SENATE BILL NO. 2354

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-7-9, 27-7-15 AND 27-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE JULY 1, 2003, REVERTER ON THE PROVISIONS IN THE INCOME TAX LAW THAT REVISE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING WHETHER A TRANSACTION BY A CORPORATION OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS SHAREHOLDER OR AN AFFILIATED CORPORATION IS AT "ARMS LENGTH" FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES, WHICH PROVIDE THE RULES THAT APPLY FOR THE RECOGNITION OF GAIN OR PROFIT FROM THE CASUAL SALE OF PROPERTY BY INSTALLMENT SALE AND PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF CERTAIN INTANGIBLE EXPENSES AND INTEREST EXPENSES WITH A RELATED MEMBER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

### (a) Computation of gain or loss.

The gain from the sale or other disposition of property shall be the excess of the amount realized therefrom over the adjusted basis provided in subsection (c) for determining gain, and the loss shall be the excess of the adjusted basis provided in subsection (c) for determining loss over the amount realized.

### (2) Amount realized.

The amount realized from the sale or other disposition of property shall be the sum of any money received plus the fair market value of the property (other than money) received.

### (3) Installment sales.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent (in the case of property sold under contract providing for payment in installments) the taxation of
that portion of any installment payment representing gain or profit in the year in which such payment is received.

(b) **Recognition of gain or loss.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, on the sale or exchange of property the entire amount of the gain or loss, determined under subsection (a), shall be recognized.

(c) **Adjusted basis for determining gain or loss.**

(1) **In general.** The adjusted basis for determining the gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of property, whenever acquired, shall be the basis determined under subsection (d) adjusted as provided in subsection (e).

(2) **Bargain sale to a charitable organization.** If a deduction is allowed under Section 27-7-17 (relating to charitable contributions) by reason of a sale, then the adjusted basis for determining the gain from such sale shall be that portion of the adjusted basis which bears the same ratio to the adjusted basis as the amount realized bears to the fair market value of the property.

(d) **Basis of property.**

(1) **Property acquired after March 16, 1912.** The basis for ascertaining the gain derived or the loss sustained from the sale or other disposition of property, real, personal or mixed, shall be, in the case of property acquired after March 16, 1912, the cost of such property, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.

(2) **Inventory property.** If the property should have been included in the last inventory, the basis shall be the last inventory value thereof.

(3) **Property acquired by gift.** In the case of property acquired by gift after January 1, 1936, the basis shall be the same as that which it would have in the hands of the donor or the last preceding owner by whom it was not acquired by gift. If the facts necessary to determine such basis are unknown to the donee,
the commissioner shall, if possible, obtain such facts from such
donor, or last preceding owner, or any other person cognizant
thereof. If the commissioner finds it impossible to obtain such
facts, the commissioner shall establish a basis for the property
from the best information available. In the case of property
acquired by gift on or before January 1, 1936, the basis for
ascertaining gain or loss from the sale or other disposition
thereof shall be the fair market price or value of such property
at the time of acquisition.

(4) **Property acquired by bequests, devises and
inheritance.** If personal property was acquired by specific
bequest, or if real property was acquired by general or specific
devise or by intestacy, the basis shall be the fair market value
of the property at the time of the death of the decedent. If the
property was acquired by the decedent's estate from the decedent,
the basis in the hands of the estate shall be the fair market
value of the property at the time of the death of the decedent.
In all other cases, if the property was acquired either by will or
by intestacy, the basis shall be the fair market value of the
property at the time of the distribution to the taxpayer. In the
case of property transferred in trust to pay the income for life
to or upon the order or direction of the grantor, with the right
reserved to the grantor at all times prior to his death to revoke
the trust, the basis of such property in the hands of the persons
entitled under the terms of the trust instrument to the property
after the grantor's death shall, after such death, be the same as
if the trust instrument had been a will executed on the day of the
grantor's death.

(5) **Property acquired by a transfer in trust.** If the
property was acquired by a transfer in trust (other than by a
transfer in trust by a bequest or devise), the basis shall be the
same as it would be in the hands of the grantor, increased in the
amount of gain, or decreased in the amount of loss, recognized to
the grantor upon such transfer under this section.

(6) **Property acquired in tax-free exchanges.** If the
property was acquired upon an exchange described in subsection
(f), the basis shall be the same as in the case of the property
exchanged, decreased in the amount of any money received by the
taxpayer and increased in the amount of gain or decreased in the
amount of loss to the taxpayer that was recognized upon such
exchange by the terms of this act. If the property so acquired
consisted in part of the type of property permitted by subsection
(f) to be received without recognition of gain or loss, and in
part of other property, the basis provided in this subsection
shall be allocated between the properties (other than money)
received, and for the purpose of the allocation there shall be
assigned to such other property an amount equivalent to its fair
market value at the date of the exchange.

(7) **Property acquired in tax-free distribution.** If the
property consists of stock or securities distributed to a taxpayer
in connection with a transaction described in subsection (f), the
basis in the case of the stock in respect of which the
distribution was made shall be apportioned, under rules and
regulations prescribed by the commissioner, between such stock and
the stock or securities distributed.

(8) **Property acquired in involuntary conversions.** If
the property was acquired as the result of a compulsory or
involuntary conversion described in subsection (f), the basis
shall be the same as in the case of property so converted,
decreased in the amount of any money received by the taxpayer
which was not expended in accordance with the provisions of said
subsection determining the taxable status of the gain or loss upon
such conversion, and increased in the amount of gain or decreased
in the amount of loss to the taxpayer recognized upon such
conversion.
(9) **Property acquired in wash sales.** If substantially identical property was acquired in place of stock or securities which were sold or disposed of and in respect of which loss was not allowed as a deduction under Section 27-7-17(d), the basis in the case of property so acquired shall be the basis in the case of the stock or securities so sold or disposed of, except that, if the repurchase price was in excess of the sales price, such basis shall be increased in the amount of the difference, or if the repurchase price was less than the sales price, such basis shall be decreased in the amount of the difference.

