 of the month immediately following the date upon which:

976 (a) The Mississippi Transportation Commission certifies
977 to the State Tax Commission that:

978 (i) The Four-Lane Highway Program created under
979 Section 65-3-97 and the Gaming Counties Infrastructure Program
980 created under Section 65-39-3, are completed and no funds are any
981 longer necessary to pay the costs of such programs or fifteen (15)
982 years have elapsed since the completion of the last segment of
983 highway authorized under Section 65-3-97(d), whichever occurs
984 first; and

985 (ii) The Mississippi Transportation Commission
986 will not declare the necessity for additional borrowings under
987 Section 65-9-27, or for additional bonds under Sections 65-39-5
988 through 65-39-33; and

989 (b) The State Treasurer certifies:

990 (i) That the amount on deposit in the Gaming
991 Counties Bond Sinking Fund, together with earnings on investments
992 to accrue to such fund, is equal to or greater than the aggregate
993 of the entire principal, redemption premium (if any), and interest
994 due and to become due (until the final maturity date or earlier
995 scheduled redemption date) on all general obligation bonds issued
996 under Sections 65-39-5 through 65-39-33; and

997 (ii) That all principal, interest, cost and other
998 expenses for all bonds, notes or other borrowings under Section
999 65-9-27 and Section 31-17-127 (including redemption notes, if any)
1000 have been paid and are completely satisfied.

1001 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from
1002 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 PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI
2 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND A CONTRACTOR FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION,
3 RECONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION MUST CONTAIN A PROVISION FOR
4 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR EACH DAY THAT THE CONTRACTOR FAILS TIMELY
5 TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACT; TO AUTHORIZE SUCH CONTRACTS TO CONTAIN
6 EXTRA COMPENSATION TO THE CONTRACTOR TO SERVE AS AN INCENTIVE IF
7 THE CONTRACTOR COMPLETES THE CONTRACT EARLY; TO AMEND SECTION
8 65-1-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI
9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN PROJECT PLANNING
10 ACTIVITIES FOR ANY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, RIGHT-OF-WAY
11 ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT;
12 TO REQUIRE THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT AND REPORT
13 CERTAIN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 65-3-97 AND
14 65-39-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH
15 HIGHWAY SEGMENTS IN PHASE FOUR OF THE 1987 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY
16 PROGRAM AND HIGHWAY SEGMENTS IN THE GAMING COUNTIES STATE-ASSISTED
17 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ARE PRIORITIZED AND TO PROVIDE AN
18 ADDITIONAL REASON FOR WHICH THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION
19 COMMISSION MAY AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SEGMENTS OF LESS THAN 10 MILES IN
20 LENGTH; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAKE
21 REPORTS ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF HIGHWAY SEGMENTS
22 AUTHORIZED UNDER THE GAMING COUNTIES STATE-ASSISTED INFRASTRUCTURE
23 PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 65-39-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
24 AUTHORIZE THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN FUEL TAX INCREASES TWENTY-FIVE
25 YEARS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE LAST SEGMENT IN PHASE FOUR OF
26 THE 1987 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.