

By: Representative Holland

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 724

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-35-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR BRIBING A STATE MEAT
3 INSPECTOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 75-35-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 75-35-29. Any person, firm, or corporation, or any agent or
8 employee of any person, firm, or corporation, who shall give, pay,
9 or offer, directly or indirectly, to any inspector, deputy
10 inspector, chief inspector, or any other officer or employee of
11 this state authorized to perform any of the duties prescribed by
12 this chapter or by the rules and regulations of the commissioner,
13 any money or other thing of value, with intent to influence said
14 inspector, deputy inspector, chief inspector, or other officer or
15 employee of this state in the discharge of any duty herein
16 provided for, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and, upon
17 conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not less than Five
18 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars
19 (\$10,000.00) and by imprisonment not less than one (1) year nor
20 more than three (3) years. Any inspector, deputy inspector, chief
21 inspector, or other officer or employee of this state authorized
22 to perform any of the duties prescribed by this chapter who shall
23 accept any money, gift, or other thing of value from any person,
24 firm, or corporation, or officers, agents, or employees thereof,
25 given with intent to influence his official action, or who shall
26 receive or accept from any person, firm, or corporation engaged in
27 intrastate commerce any gift, money, or other thing of value given



28 with any purpose or intent whatsoever, shall be deemed guilty of a
29 felony and shall, upon conviction thereof, be summarily discharged
30 from office and shall be punished by a fine not less than One
31 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars
32 (\$10,000.00) and by imprisonment not less than one (1) year nor
33 more than three (3) years.

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