(10) **Property acquired before March 16, 1912.** The basis for determining the gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of property acquired before March 16, 1912, shall be:

(A) The cost of such property (or in the case of such property as is described in subsection (d)(2) or (4) of this section the basis as therein provided, or in the case of property acquired by gift or transfer in trust, the fair market value of such property at the time of such acquisition); or

(B) The fair market value of such property as of March 16, 1912, whichever is greater.

In determining the fair market value of stock in a corporation as of March 16, 1912, due regard shall be given to the fair market value of the assets of the corporation as of that date.

(e) **Adjustments to basis.**

(1) **In general.** In computing the amount of gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of property, proper adjustment shall be made for any expenditure, receipt, loss or other item, properly chargeable to capital account since the basis date. The cost or other basis of the property shall also be diminished by the amount of the deductions for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, amortization and depletion, which have since the acquisition of the property been allowable in respect of
such property whether or not such deductions were claimed by the
taxpayer or formerly allowed. In the case of stock, the basis
shall be diminished by the amount of distributions previously made
in respect to such stock, to the extent provided under this
section.

(2) **Substituted basis.** Whenever it appears that the
basis of the property in the hands of a taxpayer is a substituted
basis, then the adjustments provided in subsection (e)(1) shall be
made after first making in respect of such substituted basis
proper adjustments of a similar nature in respect of the period
during which the property was held by the transferor, donor or
grantor, or during which the other property was held by the person
for whom the basis is to be determined. The term "substituted
basis" as used in this subsection means a basis determined under
any provision of this section or under any corresponding provision
of a prior Income Tax Law, providing that the basis shall be
determined by reference to the basis in the hands of a transferor,
donor or grantor, or, by reference to other property held at any
time by the person for whom the basis is to be determined.

(f) **Recognition of gain or loss -- exceptions.**

(1) **Exchange solely in kind.**

(A) **Property held for productive use or
investment.** No gain or loss shall be recognized if property held
for productive use in trade or business or for investment (not
including stock in trade or other property held primarily for
sale, nor stocks, bonds, notes, choses in action, certificates of
trust or beneficial interest, or other securities or evidence of
indebtedness or interest) is exchanged solely for property of a
like kind to be held either for productive use in trade or
business or for investment.

(B) **Stock for stock in same corporation.** No gain
or loss shall be recognized if common stock in a corporation is
exchanged solely for common stock in the same corporation, or if
preferred stock in a corporation is exchanged solely for preferred stock in the same corporation.

(C) Transfers to corporation controlled by transferor. No gain or loss shall be recognized if property is transferred to a corporation by one or more persons solely in exchange for stock or securities in such corporation, and if immediately after the exchange such person or persons are in control of the corporation; but in the case of an exchange by two or more persons, this subsection shall apply only if the amount of the stock and securities received by each is substantially in proportion to his interest in the property prior to the exchange.

(D) Stock for stock on reorganization. No gain or loss shall be recognized if stock or securities in a corporation, a party to a reorganization, are, in pursuance of the plan of reorganization, exchanged solely for stock or securities in such corporation or in another corporation, a party to a reorganization.

(2) Gain from exchanges not solely in kind. If an exchange would be within the provisions of subsection (f)(1) of this section, if it were not for the fact that the property received in exchange consists not only of property permitted by subsection (f)(1) to be received without the recognition of gain, but also of other property or money, then the gain, if any, to the recipient shall be recognized, but in an amount not in excess of the sum of such money and the fair market value of such other property so received.

(3) Loss from exchanges not solely in kind. If an exchange would be within the provisions of subsection (f)(1) of this section, if it were not for the fact that the property received in exchange consists not only of property permitted by subsection (f)(1) to be received without the recognition of gain
or loss but also of other property or money, then no loss from the exchange shall be recognized.

(4) **Distribution of stock on reorganization.** If in pursuance of a plan of reorganization, there is distributed to a shareholder in a corporation, a party to the reorganization, stock or securities in such corporation or in another corporation, a party to the reorganization, without the surrender by such shareholder of stock or securities in such corporation, no gain to the distributee from the receipt of such stock or securities shall be recognized.

(5) **Distribution with effect of taxable dividend.** If a distribution made in pursuance of a plan of reorganization is within the provisions of subsection (f)(4) of this section, but has the effect of the distribution of a taxable dividend, then there shall be taxed as a dividend to each distributee such an amount of the gain recognized under subsection (f)(2) as is not in excess of his ratable share of the undistributed earnings and profits of the corporation. The remainder, if any, of the gain recognized under subsection (f)(2) shall be taxed as a gain from the exchange of property.

(6) **Involuntary conversions.** If property, as a result of its destruction in whole or in part, theft, seizure or requisition or condemnation, or threat or imminence thereof, is compulsorily or involuntarily converted:

(A) Into property similar or related in service or use to the property so converted, no gain shall be recognized, but loss shall be recognized;

(B) Into money, no gain shall be recognized if such money is expended, within a period ending two (2) years after the close of the first taxable year in which any part of the gain upon the conversion is realized, in the acquisition of other property similar or related in service or use to the property so converted, or in the acquisition of control of a corporation.
owning such other property, or in the establishment of a
replacement fund, but loss shall be recognized. If any part of
the money is not so expended, the gain shall be recognized to the
extent of the money which is not so expended, regardless of
whether such money is received in one or more taxable years and
regardless of whether or not the money which is not so expended
constitutes gain. Provided, gain realized on property which is
compulsorily or involuntarily converted for public use under Title
II, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, or any federal law
relating to the involuntary conversion of property for public use
shall not be recognized. Provided further, that gain realized on
property which is voluntarily converted for public use shall not
be recognized after it becomes evident that eminent domain
proceedings are probable.

