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By: Representatives Zuber, Guice

To: Local and Private Legislation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1606

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, 1 TO ESTABLISH, PROMOTE AND DEVELOP TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2 3 WITHIN THE CITY; TO GRANT THE CITY CERTAIN POWERS WITH REGARD TO 4 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: SECTION 1. The City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, is 6 authorized to establish, promote and develop tourism and economic 7 development within the city. 8 9 SECTION 2. In order to effectuate the purposes of this act, the City of Ocean Springs is authorized and empowered to: 10 Acquire, own, lease, furnish, equip, staff and 11 (a) operate any and all facilities and equipment necessary and useful 12 in the promotion of tourism and economic development; 13 Receive funds from any source; (b) 14 (C) Expend funds from the general fund and any other 15 16 lawful source; Purchase, sell, lease and dispose of all real and (d) 17 personal property necessary and useful in exercising the authority 18 granted in this act; 19 Employ such personnel as is necessary and 20 (e) convenient to effectuate the purposes of this act; and 21 (f) Have and exercise all other powers necessary or 22 convenient to effectuate the purposes of this act. 23 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall authorize the City of 24 Ocean Springs to levy any tax or charge any fee not otherwise 25 26 authorized by law. SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from 27 28 and after its passage. H. B. No. 1606 N1/203/HR03/R1863 ST: Ocean Springs; grant certain powers

regarding tourism and economic development.