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To: Conservation and Water
Resources; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 964

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON RECYCLING; TO PROVIDE FOR
2 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE TASK FORCE; TO PROVIDE DUTIES
3 FOR THE TASK FORCE; TO REQUIRE THE TASK FORCE TO MEET QUARTERLY;
4 TO ASSIGN THE TASK FORCE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
5 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY; TO PROVIDE
6 COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Task Force on
10 Recycling, which will be responsible for developing a
11 comprehensive plan to establish a system to recycle household
12 items. The task force will serve as a consensus group designed to
13 coordinate efforts by the state, counties and municipalities to
14 create an effective recycling system in the state.

15 (2) The task force shall consist of fourteen (14) members.

16 (a) Six (6) members shall be appointed by the Governor
17 from each of the following industries:

- 18 (i) Plastic recycling;
- 19 (ii) Metal recycling;
- 20 (iii) Paper recycling;
- 21 (iv) Glass recycling;
- 22 (v) Household hazardous waste recycling; and
- 23 (vi) Solid waste disposal.

24 (b) In addition to the members appointed by the
25 Governor, membership of the task force will include one (1)
26 representative from each of the following agencies, associations
27 or entities, as designated by each respective agency, association
28 or entity:

- 29 (i) Mississippi Municipal League;

- 30 (ii) Mississippi Association of Supervisors;
31 (iii) Department of Corrections;
32 (iv) Department of Environmental Quality;
33 (v) Cooperative Extension Service, one who is a
34 county home economist;
35 (vi) Sierra Club; and
36 (vii) Keep Mississippi Beautiful.

37 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Task Force on Recycling has the
38 following duties:

39 (a) Undertake a statistical and qualitative examination
40 of the benefits of recycling in Mississippi;

41 (b) Develop a comprehensive plan to recycle household
42 items;

43 (c) Report to the Mississippi State Legislature by
44 December 31, 2005, with a system to allow counties and
45 municipalities to collect items to be recycled.

46 (2) The task force shall meet and conduct business at least
47 quarterly. All meetings of the task force will be open to the
48 public, with opportunities for public comment provided on a
49 regular basis. Notice of all meetings shall be given as provided
50 in the Open Meetings Act and appropriate notice also shall be
51 given to all persons so requesting of the date, time and place of
52 each meeting.

53 (3) (a) The task force is assigned to the Mississippi
54 Department of Environmental Quality for administrative purposes
55 only, and the task force will have a line item in the budget of
56 the Department of Environmental Quality and will be financed
57 through the department's annual appropriation.

58 (b) Members of the task force may be compensated at the
59 per diem rate authorized by Section 25-3-39 and may be reimbursed
60 in accordance with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses
61 incurred in the performance of their duties.

62 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
63 and after July 1, 2004.