The provisions of this subsection relating to the
nonrecognition of gain, including the exception provided in
subparagraph (B), shall apply only to an owner of the converted
property who has held title to such property for a period at least
three (3) years prior to the date of the disposition of the
converted property, provided that an owner who acquired such
property by bequest, devise, gift or inheritance shall be excluded
from this limitation, if the preceding owner acquired title to
such property at least three (3) years prior to the date of
disposition.

(7) Property exchanged treated as equivalent of cash.

When property other than property specified in subsection
(f)(1)(A) of this section is exchanged for other property, the
property received in exchange shall, for the purpose of
determining gain or loss, be treated as the equivalent of cash to
the amount of its fair market value.

(8) Distribution of assets of corporation. The
distribution to the taxpayer of the assets of a corporation shall
be treated as a sale of the stock or securities of the corporation owned by him, and the gain or loss shall be computed accordingly.

(9) **Organization of a corporation.** In the case of the organization of a corporation, the stock and securities received shall be considered to take the place of property transferred therefor, and no gain or loss shall be deemed to arise therefrom.

(10) Sales of certain interests in financial institutions domiciled in Mississippi, domestic corporations, domestic limited partnerships or domestic limited liability companies.

(A) No gain shall be recognized from the sale of authorized shares in financial institutions domiciled in Mississippi and domestic corporations, or partnership interests in domestic limited partnerships and domestic limited liability companies, that have been held for more than one (1) year; provided, however, that any gain that would otherwise be excluded by this provision shall first be applied against, and reduced by, any losses determined from sales or transactions described by this provision if the losses were incurred in the year of the gain or within the two (2) years preceding or subsequent to the gain.

(B) No gain shall be recognized from the sale of all or at least ninety percent (90%) of the assets in domestic corporations except those assets that represent the ownership interest of another entity provided:

(i) The assets of the corporation have been held for more than one (1) year;

(ii) The corporation is totally liquidated and dissolved within one (1) calendar year from the date of the sale of all or at least ninety percent (90%) of the assets of the corporation; and

(iii) The depreciation and/or amortization that has been taken on the assets of the corporation shall be recaptured and taxed as ordinary income in the same manner as
provided for in Section 1245 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and any corresponding regulations relating to Section 1245 property. All depreciation and/or amortization shall be recaptured up to cost prior to any nonrecognition of gains.

(g) **Reorganization defined.** The term "reorganization" means:

(1) A statutory merger or consolidation;

(2) The acquisition by one (1) corporation, in exchange solely for all or a part of its voting stock (or in exchange solely for all or a part of the voting stock of a corporation which is in control of the acquiring corporation), of stock of another corporation if, immediately after the acquisition, the acquiring corporation has control of such other corporation, or of substantially all the properties of another corporation;

(3) A transfer by a corporation of all or a part of its assets to another corporation if immediately after the transfer the transferee, or one or more of its shareholders (including persons who were shareholders immediately before the transfer), or any combination thereof, is in control of the corporation to which the assets are transferred;

(4) A recapitalization; or

(5) A mere change in identity, form or place of organization, however effected.

(h) **Party to a reorganization defined.** The term "a party to a reorganization" includes a corporation resulting from a reorganization and includes both corporations in the case of an acquisition by one (1) corporation of at least a majority of the voting stock and at least a majority of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of another corporation.

(i) **Control defined.** As used in this section, the term "control" means the ownership of at least eighty percent (80%) of the voting stock and at least eighty percent (80%) of the total number of shares of all other classes of stock of the corporation.
(j) Special rules.

(1) Liquidation of subsidiaries. A transfer to a parent corporation from its subsidiary of property distributed in complete liquidation of the subsidiary shall result in no recognized gain or loss if the basis of the property in the hands of the parent corporation is the same as it was in the hands of the subsidiary.

(2) Gain or loss on sales or exchanges in connection with certain liquidations. Corporations adopting a plan of complete liquidation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code shall recognize the gain or loss from the sale or exchange of property by the corporation under said plan. The total gain or loss from the liquidating distributions shall be recognized by the shareholders; however, a credit for the tax paid by the liquidating corporation on the gain from the sale or exchange of property under the plan of liquidation will be allowed to the extent of any tax liability to the shareholders. The corporation shall provide to the State Tax Commission a list of all shareholders with their percentage of ownership, distribution, tax credit allowed and any other information requested.

(3) Distribution of stock and securities of a controlled corporation. No gain shall be recognized on a distribution to a stockholder of a corporation if such gain would not be recognized to such stockholder for federal income tax purposes under the provisions of Section 355 of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

(4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a corporation or other entity that is involved in restructuring, reorganizing, distributing assets or profits, or changing ownership that results in an adjustment to its asset basis is required to report a gain in the year such transaction occurs on any such transaction when the transaction involves assets owned or used in this state, or otherwise represents assets.
owned or used in this state. If a transfer of income or a change in asset valuation occurs on the tax records of the taxpayer, such transaction shall result in taxation to this state to the extent of the transfer of income or change in asset valuation.

(5) If a corporation or other entity makes an Internal Revenue Code Section 338 election, or other similar election under which the aggregate basis in assets are increased on the tax records of the taxpayer, then a similar election must also be made for Mississippi purposes, but the gain must be recognized by the corporation in which the increase in basis of the assets occurs. The corporation or other entity is allowed to increase its basis by the amount of gain recognized. An aggregate write-down of assets is not allowed. The parent corporation shall recognize the gain on the disposition of its stock.

