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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2206

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-31-53 AND 27-31-55, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO GRANT  
3 PARTIAL AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PROPERTY IN FREE PORT  
4 WAREHOUSES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-31-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 [Through June 30, 2013, this section shall read as follows:]

9 27-31-53. All or a portion of the assessed value of personal  
10 property in transit through this state which is (1) moving in  
11 interstate commerce through or over the territory of the State of  
12 Mississippi, or (2) which was consigned or transferred to a  
13 licensed "free port warehouse," public or private, within the  
14 State of Mississippi for storage in transit to a final destination  
15 outside the State of Mississippi, whether specified when  
16 transportation begins or afterward, may, in the discretion of the  
17 board of supervisors of the county wherein the warehouse or  
18 storage facility is located, and in the discretion of the  
19 governing authorities of the municipality wherein the warehouse or  
20 storage facility is located, as the case may be, and for such  
21 period of time as the respective governing body may prescribe, be  
22 exempt from all ad valorem taxes imposed by the respective county  
23 or municipality and the property exempted therefrom shall not be  
24 deemed to have acquired a situs in the State of Mississippi for  
25 the purposes of such taxation. The governing authorities may  
26 exempt all or a portion of the assessed value of such property.  
27 Such property shall not be deprived of such exemption because



28 while in a warehouse the property is bound, divided, broken in  
29 bulk, labeled, relabeled or repackaged.

30 **[From and after July 1, 2013, this section shall read as**  
31 **follows:]**

32 27-31-53. All personal property in transit through this  
33 state which is (1) moving in interstate commerce through or over  
34 the territory of the State of Mississippi, or (2) which was  
35 consigned or transferred to a licensed "free port warehouse,"  
36 public or private, within the State of Mississippi for storage in  
37 transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi,  
38 whether specified when transportation begins or afterward, may, in  
39 the discretion of the board of supervisors of the county wherein  
40 the warehouse or storage facility is located, and in the  
41 discretion of the governing authorities of the municipality  
42 wherein the warehouse or storage facility is located, as the case  
43 may be, and for such period of time as the respective governing  
44 body may prescribe, be exempt from all ad valorem taxes imposed by  
45 the respective county or municipality and the property exempted  
46 therefrom shall not be deemed to have acquired a situs in the  
47 State of Mississippi for the purposes of such taxation. Such  
48 property shall not be deprived of exemption because while in a  
49 warehouse the property is bound, divided, broken in bulk, labeled,  
50 relabeled or repackaged.

51 **SECTION 2.** Section 27-31-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
52 amended as follows:

53 **[Through June 30, 2013, this section shall read as follows:]**

54 27-31-55. Each licensed "free port warehouse" shall file  
55 with the tax assessor of each taxing jurisdiction in which such  
56 warehouse or storage facility may be located an inventory of all  
57 personal property consigned or transferred to such warehouse or  
58 storage facility and located therein on January 1 of each year.  
59 Such inventory shall be submitted on such forms and in such manner  
60 as the tax assessor may prescribe and shall contain a separate



61 statement of all property eligible for exemption under Sections  
62 27-31-51 through 27-31-61 and a separate statement of all property  
63 consigned or transferred to such warehouse or storage facility.  
64 Such inventory shall be submitted by not later than March 31 of  
65 each year. Exemption shall be allowed for all eligible property  
66 in the amount authorized by the governing authorities, but  
67 accurate records shall be kept of all personal property shipped  
68 from any such warehouse or storage facility, together with the  
69 point of final destination of the same, and reports thereof shall  
70 be filed with such taxing authorities of this state and in such  
71 form and manner as the tax assessor may prescribe. At the  
72 conclusion of each calendar year each licensee under Sections  
73 27-31-51 through 27-31-61 shall calculate the actual percentage of  
74 all personal property consigned or transferred to the warehouse or  
75 storage facility which was shipped to a final destination outside  
76 the state in relation to the total of all such personal property  
77 shipped to any destination during such year. Such percentage  
78 reduced proportionately by any partial exemption authorized by the  
79 governing authorities shall then be applied to the total value of  
80 all property contained in the inventory of such warehouse or  
81 storage facility as of January 1 of such year which was consigned  
82 or transferred to such warehouse or storage facility. If the  
83 result thus obtained shall be less than the value of property for  
84 which exemption was allowed, then the amount of such difference  
85 shall be deducted from the amount of the exemption previously  
86 allowed and taxes shall be levied and collected thereon by the tax  
87 collecting officers concerned.

88 **[From and after July, 2013, this section shall read as**  
89 **follows:]**

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112 shipped to any destination during such year. Such percentage  
113 shall then be applied to the total value of all property contained  
114 in the inventory of such warehouse or storage facility as of  
115 January 1 of such year which was consigned or transferred to such  
116 warehouse or storage facility. If the result thus obtained shall  
117 be less than the value of property for which exemption was  
118 allowed, then the amount of such difference shall be deducted from  
119 the amount of the exemption previously allowed and taxes shall be  
120 levied and collected thereon by the tax collecting officers  
121 concerned.

122       **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
123 and after January 1, 2003.

