

By: Representative Ketchings

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 599

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE GAMING LICENSEES TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO
2 MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS WHEN PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THEIR
3 GAMING ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO PURCHASE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF SUCH
4 GOODS AND SERVICES FROM MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** In all contracts or purchases for the provision
8 of goods or services to a gaming licensee's licensed gaming
9 establishment and related facilities, the licensee shall give
10 preference and priority to Mississippi residents, laborers,
11 vendors and suppliers and shall purchase at least fifty percent
12 (50%) of such goods or services from Mississippi residents,
13 laborers, vendors and suppliers, except where not reasonably
14 possible to do so without added expense, substantial inconvenience
15 or sacrifice in operational efficiency.

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

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2002.