(6) For state tax purposes, a corporation or other legal entity is considered separate from its shareholders, affiliated corporations or other entities. If a corporation or other legal entity enters into any transaction that is for the benefit of its shareholders or for the benefit of an affiliated corporation without an equal mutual business benefit of the corporation, then, the transaction will be adjusted or eliminated to arrive at taxable income to this state. All transactions entered into by a corporation must be at "arms-length." If requested by the commissioner, the taxpayer must be able to substantiate that the transaction occurred at "arms-length." If not, the transaction may be adjusted to the satisfaction of the commissioner. In determining whether the transaction occurred at arms-length, the commissioner shall consider the following:

(A) Whether the transaction is in compliance with the federal regulations promulgated under Internal Revenue Code Section 482;

(B) Whether the transaction was done for a valid business purpose;
(C) Whether the income being shifted by the
transaction is subject to a tax in another state;

(D) Whether the transaction is consistent with the
results that would have been realized if uncontrolled taxpayers
had engaged in the same transaction under the same circumstances;

and

(E) Other factors which support the conclusion
that income is being shifted to avoid the tax imposed by this
chapter.

(k) Sale or exchange of residence.

(1) Loss on sale or exchange of residence. Loss from
the sale or exchange of property used by the taxpayer as his
principal residence is not recognized and cannot be deducted.

(2) Nonrecognition of gain. Gain shall be computed in
accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code,
rules, regulations and revenue procedures relating to the sale or
exchange of a personal residence not in direct conflict with the
provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax Law.

(3) Gain on the sale or exchange of residence. A
recognizable gain on the sale or exchange of a personal residence
shall be included in gross income and treated as ordinary income.

(l) Distributions by corporations.

(1) Distributions of the property of a corporation,
including partial and complete liquidations, shall be recognized
by the distributing corporation and the gain or loss shall be
computed on the difference of the fair market value of the assets
distributed and their basis. The total gain or loss from the
distributions to the shareholders shall be recognized by the
shareholders subject to subsections (f)(8) and (j)(1); however, a
credit for the tax paid by the distributing corporation on the
gain from the sale or exchange of property under the plan of
distribution will be allowed to the extent of any liability to the
shareholders. The corporation shall provide to the State Tax
Commission a list of all shareholders with their percentage of ownership, distribution, tax credit allowed and any other information requested.

(2) **Source of distributions.** For the purposes of this act, every distribution is made out of earnings or profits to the extent thereof, and from the most recently accumulated earnings and profits. Any earnings or profit accumulated, or increase in value of property acquired, before March 16, 1912, may be distributed exempt from tax (after the earnings and profits accumulated after March 16, 1912, have been distributed), but any such tax-free distribution shall be applied against and reduce the basis of the stock provided in subsection (d).

(3) **Distributions in liquidation.** Amounts distributed in complete liquidation of a corporation shall be treated as in full payment in exchange for the stock, and amounts distributed in partial liquidation of a corporation shall be treated as in part or full payment in exchange for the stock. The gain or loss to the distributee resulting from such exchange shall be determined under subsection (a), but shall be recognized only to the extent provided in subsection (f). In the case of amounts distributed in partial liquidation, the part of such distribution which is property chargeable to capital account shall not be considered a distribution of earnings or profits within the meaning of paragraph (2) of this subsection for the purpose of determining the taxability of subsequent distributions by the corporations.

(4) **Other distributions.** If any distribution (not in partial or complete liquidation) made by a corporation to its shareholders, is not out of increase in value of property accrued before March 16, 1912, and is not out of earnings or profits, then the amount of such distribution shall be applied against and reduce the basis of the stock provided in subsection (d), and if in excess of such basis, such excess shall be taxable in the same manner as a gain from the sale or exchange of property.
(5) **Stock dividends.** A stock dividend shall not be subject to tax.

(6) **Cancellation or redemption of stock.** If a corporation cancels or redeems its stock (whether or not such stock was issued as a stock dividend) at such time and in such manner as to make the distribution and cancellation or redemption in whole or in part essentially equivalent to the distribution of a taxable dividend, the amount so distributed in redemption or cancellation of the stock, to the extent that it represents a distribution of earnings or profits accumulated after March 16, 1912, shall be treated as a taxable dividend.

(7) **"Amounts distributed in partial liquidation" defined.** As used in this subsection, the term "amounts distributed in partial liquidation" means distribution by a corporation in complete cancellation or redemption of a part of its stock, or one of a series of distributions in complete cancellation or redemption of all or a portion of its stock.

(8) **Distributions of stock pursuant to order enforcing the Antitrust Laws.** Any distribution of stock which is made pursuant to the order of any court enforcing the Antitrust Laws of the United States, or of any state, shall be a distribution which is not out of earnings and profits of the distributing corporation, but the value of the stock so distributed shall be applied against and reduce the basis of the stock of the distributing corporation provided in subsection (d), and if in excess of such basis, such excess shall be taxable in the same manner as a gain from the sale or exchange of property.

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SECTION 2. Section 27-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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27-7-15. (1) For the purposes of this article, except as otherwise provided, the term "gross income" means and includes the
income of a taxpayer derived from salaries, wages, fees or compensation for service, of whatever kind and in whatever form paid, including income from governmental agencies and subdivisions thereof; or from professions, vocations, trades, businesses, commerce or sales, or renting or dealing in property, or reacquired property; also from annuities, interest, rents, dividends, securities, insurance premiums, reinsurance premiums, considerations for supplemental insurance contracts, or the transaction of any business carried on for gain or profit, or gains, or profits, and income derived from any source whatever and in whatever form paid. The amount of all such items of income shall be included in the gross income for the taxable year in which received by the taxpayer. The amount by which an eligible employee's salary is reduced pursuant to a salary reduction agreement authorized under Section 25-17-5 shall be excluded from the term "gross income" within the meaning of this article.

(2) In determining gross income for the purpose of this section, the following, under regulations prescribed by the commissioner, shall be applicable:

(a) **Dealers in property.** Federal rules, regulations and revenue procedures shall be followed with respect to installment sales unless a transaction results in the shifting of income from inside the state to outside the state.

