

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1112

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 97-33-1 AND 97-33-29, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING
3 CONTROL ACT AND THE CHARITABLE BINGO LAW; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-33-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-33-1. If any person shall encourage, promote or play at
9 any game, play or amusement, other than a fight or fighting match
10 between dogs, for money or other valuable thing, or shall wager or
11 bet, promote or encourage the wagering or betting of any money or
12 other valuable things, upon any game, play, amusement, cockfight,
13 Indian ball play, or duel, other than a fight or fighting match
14 between dogs, or upon the result of any election, event or
15 contingency whatever, upon conviction thereof, he shall be fined
16 in a sum not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); and, unless
17 such fine and costs be immediately paid, shall be imprisoned for
18 any period not more than ninety (90) days. However, this section
19 shall not apply to betting, gaming or wagering:

20 (a) On a cruise vessel as defined in Section 27-109-1
21 whenever such vessel is in the waters within the State of
22 Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south
23 of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
24 Mississippi, and in which the registered voters of the county in
25 which the port is located have not voted to prohibit such betting,
26 gaming or wagering on cruise vessels as provided in Section
27 19-3-79;



28 (b) On a vessel as defined in Section 27-109-1 whenever
29 such vessel is on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within
30 any county bordering on the Mississippi River, and in which the
31 registered voters of the county in which the port is located have
32 not voted to prohibit such betting, gaming or wagering on vessels
33 as provided in Section 19-3-79; or

34 (c) That is legal under the laws of the State of
35 Mississippi and subject to regulation under the Mississippi Gaming
36 Control Act or the Charitable Bingo Law.

37 **SECTION 2.** Section 97-33-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
38 amended as follows:

39 97-33-29. All laws made or to be made for the regulation of
40 gambling or gaming, are remedial and not penal statutes, and shall
41 be so construed by the courts.

42 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2002.

