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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2131

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT ALL PAYMENT MADE BY SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS FOR  
3 HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE TAXPAYER, HIS SPOUSE AND DEPENDANTS SHALL  
4 BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM GROSS INCOME UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI INCOME TAX  
5 LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 27-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 27-7-18. (1) Alimony payments. In the case of a person  
10 described in Section 27-7-15(2)(e), there shall be allowed as a  
11 deduction from gross income amounts paid as periodic payments to  
12 the extent of such amounts as are includible in the gross income  
13 of the spouse as provided in Section 27-7-15(2)(e), payment of  
14 which is made within the person's taxable year.

15 (2) Unreimbursed moving expenses incurred after December 31,  
16 1994, are deductible as an adjustment to gross income in  
17 accordance with provisions of the United States Internal Revenue  
18 Code, and rules, regulations and revenue procedures thereunder  
19 relating to moving expenses, not in direct conflict with the  
20 provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax Law.

21 (3) Amounts paid after December 31, 1998, through December  
22 31, 2003, by a self-employed individual for insurance which  
23 constitute medical care for the taxpayer, his spouse and  
24 dependents, are deductible as an adjustment to gross income in  
25 accordance with provisions of the United States Internal Revenue  
26 Code, and rules, regulations and revenue procedures thereunder  
27 relating to such payments, not in direct conflict with the  
28 provisions of the Mississippi Income Tax Law.

29           (4) Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable  
30 College Savings (MACS) Program account are deductible from gross  
31 income as provided in Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a  
32 prepaid tuition contract entered into under the Mississippi  
33 Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program are deductible as  
34 provided in Section 37-155-17.

35           (5) Amounts paid after December 31, 2003, by a self-employed  
36 individual for insurance for medical care for the taxpayer, his  
37 spouse and dependents, are deductible from gross income.

38           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after January 1, 2004.