(b) **Casual sales of property.**

(i) Prior to January 1, 2001, federal rules, regulations and revenue procedures shall be followed with respect to installment sales except they shall be applied and administered as if H.R. 3594, the Installment Tax Correction Act of 2000 of the 106th Congress, had not been enacted. This provision will generally affect taxpayers, reporting on the accrual method of accounting, entering into installment note agreements on or after December 17, 1999. Any gain or profit resulting from the casual sale of property will be recognized in the year of sale.
(ii) From and after January 1, 2001, federal rules, regulations and revenue procedures shall be followed with respect to installment sales except as provided in this subparagraph (ii). Gain or profit from the casual sale of property shall be recognized in the year of sale. When a taxpayer recognizes gain on the casual sale of property in which the gain is deferred for federal income tax purposes, a taxpayer may elect to defer the payment of tax resulting from the gain as allowed and to the extent provided under regulations prescribed by the commissioner. If the payment of the tax is made on a deferred basis, the tax shall be computed based on the applicable rate for the income reported in the year the payment is made. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (b), deferring the payment of the tax shall not affect the liability for the tax. If at any time the installment note is sold, contributed, transferred or disposed of in any manner and for any purpose by the original note holder, or the original note holder is merged, liquidated, dissolved or withdrawn from this state, then all deferred tax payments under this section shall immediately become due and payable.

(iii) If the selling price of the property is reduced by any alteration in the terms of an installment note, including default by the purchaser, the gain to be recognized is recomputed based on the adjusted selling price in the same manner as for federal income tax purposes. The tax on this amount, less the previously paid tax on the recognized gain, is payable over the period of the remaining installments. If the tax on the previously recognized gain has been paid in full to this state, the return on which the payment was made may be amended for this purpose only. The statute of limitations in Section 27-7-49 shall not bar an amended return for this purpose.
(c) **Reserves of insurance companies.** In the case of insurance companies, any amounts in excess of the legally required reserves shall be included as gross income.

(d) **Affiliated companies or persons.** As regards sales, exchanges or payments for services from one to another of affiliated companies or persons or under other circumstances where the relation between the buyer and seller is such that gross proceeds from the sale or the value of the exchange or the payment for services are not indicative of the true value of the subject matter of the sale, exchange or payment for services, the commissioner shall prescribe uniform and equitable rules for determining the true value of the gross income, gross sales, exchanges or payment for services, or require consolidated returns of affiliates.

(e) **Alimony and separate maintenance payments.** The federal rules, regulations and revenue procedures in determining the deductibility and taxability of alimony payments shall be followed in this state.

(f) **Reimbursement for expenses of moving.** There shall be included in gross income (as compensation for services) any amount received or accrued, directly or indirectly, by an individual as a payment for or reimbursement of expenses of moving from one residence to another residence which is attributable to employment or self-employment.

(3) In the case of taxpayers other than residents, gross income includes gross income from sources within this state.

(4) The words "gross income" do not include the following items of income which shall be exempt from taxation under this article:

(a) The proceeds of life insurance policies and contracts paid upon the death of the insured. However, the income from the proceeds of such policies or contracts shall be included in the gross income.
(b) The amount received by the insured as a return of premium or premiums paid by him under life insurance policies, endowment, or annuity contracts, either during the term or at maturity or upon surrender of the contract.

(c) The value of property acquired by gift, bequest, devise or descent, but the income from such property shall be included in the gross income.

(d) Interest upon the obligations of the United States or its possessions, or securities issued under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act of July 17, 1916, or bonds issued by the War Finance Corporation, or obligations of the State of Mississippi or political subdivisions thereof.

(e) The amounts received through accident or health insurance as compensation for personal injuries or sickness, plus the amount of any damages received for such injuries or such sickness or injuries, or through the War Risk Insurance Act, or any law for the benefit or relief of injured or disabled members of the military or naval forces of the United States.

(f) Income received by any religious denomination or by any institution or trust for moral or mental improvements, religious, Bible, tract, charitable, benevolent, fraternal, missionary, hospital, infirmary, educational, scientific, literary, library, patriotic, historical or cemetery purposes or for two (2) or more of such purposes, if such income be used exclusively for carrying out one or more of such purposes.

(g) Income received by a domestic corporation which is "taxable in another state" as this term is defined in this article, derived from business activity conducted outside this state. Domestic corporations taxable both within and without the state shall determine Mississippi income on the same basis as provided for foreign corporations under the provisions of this article.
(h) In case of insurance companies, there shall be excluded from gross income such portion of actual premiums received from an individual policyholder as is paid back or credited to or treated as an abatement of premiums of such policyholder within the taxable year.

(i) Income from dividends that has already borne a tax as dividend income under the provisions of this article, when such dividends may be specifically identified in the possession of the recipient.

(j) Amounts paid by the United States to a person as added compensation for hazardous duty pay as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States in a combat zone designated by Executive Order of the President of the United States.

(k) Amounts received as retirement allowances, pensions, annuities or optional retirement allowances paid under the federal Social Security Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, the Federal Civil Service Retirement Act, or any other retirement system of the United States government, retirement allowances paid under the Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System or any other retirement system of the State of Mississippi or any political subdivision thereof. The exemption allowed under this paragraph (k) shall be available to the spouse or other beneficiary at the death of the primary retiree.

(l) Amounts received as retirement allowances, pensions, annuities or optional retirement allowances paid by any public or governmental retirement system not designated in paragraph (k) or any private retirement system or plan of which the recipient was a member at any time during the period of his employment. Amounts received as a distribution under a Roth Individual Retirement Account shall be treated in the same manner as provided under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The exemption allowed under this paragraph (l) shall be available
to the spouse or other beneficiary at the death of the primary retiree.

