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To: Public Property;  
Municipalities

SENATE BILL NO. 2497

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A STATEWIDE FIRST RESPONDER BUILDING MAPPING  
2 INFORMATION SYSTEM; TO REQUIRE ALL STATE AND LOCAL  
3 GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUILDINGS THAT ARE OCCUPIED BY STATE OR LOCAL  
4 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO BE MAPPED WHEN FUNDING IS PROVIDED BY THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO REQUIRE ALL STATE AND LOCAL  
6 GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS THAT ARE MAPPED TO FORWARD THEIR BUILDING  
7 MAPPING INFORMATION DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO  
8 PROVIDE CIVIL IMMUNITY TO ALL UNITS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
9 AND THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE CREATION AND  
10 USE OF THE STATEWIDE FIRST RESPONDER BUILDING MAPPING INFORMATION  
11 SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature recognizes the extreme dangers  
14 present when the safety of our citizens requires first responders  
15 such as police and fire fighters to evacuate and secure a  
16 building. In an effort to prepare for responding to unintended  
17 disasters, criminal acts and acts of terrorism, the Legislature  
18 intends to create a statewide first responder building mapping  
19 information system that will provide all first responders with the  
20 information they need to be successful when disaster strikes. The  
21 first responder building mapping system in this act is to be  
22 developed for a limited and specific purpose and is in no way to  
23 be construed as imposing standards or system requirements on any  
24 other mapping systems developed and used for any other local  
25 government purposes.

26 **SECTION 2.** (1) When funded, the Department of Public Safety  
27 shall create and operate a statewide first responder building  
28 mapping information system.

29 (2) All state agencies and local governments shall utilize  
30 building mapping software that complies with the building mapping  
31 software standards established under Section 3 of this act for any

32 building mapped for this purpose after the statewide first  
33 responder building mapping information system is operational. If,  
34 prior to creation of the statewide building mapping information  
35 system, a local government has utilized building mapping  
36 software standards established under Section 3 of this act, the  
37 local government may continue to use its own building mapping  
38 system unless the Department of Public Safety provides funding to  
39 bring the local government's system in compliance with the  
40 standards established under Section 3 of this act.

41 (3) All state and local government-owned buildings that are  
42 occupied by state or local government employees shall be mapped  
43 when funding is provided by the Department of Public Safety, or  
44 from other sources. Nothing in this act requires any state agency  
45 or local government to map a building unless the entire cost of  
46 mapping the building is provided by the Department of Public  
47 Safety, or from other sources.

48 (4) Once the statewide first responder building mapping  
49 information system is operational, all state and local government  
50 buildings that are mapped shall forward their building mapping  
51 information data to the Department of Public Safety. All  
52 participating privately, federally and tribally owned buildings  
53 may voluntarily forward their mapping and emergency information  
54 data to the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Public  
55 Safety may refuse any building mapping information that does not  
56 comply with the specifications described in Section 3 of this act.

57 (5) Consistent with the guidelines developed under Section 3  
58 of this act, the Department of Public Safety shall  
59 electronically make the building mapping information available to  
60 all state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies,  
61 the adjutant general, and fire departments.

62 (6) Consistent with the guidelines developed under Section 3  
63 of this act, the Department of Public Safety shall develop

64 building mapping software standards that must be used to  
65 participate in the statewide first responder building mapping  
66 information system.

67 (7) The Department of Public Safety shall pursue federal  
68 funds to:

69 (a) Create the statewide first responder building  
70 mapping information system; and

71 (b) Develop grants for the mapping of all state and  
72 local government buildings in the order determined under Section 3  
73 of this act.

74 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Department of Public Safety in  
75 consultation with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the  
76 Mississippi Association of County Officials, the Mississippi  
77 Municipal Association, the Department of Information Technology  
78 Services and the Mississippi Fire Chiefs' Association shall  
79 convene a committee to establish guidelines related to the  
80 statewide first responder building mapping information system.  
81 The committee shall have the following responsibilities:

82 (a) Develop the type of information to be included in  
83 the statewide first responder building mapping information system.  
84 The information shall include, but is not limited to: floor  
85 plans, fire protection information, evacuation plans, utility  
86 information, known hazards, and text and digital images showing  
87 emergency personnel contact information;

88 (b) Develop building mapping software standards that  
89 must be utilized by all entities participating in the statewide  
90 first responder building mapping information system;

91 (c) Determine the order in which buildings shall be  
92 mapped when funding is received;

93 (d) Develop guidelines on how the information shall be  
94 made available. These guidelines shall include detailed  
95 procedures and security systems to ensure that the information is

96 only made available to the government entity that either owns the  
97 building or is responding to an incident at the building;

98 (e) Recommend training guidelines regarding using the  
99 statewide first responder building mapping information system to  
100 the criminal justice training commission and the Washington State  
101 Patrol Fire Protection Bureau; and

102 (f) Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of  
103 state agencies and local governments to control and maintain  
104 access to information within their independent systems.

105 **SECTION 4.** All units of state and local government and their  
106 employees are immune from civil liability for damages arising out  
107 of the creation and use of the statewide first responder building  
108 mapping information system, unless it is shown that an employee  
109 acted with gross negligence or bad faith.

110 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
111 and after July 1, 2004.