(m) Compensation not to exceed the aggregate sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for any taxable year received by a member of the National Guard or Reserve Forces of the United States as payment for inactive duty training, active duty training and state active duty.

(n) Compensation received for active service as a member below the grade of commissioned officer and so much of the compensation as does not exceed the aggregate sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) per month received for active service as a commissioned officer in the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during any part of which such members of the Armed Forces (i) served in a combat zone as designated by Executive Order of the President of the United States; or (ii) was hospitalized as a result of wounds, disease or injury incurred while serving in such combat zone.

(o) The proceeds received from federal and state forestry incentives programs.

(p) The amount representing the difference between the increase of gross income derived from sales for export outside the United States as compared to the preceding tax year wherein gross income from export sales was highest, and the net increase in expenses attributable to such increased exports. In the absence of direct accounting the ratio of net profits to total sales may be applied to the increase in export sales. This paragraph (p) shall only apply to businesses located in this state engaging in the international export of Mississippi goods and services. Such goods or services shall have at least fifty percent (50%) of value added at a location in Mississippi.

(q) Amounts paid by the federal government for the construction of soil conservation systems as required by a conservation plan adopted pursuant to 16 USCS 3801 et seq.
(r) The amount deposited in a medical savings account, and any interest accrued thereon, that is a part of a medical savings account program as specified in the Medical Savings Account Act under Sections 71-9-1 through 71-9-9; provided, however, that any amount withdrawn from such account for purposes other than paying eligible medical expense or to procure health coverage shall be included in gross income.

(s) Amounts paid by the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission from the Mississippi Soil and Water Cost-Share Program for the installation of water quality best management practices.

(t) Dividends received by a holding corporation, as defined in Section 27-13-1, from a subsidiary corporation, as defined in Section 27-13-1.

(u) Interest, dividends, gains or income of any kind on any account in the Mississippi Affordable College Savings Trust Fund, as established in Sections 37-155-101 through 37-155-125, to the extent that such amounts remain on deposit in the MACS Trust Fund or are withdrawn pursuant to a qualified withdrawal, as defined in Section 37-155-105.

(v) Interest, dividends or gains accruing on the payments made pursuant to a prepaid tuition contract, as provided for in Section 37-155-17.

(w) Income resulting from transactions with a related member where the related member subject to tax under this chapter was required to, and did in fact, add back the expense of such transactions as required by Section 27-7-17(2). Under no circumstances may the exclusion from income exceed the deduction add-back of the related member, nor shall the exclusion apply to any income otherwise excluded under this chapter.

(x) Amounts that are subject to the tax levied pursuant to Section 27-7-901, and are paid to patrons by gaming establishments licensed under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act.
(y) Amounts that are subject to the tax levied pursuant to Section 27-7-903, and are paid to patrons by gaming establishments not licensed under the Mississippi Gaming Control Act.

(5) Prisoners of war, missing in action-taxable status.

(a) Members of the Armed Forces. Gross income does not include compensation received for active service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any month during any part of which such member is in a missing status, as defined in paragraph (d) of this subsection, during the Vietnam Conflict as a result of such conflict.

(b) Civilian employees. Gross income does not include compensation received for active service as an employee for any month during any part of which such employee is in a missing status during the Vietnam Conflict as a result of such conflict.

(c) Period of conflict. For the purpose of this subsection, the Vietnam Conflict began February 28, 1961, and ends on the date designated by the President by Executive Order as the date of the termination of combatant activities in Vietnam. For the purpose of this subsection, an individual is in a missing status as a result of the Vietnam Conflict if immediately before such status began he was performing service in Vietnam or was performing service in Southeast Asia in direct support of military operations in Vietnam. "Southeast Asia," as used in this paragraph, is defined to include Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and waters adjacent thereto.

(d) "Missing status" means the status of an employee or member of the Armed Forces who is in active service and is officially carried or determined to be absent in a status of (i) missing; (ii) missing in action; (iii) interned in a foreign country; (iv) captured, beleaguered or besieged by a hostile force; or (v) detained in a foreign country against his will; but does not include the status of an employee or member of the Armed Forces.
Forces for a period during which he is officially determined to be absent from his post of duty without authority.

(e) "Active service" means active federal service by an employee or member of the Armed Forces of the United States in an active duty status.

(f) "Employee" means one who is a citizen or national of the United States or an alien admitted to the United States for permanent residence and is a resident of the State of Mississippi and is employed in or under a federal executive agency or department of the Armed Forces.

(g) "Compensation" means (i) basic pay; (ii) special pay; (iii) incentive pay; (iv) basic allowance for quarters; (v) basic allowance for subsistence; and (vi) station per diem allowances for not more than ninety (90) days.

(h) If refund or credit of any overpayment of tax for any taxable year resulting from the application of subsection (5) of this section is prevented by the operation of any law or rule of law, such refund or credit of such overpayment of tax may, nevertheless, be made or allowed if claim therefor is filed with the State Tax Commission within three (3) years after the date of the enactment of this subsection.

(i) The provisions of this subsection shall be effective for taxable years ending on or after February 28, 1961.

(6) A shareholder of an S corporation, as defined in Section 27-8-3(1)(g), shall take into account the income, loss, deduction or credit of the S corporation only to the extent provided in Section 27-8-7(2).

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SECTION 3. Section 27-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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27-7-17. In computing taxable income, there shall be allowed as deductions:
(1) Business deductions.

(a) Business expenses. All the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered; nonreimbursable traveling expenses incident to current employment, including a reasonable amount expended for meals and lodging while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business; and rentals or other payments required to be made as a condition of the continued use or possession, for purposes of the trade or business of property to which the taxpayer has not taken or is not taking title or in which he had no equity. Expense incurred in connection with earning and distributing nontaxable income is not an allowable deduction. Limitations on entertainment expenses shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(b) Interest. All interest paid or accrued during the taxable year on business indebtedness, except interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds, or any stocks, the dividends from which are nontaxable under the provisions of this article; provided, however, in the case of securities dealers, interest payments or accruals on loans, the proceeds of which are used to purchase tax-exempt securities, shall be deductible if income from otherwise tax-free securities is reported as income. Investment interest expense shall be limited to investment income. Interest expense incurred for the purchase of treasury stock, to pay dividends, or incurred as a result of an undercapitalized affiliated corporation may not be deducted unless an ordinary and necessary business purpose can be established to the satisfaction of the commissioner. For the purposes of this paragraph, the phrase "interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds" applies only to the indebtedness incurred for the purpose of directly purchasing tax-free bonds and
does not apply to any other indebtedness incurred in the regular
course of the taxpayer's business. Any corporation, association,
organization or other entity taxable under Section 27-7-23(c)
shall allocate interest expense as provided in Section
27-7-23(c)(3)(I).

(c) **Taxes.** Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable
year, except state and federal income taxes, excise taxes based on
or measured by net income, estate and inheritance taxes, gift
taxes, cigar and cigarette taxes, gasoline taxes, and sales and
use taxes unless incurred as an item of expense in a trade or
business or in the production of taxable income. In the case of
an individual, taxes permitted as an itemized deduction under the
provisions of subsection (3)(a) of this section are to be claimed
thereunder.

(d) **Business losses.**

(i) Losses sustained during the taxable year not
compensated for by insurance or otherwise, if incurred in trade or
business, or nonbusiness transactions entered into for profit.

(ii) Limitations on losses from passive activities
and rental real estate shall conform to the provisions of the

(e) **Bad debts.** Losses from debts ascertained to be
worthless and charged off during the taxable year, if sustained in
the conduct of the regular trade or business of the taxpayer;
provided, that such losses shall be allowed only when the taxpayer
has reported as income, on the accrual basis, the amount of such
debt or account.

(f) **Depreciation.** A reasonable allowance for
exhaustion, wear and tear of property used in the trade or
business, or rental property, and depreciation upon buildings
based upon their reasonable value as of March 16, 1912, if
acquired prior thereto, and upon cost if acquired subsequent to
that date.
(g) Depletion. In the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits and timber, a reasonable allowance for depletion and for depreciation of improvements, based upon cost, including cost of development, not otherwise deducted, or fair market value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior to that date, such allowance to be made upon regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

(h) Contributions or gifts. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)(a) of this section for individuals, contributions or gifts made by corporations within the taxable year to corporations, organizations, associations or institutions, including Community Chest funds, foundations and trusts created solely and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual. This deduction shall be allowed in an amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the net income. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor. Contributions made in any form other than cash shall be allowed as a deduction, subject to the limitations herein provided, in an amount equal to the actual market value of the contributions at the time the contribution is actually made and consummated.

(i) Reserve funds - insurance companies. In the case of insurance companies the net additions required by law to be made within the taxable year to reserve funds when such reserve funds are maintained for the purpose of liquidating policies at maturity.

(j) Annuity income. The sums, other than dividends, paid within the taxpayer year on policy or annuity contracts when such income has been included in gross income.
(k) Contributions to employee pension plans.

Contributions made by an employer to a plan or a trust forming part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan of such employer for the exclusive benefit of some or all of his, their, or its employees, or their beneficiaries, shall be deductible from his, their, or its income only to the extent that, and for the taxable year in which, the contribution is deductible for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any other provisions of similar purport in the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States, and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder, provided that:

(i) The plan or trust be irrevocable.

(ii) The plan or trust constitute a part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan for the exclusive benefit of some or all of the employer's employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries, for the purpose of distributing the corpus and income of the plan or trust to such employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

(iii) No part of the corpus or income of the plan or trust can be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

Contributions to all plans or to all trusts of real or personal property (or real and personal property combined) or to insured plans created under a retirement plan for which provision has been made under the laws of the United States of America, making such contributions deductible from income for federal income tax purposes, shall be deductible only to the same extent under the Income Tax Laws of the State of Mississippi.

(l) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers. A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1993, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss...
carryback to each of the three (3) taxable years preceding the
taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any
taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the three (3)
taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there
shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the fifteen
(15) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss
beginning with any taxable year after December 31, 1991.

For any taxable year ending after December 31, 1997, the
period for net operating loss carrybacks and net operating loss
carryovers shall be the same as those established by the Internal
Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and
determinations promulgated thereunder as in effect at the taxable
year end or on December 31, 2000, whichever is earlier.

A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after
December 31, 2001, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net
operating loss carryback to each of the two (2) taxable years
preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss
for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the two (2)
taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there
shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the twenty (20)
taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning
with any taxable year after the taxable year of the loss.

The term "net operating loss," for the purposes of this
paragraph, shall be the excess of the deductions allowed over the
gross income; provided, however, the following deductions shall
not be allowed in computing same:

(i) No net operating loss deduction shall be
allowed.

(ii) No personal exemption deduction shall be
allowed.

(iii) Allowable deductions which are not
attributable to taxpayer's trade or business shall be allowed only
to the extent of the amount of gross income not derived from such trade or business.

Any taxpayer entitled to a carryback period as provided by this paragraph may elect to relinquish the entire carryback period with respect to a net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1991. The election shall be made in the manner prescribed by the State Tax Commission and shall be made by the due date, including extensions of time, for filing the taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the net operating loss for which the election is to be in effect. The election, once made for any taxable year, shall be irrevocable for that taxable year.

(m) **Amortization of pollution or environmental control facilities.** Allowance of deduction. Every taxpayer, at his election, shall be entitled to a deduction for pollution or environmental control facilities to the same extent as that allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder.

(n) **Dividend distributions - real estate investment trusts.** "Real estate investment trust" (hereinafter referred to as REIT) shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 856 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. A REIT is allowed a dividend distributed deduction if the dividend distributions meet the requirements of Section 857 or are otherwise deductible under Section 858 or 860, federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition:

(i) A dividend distributed deduction shall only be allowed for dividends paid by a publicly traded REIT. A qualified REIT subsidiary shall be allowed a dividend distributed deduction if its owner is a publicly traded REIT.

(ii) Income generated from real estate contributed or sold to a REIT by a shareholder or related party shall not give rise to a dividend distributed deduction, unless the shareholder
or related party would have received the dividend distributed
deduction under this chapter.

(iii) A holding corporation receiving a dividend
from a REIT shall not be allowed the deduction in Section
27-7-15(4)(t).

(iv) Any REIT not allowed the dividend distributed
deduction in the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
amended, shall not be allowed a dividend distributed deduction
under this chapter.

The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and
regulations consistent with the provisions in Section 269 of the
federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, so as to
prevent the evasion or avoidance of state income tax.

(o) Contributions to college savings trust fund
accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable
College Savings Program account are deductible as provided under
Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a prepaid tuition
contract entered into under the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable
College Tuition Program are deductible as provided under Section
37-155-17.

(2) Restrictions on the deductibility of certain intangible
expenses and interest expenses with a related member.

(a) As used in this subsection (2):

(i) "Intangible expenses and costs" include:

1. Expenses, losses and costs for, related
to, or in connection directly or indirectly with the direct or
indirect acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership,
sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property to
the extent such amounts are allowed as deductions or costs in
determining taxable income under this chapter;

2. Expenses or losses related to or incurred
in connection directly or indirectly with factoring transactions
or discounting transactions;
3. Royalty, patent, technical and copyright fees;

4. Licensing fees; and

5. Other similar expenses and costs.

(ii) "Intangible property" means patents, patent applications, trade names, trademarks, service marks, copyrights and similar types of intangible assets.

(iii) "Interest expenses and cost" means amounts directly or indirectly allowed as deductions for purposes of determining taxable income under this chapter to the extent such interest expenses and costs are directly or indirectly for, related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange or disposition of intangible property.

(iv) "Related member" means an entity or person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the taxable year, is a related entity, a component member as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, or is an entity or a person to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with Section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(v) "Related entity" means:

1. A stockholder who is an individual or a member of the stockholder's family, as defined in regulations prescribed by the commissioner, if the stockholder and the members of the stockholder's family own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

2. A stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, limited liability company, estate, trust or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, limited liability companies, estates, trusts and corporations own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or
constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of
the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

3. A corporation, or a party related to the
corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock
from the corporation to the party or from the party to the
corporation, if the taxpayer owns, directly, indirectly,
beneficially or constructively, at least fifty percent (50%) of
the value of the corporation's outstanding stock under regulation
prescribed by the commissioner;

4. Any entity or person which would be a
related member under this section if the taxpayer were considered
a corporation for purposes of this section.

(b) In computing net income, a taxpayer shall add back
otherwise deductible interest expenses and costs and intangible
expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued to or
incurred, in connection directly or indirectly with one or more
direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members.

(c) The adjustments required by this subsection shall
not apply to such portion of interest expenses and costs and
intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer can establish
meets one (1) of the following:

(i) The related member directly or indirectly
paid, accrued or incurred such portion to a person during the same
income year who is not a related member; or

(ii) The transaction giving rise to the interest
expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs between the
taxpayer and related member was done primarily for a valid
business purpose other than the avoidance of taxes, and the
related member is not primarily engaged in the acquisition, use,
maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other
disposition of intangible property.

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall require a taxpayer
to add to its net income more than once any amount of interest
expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs that the
taxpayer pays, accrues or incurs to a related member.

(e) The commissioner may prescribe such regulations as
necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this
subsection, including, but not limited to, clarifying definitions
of terms, rules of stock attribution, factoring and discount
transactions.

(3) **Individual nonbusiness deductions.**

(a) The amount allowable for individual nonbusiness
itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the
individual is eligible to elect, for the taxable year, to itemize
deductions on his federal return except the following:

(i) The deduction for state income taxes paid;

(ii) The deduction for gaming losses from gaming
establishments;

(iii) The deduction for taxes collected by
licensed gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-901;

(iv) The deduction for taxes collected by gaming
establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-903.

(b) In lieu of the individual nonbusiness itemized
deductions authorized in paragraph (a), for all purposes other
than ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the
taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, an optional
standard deduction of:

(i) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars
($3,400.00) through calendar year 1997, Four Thousand Two Hundred
Dollars ($4,200.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Four Thousand
Six Hundred Dollars ($4,600.00) for each calendar year thereafter
in the case of married individuals filing a joint or combined
return;

(ii) One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars
($1,700.00) through calendar year 1997, Two Thousand One Hundred
Dollars ($2,100.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Two Thousand
Three Hundred Dollars ($2,300.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing separate returns;

(iii) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($3,400.00) in the case of a head of family; or

(iv) Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($2,300.00) in the case of an individual who is not married.

In the case of a husband and wife living together, having separate incomes, and filing combined returns, the standard deduction authorized may be divided in any manner they choose. In the case of separate returns by a husband and wife, the standard deduction shall not be allowed to either if the taxable income of one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard deduction.

(c) A nonresident individual shall be allowed the same individual nonbusiness deductions as are authorized for resident individuals in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection; however, the nonresident individual is entitled only to that proportion of the individual nonbusiness deductions as his net income from sources within the State of Mississippi bears to his total or entire net income from all sources.

(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the same item to be deducted more than once, either in fact or in effect.

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SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.